

## Programmes Overview - February 2008

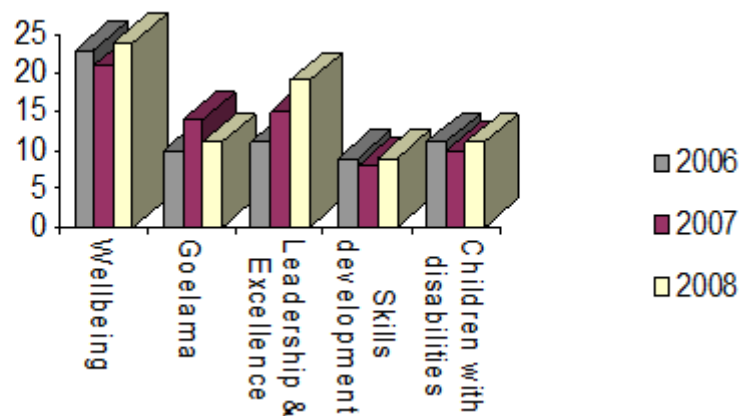
### Current Focus

- Organizational sustainability
- Transformation of partner organizations – child centered
- Programme reviews
- Focus on regional strategy
- Internal capacity

### Learning Areas

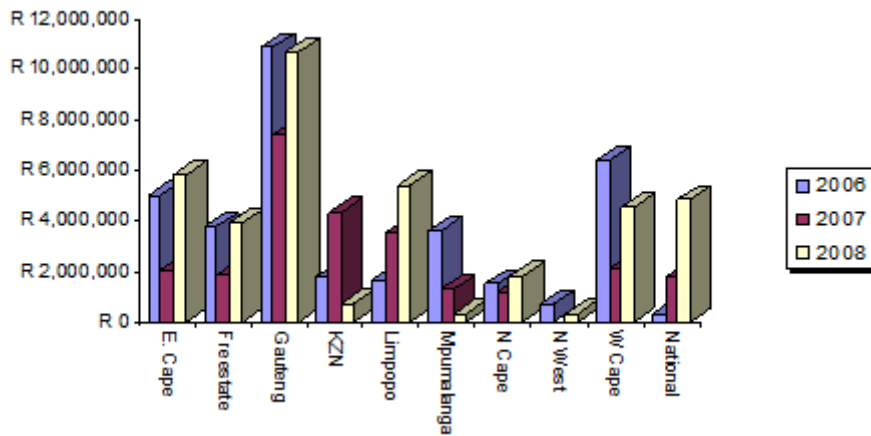
- Development with funding approach
- Identifying USP for regional funding organizations
- Relationship with development partners vs grantees
- M & E system for knowledge management

