

EXPANDING COMMUNITY BASED PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN TOWARDS AN HIV FREE GENERATION

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Contextual Overview

- South Africa is experiencing the highest burden of HIV in the world with 5.7 million people living with HIV.
- AIDS related deaths resulted in surge of orphaned children reported at approximately 3.7 million in the country and this includes children without a living biological mother, father or both parents, and is equivalent to 21% of all children in South Africa.
- According to the Department of Social Development Surveillance System of maternal orphans there is a total of 1,346,300 maternal orphans in the country.
- The protection of children in South Africa is informed by international and national instruments to mention the few, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on the Welfare and Rights of the Child, the Millennium Goals, and the UN declaration on HIV and AIDS and the South African Constitution of 1996

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Purpose of the Session

- Department of Social Development developed and implemented various innovative interventions
- The Community Based Services proved to be an essential part of effective care and protection strategies.
- This satellite session will focus on holistic services for vulnerable children and youth at community level.
- It aims to identify lessons and gaps from the existing community based intervention services.
- The overarching objective of the session is to identify opportunities for expansion to extend the Department's reach and enhance our impact.

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Session Outline

- This session incorporates experts in the field of Community Based Prevention and Early Intervention services.
- Professor Roseline September will set the tone of the session by providing an overview of DSD community based prevention and early intervention approach.
- A panel of thought leaders from different sectors, including Child protection services, Faith Based, Local Government, and Youth will provide a varied perspective on the need and opportunities for expansion of Community Based Prevention and Early Intervention services with specific focus on mitigating the spread of HIV and the impact of the AIDS on OVCY.

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- The session is envisaged to be a interactive workshop facilitated through roundtable discussions.
- The session will draw on delegates' experience and knowledge within the sector.
- Delegates are highly encouraged to add value by contributing innovative ideas and practices, that will culminate in a collaborative document to inform government planning within the sector.
- The outcome of the session being, structured inputs on present reach, opportunities for expansion and immediate priorities to ensure the needs of OVCY are addressed.

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