

THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE SANCR

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THE PROBLEM STATEMENT

A WEAK DEVELOPMENTAL
CHILDCARE AND PROTECTION
SYSTEM SUSTAINING
INTERGENERATIONAL INEQUALITY

THE CHALLENGE

The lives of most children in South Africa who were born into poverty when we transitioned to democracy have not changed

They continue to live in poverty and experience inequality, and are now becoming the parents of children that face the same conditions

As a result, South Africa remains one of the most unequal countries in the world, with children, especially historically marginalised children, experiencing chronic exclusion along historical fault lines

- Poverty
- Race
- Geography
- Disability

The reasons are many – but boil down to one common factor: We have failed to fulfil our treaty obligations and realise their rights, not just survive, but to be protected, develop to their full potential and participate in all decisions that affect them

South Africa has ratified the CRC, the ACRWC, the CRPD and many more treaties

Is a signatory to the SDG's, Africa's Agenda 2063 and its 2040 Agenda for Children

Our own Constitution and the National Development Plan

And the National Integrated Child Care and Protection Policy and Integrated ECD Policy

All of which recognise and commit to social and economic transformation through the equalization of the development of all children, particularly the chronically marginalised

Through the adoption and implementation of a developmental child-care and protection system that ensures, through a system of child-centred governance, to realise the developmentally critical rights to:

- Early development
- Health and nutrition
- Responsive, nurturing parenting and caregiving
- Quality basic education from birth
- Protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Participate - that is to say – have the agency to make and participate in decisions that are in their best interests, the best interests of their families, community and country

**THE RIGHTS-BASED TRANSFORMATIONAL
IMPERATIVE**

THE PROBLEM

Despite the long-standing policy commitment to transformational, developmental child-care and protection, the majority of vulnerable children do not enjoy these rights

The policy commitment made by government is to provide, at scale, a combination of support and services to enable families, schools and communities to provide vulnerable children with the care they need to realise these essential rights

To ensure their development and prevent poor outcomes

This requires that every caregiver in all families, communities and schools and every child have access to a combination of quality services and support to overcome the risks that prevent them from providing the nurturing care their children need to develop, be protected and participate

This is not happening – and as a result the numbers of children whose rights are not realised grows, and the need for expensive (ineffective) remedial or statutory measures to try and reverse the damage done overwhelms the childcare and protection system

This leaves little in the way of resources for investing in promotive and preventative services and fuel the cycle of inter-generational poverty and exclusion



THE SOLUTION

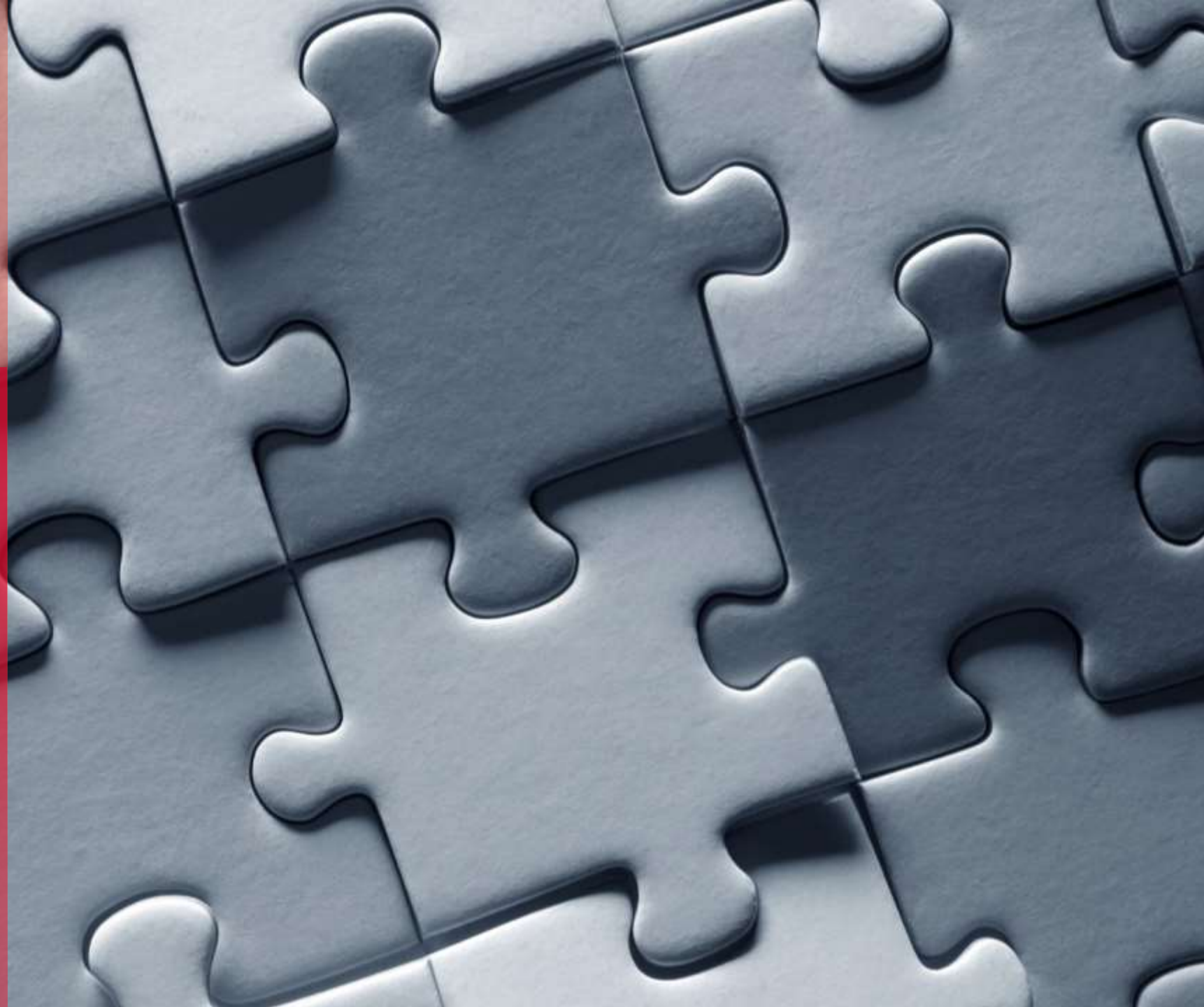
TRANSFORMATIONAL,
COLLECTIVE, SYSTEMS'
STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY





