

OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

TO : THE HONOURABLE MEC

FROM : HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT : WRITTEN RESPONSES TO IQP NO 8 OF THE 7TH LEGISLATURE
DATED 04 APRIL 2025**

DATE : 11 APRIL 2025

Dear Hon MEC,

May the Honourable MEC kindly receive the Department's responses to the IQP 8 Written 1st Session of the 7th Legislature dated 04 April 2025, for MEC's favorable attention.

236. Ms M Ewers to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:

With regard to support provided to destitute individuals in the form of food parcels across the province:

- (1) (a) How much has her Department allocated for the provision of food parcels for the last three financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide a breakdown of the allocation per district;

Response

| N O | DISTRICT NAME | SRD ALLOCATION 2022/2023 | SRD ALLOCATION N 2023/2024 | SRD ALLOCATION 2024/2025 |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | ALFRED NZO | R 636 358.00 | R 544 232 | R 739 396.40 |
| 2 | AMATHOLE | R 819 923.00 | R 701 222 | R 831 873.60 |
| 3 | BUFFALO CITY | R 881 111.00 | R 753 552 | R 740 798.80 |
| 4 | CHRIS HANI | R 703 665.00 | R 601 796 | R 834 570.80 |

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| 5 | JOE GQABI | R 336 536.00 | R 287 815 | R 616 216.00 |
| 6 | NELSON MANDELA | R 1 187 053.00 | R 1 015 202 | R 855 283.60 |
| 7 | OR TAMBO | R 1 180 934.00 | R 1 009 969 | R 936 380.40 |
| 8 | SARAH BAARTMAN | R 373 249.00 | R 319 213 | R 601 480.00 |
| | TOTAL | R 6 118 829.00 | R 5 233 000.00 | R 6 156 000.00 |

- (2) how many food parcels were delivered to individuals for each month of the financial year of 2024/25 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

Response

| NO | DISTRICT NAME | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | JUL Y | AUGUS T | SEPTEMBE R | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBE R | JANUAR Y | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|----|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | ALFRED NZO | 0 | 20 | 110 | 21 | 10 | 20 | 16 | 30 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 2 | AMATHOLE | 0 | 88 | 149 | 49 | 20 | 51 | 32 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | BUFFALO CITY | 30 | 0 | 25 | 74 | 118 | 40 | 47 | 24 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | CHRIS HANI | 0 | 10 | 53 | 54 | 68 | 80 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | JOE GQABI | 0 | 109 | 40 | 54 | 48 | 71 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | NELSON MANDELA | 20 | 74 | 132 | 17 | 0 | 155 | 21 | 63 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | OR TAMBO | 0 | 114 | 196 | 84 | 76 | 44 | 21 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | SARAH BAARTMAN | 35 | 15 | 31 | 23 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 85 | 430 | 736 | 376 | 440 | 461 | 192 | 188 | 68 | 2 | 0 | 7 |

- (3) what initiatives and projects has her Department supported with a view to ensuring that identified destitute families are provided with food parcels;

Response

The Department is supporting 36 Community Nutrition Development Centres (CNDs) in all Districts. The Centres are mainly for the provision of at least one meal a day for those individuals and families who are destitute and may not know where their next meal will come from.

Through Sustainable Livelihood Programme, the department is supporting 29

household food gardens for people to produce food for consumption.

- (4) how many Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) is her Department collaborating with in their effect of providing food parcels to communities;

Response

There are four (4) NPOs that the Department has recently collaborated with in the provision of food parcels especially during disasters. These included: Gift of the Givers, Red Cross, Church of the later Day Saints and Almidaad.

- (5) what hotspots has her Department identified which have high levels of poverty within the province;

Response

The Department is targeting the 39 declared poorest wards in the Province from six (6) Districts and two (2) Metros. Other poverty pockets in the Province that may be identified are also supported based on the need at a particular point in time.

- (6) what further assistance can be provided by the provincial government with a view to ensuring that her Department is capable of combating the increasing costs of living?

Response

The increase in the budget for the provision of Social Relief of Distress and the establishment of food bank can assist the Department in addressing some of the challenges experienced by disadvantaged individuals, households and communities.