

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**ATTENTION: Editors and Social Security Writers  
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In commemorating the Social Development Month, The Minister of Social Development Bathabile Dlamini is launching the day on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 Worcester in the Western Cape with the theme *“Working together to enhance community’s capacity to fight poverty, unemployment and inequality”* This is part of Public Participation Programme aiming to:

- Provides oversight and create government/community dialogue through Public Participation
- Understand and address community needs and challenges so to guide policy implementation
- Highlight key government programme and provide vital information and listen to communities.
- Monitor and evaluate projects progresses as a result of previous year 2011 visits.
- Promote development programmes and projects that meaningfully impact on people’s lives e.g. sustainable livelihoods and other community development initiatives
- Community mobilisation to take leading role in responding to the challenges
- Identify and address key citizen’s challenges that include unemployment, substance abuse, gender-base violence and the scourge of HIV and AIDS.
- Enhance access to basic services



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*“This year the Department of Social Development in collaboration with the National Development Agency (NDA), South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Government Departments both National and Provincial, Local Municipalities, Non-Government Organisation ( NGOs), Faith Based Organisation (FBOs), Community Based Organisation (CBOs), partner in highlighting key Government Programmes that are aimed at addressing Socio-Economic challenges faced by the South African Population at large”* Said Minister Dlamini

During this month the Minister of Social Development visit several areas to conduct monitoring, community dialogue and understand people plights in their own environmental circumstances through Public Participation.

This year the Department will user two approaches, monitoring visits to areas visited last year and conduct IZIMBIZO for new areas.

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