EFFECTIVE
COLLECTIVE
TRANSFORMATIONAL
ADVOCACY

**THE
SANCRC
STRATEGY**



OUR MEMBERS HAVE DEVELOPED A THREE-YEAR SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING STRATEGY

Seeks to identify and address the underlying structural and systemic weaknesses that sustain intergenerational exclusions poverty and inequality

In the sectoral systems

In the national holistic child rights governance system

**THROUGH THREE KEY
STRATEGIES**

Mobilising CSOs for effective collective advocacy

- Through our coalition building strategy

Identify and strengthen the systemic weaknesses that prevent the realisation of the different rights for vulnerable children across the following thematic focus areas

- Family support
- Inclusive basic education
- Child protection
- (Health and nutrition in partnership with SACSoWACH)

Strengthen the national system of governance to make sure a government-wide commitment and action to develop and implement an integrated developmental childcare and protection system that ensures that every child and family accesses all the services they need to equalise development through our thematic focus area

- Child rights governance



OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Vision: To secure the realisation of the rights of every child in South Africa, especially the most vulnerable, to survive, be protected, develop to their full potential and participate in decisions that affect them

Mission: To facilitate coordinated civil society communication and advocacy for a stronger national child rights governance system that ensures that children's rights to survive, be protected, develop to their full potential and participate are recognised and advanced as a national rights-based, development priority by all role players.

Goals: South Africa has a child-centred rights-based national governance system that sustains a developmental national childcare and protection system that:

Ensures compliance with child and human rights treaty obligations

Ensures that children's rights are recognised as a national, rights-based development imperative

Ensures government-wide action and accountability for realising the rights of every child, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised, to survive, develop to their full potential, be protected and participate in all decisions that affect them.

TO STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATIONAL
BUILDING BLOCKS OF A CHILD RIGHTS
GOVERNANCE SYSTEM THAT SUSTAINS A
DEVELOPMENTALLY ORIENTED CHILDCARE
AND PROTECTION SYSTEM

OBJECTIVES

An integrated programme that provides every family caring for children and the children in their care with the complete suite of services they need to provide and receive nurturing care across five core domains / rights:

- Health care for survival, prevention of illness and disability and promotion of healthy development
- Nutrition to prevent malnutrition and ensure healthy growth and development
- Responsive caregiving that ensures children receive age-appropriate love, care and protection through positive parenting that responds to children's needs
- Education from birth until a child completes their schooling/ enters post-schooling education
- Security and safety through access to basic services to ensure a healthy environment, birth certificates and identity documents, social protection, and protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation

Effective mechanisms for identifying all families and children at risk and their needs, and mechanisms to ensure their access to appropriate quality services to enable nurturing care

Effective mechanisms to ensure government-wide and coordinated planning and provisioning of the required combinations of services to children and their families

Adequate human, financial and infrastructural resources to plan, provide, deliver, monitor and report on delivery and impact of the required quality programmes

Mechanisms to secure government-wide monitoring, measurement, reporting on and accountability for access to the required quality services that make an impact on children's rights

Mechanisms to ensure ongoing improvement in provisioning to secure universal realisation of children's rights.

OUR THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

Coalition
growth
development

Child rights
governance

Child
protection

Family
support

Inclusive
basic
education

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