



Frequently Asked Questions with regards to food provision at ECDs

1. Question: How will feeding at funded ECDs be funded?

Answer: The money for feeding has to come from the subsidy that the funded ECD facility receives from the Department of Social Development. This directive for the reactivation of funded ECD kitchens is in line with the funding guideline, which is as follows:

- 40% of the departmental funding is meant for food
- 40 % for salaries
- 20% for materials and equipment.

2. Question: Will the DSD provide additional money for feeding to the funded ECDS

Answer: The department will monitor and reassess the situation if additional funds are required. This will depend on availability of funds.

3. Question: What if more siblings and family members also require feeding? How should the ECDs manage this situation?

Answer: Additional feeding can be provided through the social relief component of DSD. See question 7.

4. Question: Will the DSD provide protective gear such as masks, gloves and sanitisers to the frontline staff at the ECDs?

Answer: No. If public donations are received for protective gear, then it can be distributed to ECDs. If possible, please use some of the subsidy allocations to obtain gloves and sanitisers. However, scarfs and bandanas are also helpful.

5. Question: Will the ECDs obtain any assistance with crowd control when it becomes unmanageable?

Answer: No. Crowd control has to be managed by the ECD management boards and staff. The SAPS have to be called in if the crowd becomes unruly/ unmanageable. ECDs should ensure 1m distance between people queuing, and issue food on a takeway basis. For large centres children should be asked to come at different times per different stage and/or age group to avoid queues.

6. Question: what other nutritional support services are the DSD providing?

Answer: Please see the referral process below to access targeting feeding.

DSD TARGETED FEEDING PROGRAMME REFERRAL PROCESS

