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NDA

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**NDA PROGRAMMES
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WHO ARE WE?

The National Development Agency (NDA) is an agency of government tasked with the mandate to contribute towards the eradication of poverty and its causes in South Africa.

OUR MANDATE

Our primary mandate is to contribute towards the eradication of poverty and its causes by granting funds to civil society organisations (CSOs) to:

- Implement development projects in poor communities.
- Strengthen the institutional capacity of CSOs that provide services to poor communities.

The secondary mandate is to:

- Promote consultation, dialogue and sharing of development experience between CSOs and relevant organs of state.
- Promote debate on national development policy.
- Undertake research and publication aimed at providing the basis for development policy.

MISSION

A premier development agency that coordinates and intergrates development initiatives to break the cycle of poverty in the country.

VISION

Championing development for a society free from poverty.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The NDS strengthens the capacities of civil society organisation working with poor communities, in line with its primary and secondary mandates. This in turn benefits poor communities who rely on CSOs to help speed up development and service delivery through implementation of anti-poverty strategies and programmes that improve the livelihoods of beneficiary communities.

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The CSO Development Programme is the NDA's overarching programme through which the agency strives to strengthen the capacity of civil society organisation (CSOs) to effectively and efficiently provide services to the poor communities that it serves. The agency recognizes that CSOs are development actors that contribute to economic, social and democratic development to achieve the shared goals of eradicating poverty and improving the lives of beneficiary communities. To this effect, the NDA serves as a catalyst to harness the efforts of CSO's through its CSO Development Programme which is Anchored on the following four Interventions:



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1.CSOs' Formalisation Processes

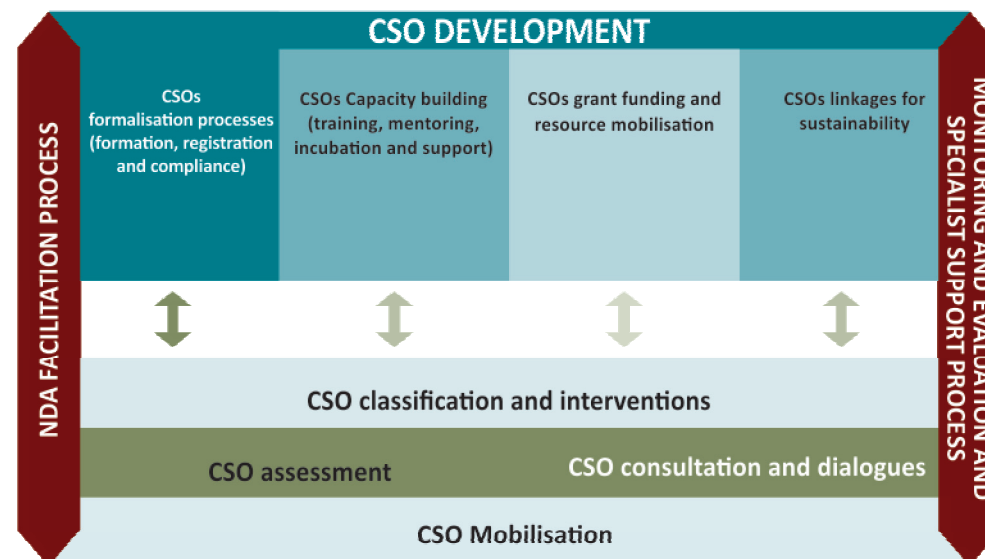
Though the NDA's CSO development framework, the NDA facilitates and supports the CSO formalisation process to ensure that organisations existing in different forms can be assisted to grow and be formalised.

The NDA, under this pillar, assist organisations to:

- Organise themselves into formal Structure or entities to fulfil the goal(s) that they aspire to achieve:
- Compile all information they require in order to register the structure as formal organisations such as NPOs or Cooperatives:

- Complete registration forms to register as NPOs or Cooperatives:
- Submit registration forms to any registration authority they wish to register under (NPO) Directorate: Department of Social Development or Companies and Intellectual Property Commission:
- Assess their needs properly so as to ensure that once registered they remain compliant with the registration act which they have registered under.

CSO Development Model



2. CSO's Institutional Capacity Building

The CSO's institutional strengthening intervention is aimed at building and institutionalising organisational capabilities of CSOs to respond to their programmatic needs and compliance to registration requirements and reporting requirements to funders. The programme focuses on strengthening the institutional capacity of CSOs to ensure that their abilities and capabilities to manage their organisations and its programmes efficiently are enhanced. The approaches used to build capacities of organisation are:

Training

The NDA provides accredited and non-accredited training module in:

- Basic Bookkeeping and Financial Management
- Conflict Management
- Project Management
- Governance Resource Mobilisation
- Compliance to registration requirements
- Community Development Practice
- Networking and External Relations

Mentoring

The NDA provides and facilitates mentoring sessions to CSOs to support their efforts in strengthening their organisational management activities. The mentoring sessions are provided within the organisation's work environment.

Incubation

The NDA works with established CSOs and their institutions in local areas to

establish incubation centres. These centres assist organisations that need to learn and improve their systems and processes. Advice and practical examples are provided in strengthening organisational management, systems and processes.

3. Grant Funding and Resource Mobilisation for CSOs

Grant funding is provided to CSOs that contribute towards the improvement of the quality of life in communities through programmes or projects that assist the poor. Financial and non-financial resources are identified and mobilised to support NPOs and CSOs. These functions also provide assistance in respect of referrals of CSOs to other state and private institutions, as well as local and international donors, for additional support.

Through this CSO Development pillar, the NDA provides the following services:

- Funding needs assessment for CSOs
- Funding proposals writing, handling face-to-face meetings
- Communicating key messages to potential funders
- Grant funding to CSOs for development programmes and projects operating in poor communities
- Developing resource mobilisation plans aimed at ensuring sustainability of the organisation
- Designing, implementing and monitoring resource mobilisation activities.

4. CSOs' Linkages for Sustainability

A sustainable CSO is one that can continue to fulfil its mission over time and, in doing so, meets the needs of its key stakeholders – particularly its beneficiaries and supporters. As such, sustainability should be seen as ongoing process, rather than an end in itself. It is a process that involves the interaction between different strategic, organisational, programmatic, social and financial elements.

The NDA, under this pillar, provides the following services to CSOs:

- Needs assessment for linkages to sustainability opportunities.
- Identifying sustainability opportunities for funding and markets for CSOs products and services
- Facilitating linkages for sustainability opportunity locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.
- Assisting and facilitating CSOs access to identified funding and market opportunities
- Facilitating creation of local, provincial and national networks for CSOs with common interests or goals

RESEARCH

The programme focuses on conducting research and evaluation that inform national development agenda. In addition, the research programme creates

platforms for debates and dialogues between the state organs, private sector and the CSO sector on issues relating to national development policies.

The research programme also produces publications on best practices to promote sharing of lessons and good practices in the social development sector. These are in the form of:

- Cases studies which provide information on how to improve implementation of NDA programmes and interventions to CSOs
- Policy briefs that are used to influence debate and engagement on development policy affecting the CSO sector
- Research reports that inform planning, implementation and innovation of development programmes in the CSO sector.
- Evaluation reports on projects and programmes implemented by the NDA.