### Partners Worked With Per Programme

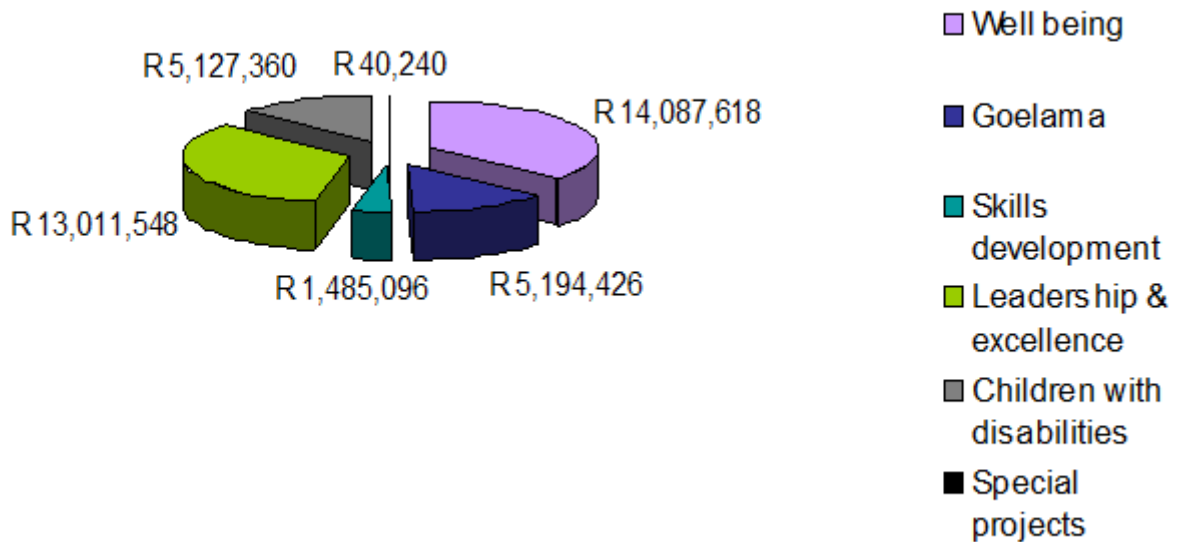


Total number of partners for 2008 - 74

**Spend per Province**

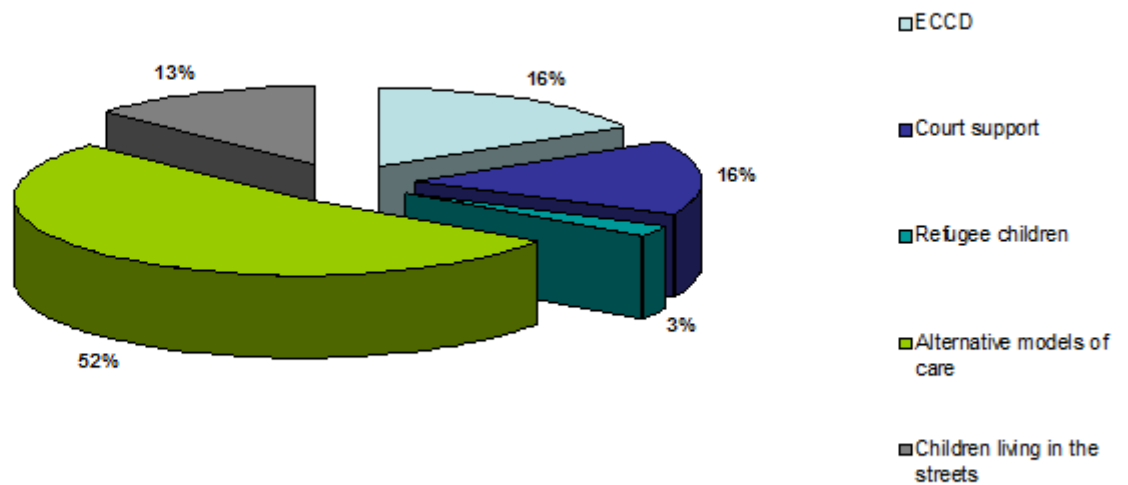


**Spend Per Programme - 2008**



**Progress report**

**Well Being of the Child Key Focus Areas**



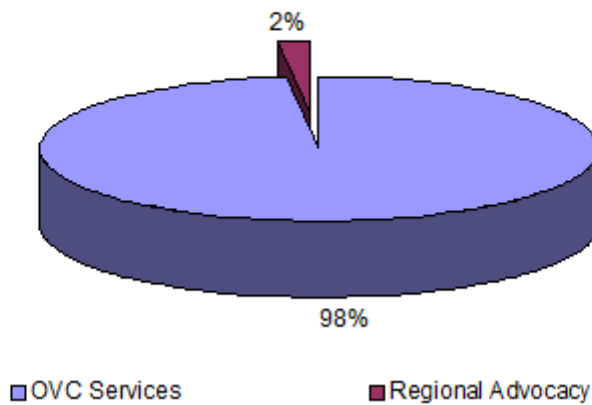
Key Focus Areas and objectives	Achievements
OVC services	33,614 total number of OVC on sub-partner data base, cumulatively.
10,000 children served per year	9010 children served 2007/8
	Improved service delivery (Socio-economic benefits for children and community)
Regional Advocacy	48 community structures continue to function, collectively from 9 partners SADC regional advocacy round tables,  Coordination with UNICEF liaison to the AU ( Addis Ababa )  Meeting at SADC  CAIRO +5 participation



Partnerships

- Revision of OVC scenarios document.
- Slot at the Former Heads Of States Forum UNICEF on the AU liaison
- The AU
- African Futures Institute on advocacy
- SADC regional partners from six countries
- Formers Heads of States Forum

**Goelama – Key Focus Areas**



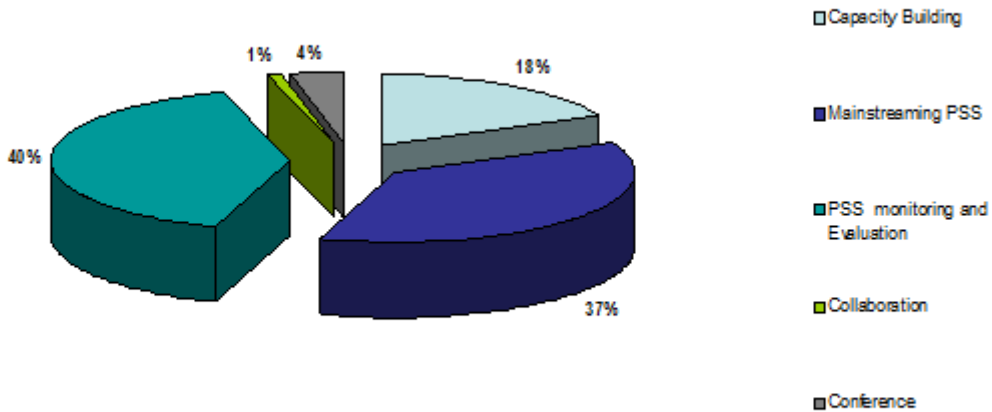
Key Focus Areas and objectives	Achievements
OVC services	33,614 total number of OVC on sub-partner data base, cumulatively.
10,000 children served per year	9010 children served 2007/8
	Improved service delivery (Socio-economic benefits for children and community)
Regional Advocacy	48 community structures continue to function, collectively from 9 partners SADC regional advocacy round tables, Coordination with UNICEF liaison to the AU ( Addis Ababa )



