STATUS REPORT ON NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

SELECT COMMITTEE
07 MARCH 2007

Objectives of NSNP

- To contribute to enhanced learning capacity through school feeding
- Generate food production and economic activities in school communities in order to improve household food security
- Strengthen nutrition education in the school curriculum and the community in general
FREE STATE

- 2006/7 allocation at R64 784 million
- Actual spending - R 49 485 million or 76.38%
- Number of NSNP Schools - 1 643
- Total learners reached - 407 743 in Grade R – 7
- Food gardens developed - 1800

Achievements
- Expansion of feeding to poorest learners as per targeting criteria
- Permanent appointment of NSNP Project Manager
- Funding by Department of Labour in providing training in vegetable production

Challenges
- Late submission of invoices by service providers
- Lack of resources by schools (water, land, fencing and garden tools)
- Theft of produce generated in food gardens
GAUTENG

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- Actual spending-R70 641 million or 70.70%
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LIMPOMPO

- 2006/7 allocation at R202 039 million
- Actual spending -R177 489 or 87.85%
- Number of NSNP Schools- 2 711
- Total learners reached-1 054 609 in Grade R – 7
- Food gardens developed-1800

Achievements:
- NSNP established posts absorbed in the Limpopo Department of Education
-Harvest is utilized to supplement feeding of learners
- Parents participate in NSNP as food handlers
- Learner participation in school food gardens,
- Massive harvest supplement food given to learners

Challenges:
- NSNP personnel not permanently appointed
- Monitors and parents lack technical knowledge in food production,

ACHIEVEMENTS: Massive Harvest
MPUMALANGA

- 2006/7 allocation at R84 549 million
- Actual spending: 66 142 million or 78.23%
- Number of NSNP Schools: 1,321
- Total learners reached: 492 025 in Grade R - 7
- Food gardens developed: 478
- Achievements:
  - Food production initiatives expanded to 3 regions and supplements feeding of learners
  - Expenditure patterns are fairly on track
- Challenges:
  - No permanent NSNP personnel
  - Lack of water supply & equipment to develop food gardens
KWA-ZULU NATAL

- Total allocation – R239.372 million
- Actual spending - 240.858 million
- Total learners being fed - 1,357,655 million
- Number of NSNP schools - 3,433
- Food gardens developed - 1,186

Achievements
- Procurement model with local Cooperatives participating in NSNP successful
- Wider reach in Food safety workshops
- Re-ranking of schools to ensure all Quintiles 1 and 2 schools are covered
- Registered ECD sites in the communities identified for next year’s feeding
- Food production initiatives supplements feeding and contributes to the school fund

Challenges
- Non permanent staff overseeing the programme
- Scarcity of resources for food gardens
NORTH WEST

- Total allocation is at R95 529 million
- Actual spending - R90 898 million or 95% spent
- Total learners reached - 212 647 in Grade R – 7
- Number of schools targeted - 1 425
- Total food gardens developed - 375
- Achievements
  - All NSNP schools supported by cooperatives in procuring goods and services
  - Training workshops in Food Safety & Hygiene for 2 557 circuit coordinators & food handlers
  - Food production supplements NSNP and contributes to school fund
- Challenges
  - Staff shortage with minimal monitoring at schools

North West Province
Department of Education

1. Well established School Vegetable Garden – Phatsima Primary School
NORTHERN CAPE

- Budget allocation 2006/07 – R29 647 million
- Actual spending to date – R28 389 million (95%)
- Total beneficiaries from Grade R-7 – 406 910
- Number schools targeted –
- Total food gardens initiated – 167 of 306 NSNP schools

Achievements:
- NSNP targets all learners in all quintiles
- Extended feeding of transferred schools/learners due to border changes from equitable share
- Strong partnerships with business sector and Non-governmental Organisations e.g ARSA, Karotins Farms and other departments
- Strong and solid community participation and
- Use of cooperatives in a procurement model is successful in stimulating local economy

Key challenges:
- Cross border changes not complementing learner numbers and allocation
WESTERN CAPE

- Total allocation – R48 313 million
- Actual spending – R34 666 million
- Total beneficiaries – 203 183 learners
- Number of schools targeted - 873
- School food gardens – 69 developed
- Successes –
  - have successfully implemented a piloted warm meal to all schools
  - solid partnerships with business sector e.g BMW, Woolworths, Adcorp Holdings and community support
- Challenges –
  - Schools need skills training and resources in sustainable food gardens
EASTERN CAPE

- 2006/7 allocation at R233 882 million
- Actual spending-R158 456 million or 67.75%
- Number of NSNP Schools- 5 046
- Total learners reached-1 461 917 in Grade R – 4
- Food gardens developed-1 800
- Harvest sold to cooperatives to provide for the NSNP
- Achievements
  - Use of cooperatives to procure goods & services
  - Partnerships with business sector and other departments e.g. Department of Labour

Challenges in EC

- Suspension of senior officials
- Termination of contracts of all suppliers (102 SMMEs and 7 secondary cooperatives)
- Interrupted feeding
- Finalisation of the 2007/08 business plan before 31 March 2007
Interventions

- Provincial
  - Provincial audit
  - Appointment of interim management team
- National
  - Support the appointed Acting Director in finalising the 2007/08 business plan
  - Strengthen monitoring at district/circuit level monthly
- Expanding provision to secondary schools
- Markets for the products
- Equipment and Infrastructure
- Land
- Demarcations
Proposed Interventions

- National monitoring, evaluation and support unit
- Increasing provincial capacity to monitor
- Development of plan to expand provision with fiscal commission and treasury