Partnerships

- Meeting at SADC
- CAIRO +5 participation
- Revision of OVC scenarios document.
- Slot at the Former Heads Of States Forum UNICEF on the AU liaison
- The AU
- African Futures Institute on advocacy
- SADC regional partners from six countries
- Formers Heads of States Forum

**OVC Unit**

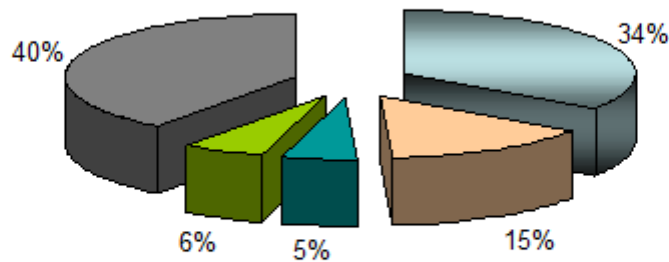


Key focus area & objectives	Targets	Performance against targets
Capacity Building	2 Workshops on	1 workshop conducted on 11th -13 July 07. This dealt with the two target topics OVC Policy and CCFs
Workshops /seminars	§OVC Policy guidelines	
	§Establishment of CCFs	



<p>Mainstreaming PSS in programming PSS monitoring and Evaluation Internal NMCF seminars/briefings</p>	<p>2 workshop for NMCF implementing partners 1 workshops for NMCF implementing partners 2 workshops conducted</p>	<p>Workshop conducted on 03 to 07 September 2007. 1 workshop conducted on 18 to 24 November 2007 ·Half a day PSS workshop for NMCF staff.</p>
<p>Training/Capacity Building</p>	<p>Train NMCF partners on Child participation and Children's rights in programming</p>	<p>Training conducted on 22-25 Oct 2007.</p>
<p>Conferences</p>	<p>Represent NMCF in 2 conferences on OVC</p>	<p>Attended 4 conferences on  ·3rd SA Aids  · Gauteng (GPack) OVC conference  · Free State provincial CCF conference</p>
<p>Partnerships</p>	<p>Establish partnerships with critical stakeholders on OVC issues</p>	<p>·OVC Food Security workshop 6 partnerships established</p>
<p>Collaboration</p>	<p>Forge working relationships amongst NMCF partners and critical government departments</p>	<p>Facilitated meeting with Free state provincial government and 6</p>
	<p>Collaboration with government</p>	<p>Free State partners Collaborated with 6 government departments on various OVC issues</p>

**Children with Disabilities Key Focus Areas**



Appropriate care services
  Inclusion
  Advocacy
  Research
  Capacity building

**Key Focus Areas and objectives**

**Achievements to date**

Appropriate care services

190 children with disabilities receive appropriate services and access to government services  
 Inclusion

Support 40 children to be admitted in mainstream schools and participate optimally in school activities.  
 Capacity building

Capacity is provided to 298 care-givers, family members and professionals who are providing care services appropriate to the needs of children and youth with disabilities

Research

An in-depth situational analysis into the needs of children with disabilities completed

711 children with disabilities received services  
 Inclusion

38 children were admitted to mainstream schools. Families and schools continue to be supported.

284 caregivers, families and professionals were trained to ensure quality services for children with disabilities. 2367 children benefited indirectly from the training

A Sexuality and HIV and Aids manual was produced

In-depth questionnaires have been sent out to all the hospitals and clinics in Gauteng . A database is being collated. Progress has been slow because of low co-



operation from hospitals and clinics

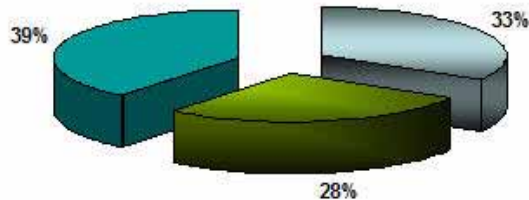
**Advocacy and awareness**

4 workshops conducted and one campaign facilitated to influence policy around the care and treatment of children with disabilities

A preliminary research was produced for the International, first-ever Early- Hearing Detection and Intervention conference . Report due end of February 2008

A first-ever International, Early- Hearing Detection and Intervention conference in Africa was hosted by the Centre for Deaf Studies . The Centre has established an EHDI working group in South Africa through its partnership with NMCF

**Leadership and Excellence Key Focus Areas**



Capacity building and life skills
  Sports & recreation
  Arts & culture

**Key Focus Area**

Arts and culture

5000 children and youth per annum have access to information related to arts and culture

Sport and Recreation

5000 children and youth per annum have

**Achievements**

5191 children and youth are involved in and have access to information related to arts and culture

3680 children and youth are involved in and have access

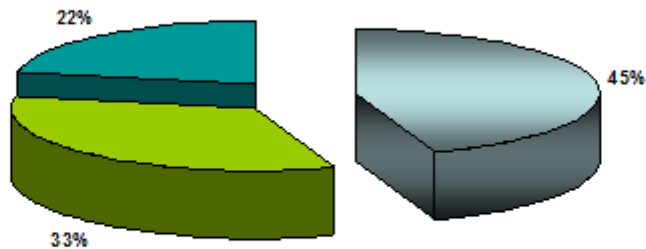


access to information related to sports      to information related to sports and recreation

Capacity building and life skills

5000 children and youth per annum have access to information related to leadership      11676 children and youth have access to information related to leadership

Skills Development – Key Focus Areas



■ Entrepreneurship & Skills development     
 ■ Access to information     
 ■ Capacity building

Key Focus Area	Achievement
Entrepreneurship	
5 entrepreneurship models implemented for young people in rural areas.	3 models are currently being implemented in Qwaqwa, Sizolomphakathi and Barberton
5 entrepreneurship models implemented for young people in urban poor areas.	4 models are being implemented in W Cape, Soweto and Atteridgeville
6 organisations accredited to provide entrepreneurship programs for young	3 organizations have partial accreditation



people.

Three entrepreneurship models implemented for young people with disabilities

One model implemented in Gauteng

qAccess to information

5 information centres accessible to young entrepreneurs in urban poor communities. State and Soweto . Three information centres operational in W. Cape, Free State and Soweto .

1500 young people access information to enable them to improve their academic and economic situation

4580 children and young people had access to information

qCapacity Building

4 organizations strengthened to deliver capacity building programmes for young people

4 implementing partners have been trained on financial literacy to support youth through a non-financial relationship with Operation Hope

## Challenges

- Partners have not reached adequate levels of sustainability due to the nature of the work they do. Though most of them have developed sustainability plans, they continue to be dependent on NMCF funding. This poses a risk for NMCF sustainability
- Provinces still differ in their provision of social services. Only the W. Cape seems reliable in providing consistent support to organizations, especially in the disability sector.
- Within the disability programme, one partner is being investigated by the Department of Social Development for non-compliance. This poses a risk to the programme objectives as the funded project is now on hold until this process is finalized. Even then, the outcome of the investigation will determine the fate of the project.
- Another partner has resorted to taking the Department of Education to court for not providing for the education of children with profound mental disabilities as it impinges on their constitutional rights. 1076 children in the W. Cape are affected by this.
- It is difficult to reintegrate children living in the streets into family structures as conditions that made them leave home persist in most cases
- Different government departments have different standards with regard to requirements for service provision. This makes interaction with government difficult for the NGOs providing services. Effort needs to be made to ensure consistent and integrated services from government departments.
- The NGO sector generally battles with staff retention due to poor conditions of employment. People leave with valuable institutional memory, crippling the organisations in the process. To curb this, the NMCF has started assisting organisations with the institutionalization and documentation of their experiences
- Pressure on the family continues unabated due to poverty, unemployment and ill health. The situation is worse for vulnerable families, especially those headed by children and ailing pensioners. This situation is creating pressure on the NGO sector as the demand for their services also increases.



- Young people and children with disabilities still struggle to access youth development services mainly due to transport. NMCF is working with partners to address this situation through relevant government departments

## **Conclusion**

- The NMCF programmes are on target to achieve most of their current objectives. Some have even surpassed their targets
- The biggest challenge for the programme is loss of capacity at partner level due to inability to retain staff
- A lot of ground has been covered and some programmes are ready for impact assessment
- The challenge for NMCF will be to ensure community capacity to sustain the gains made without creating dependence on funding

## **Future Plans**

- Analyze package and institutionalize information development models tested within NMCF programmes
- Disseminate this information to selected stakeholders to change the way society treats children and young people
- Conduct research to plug gaps identified in the programmes
- Publish findings in relevant publications
- Evaluate all programmes against set Sakha Ikusasa objectives
- Lobby government for consistent service provision especially as it impacts on OVC and children with disability
- Focusing sustainable livelihoods programmes for partners servicing vulnerable families and young people