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GROUP 1: POLICY AND FINANCE

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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Problem Statement	Proposed Recommendation	Outcome
<p>Norms and Standards for child welfare are vague, or reads as qualitative statements which makes it difficult to Cost, Implement and M&E.</p>	<p>Review norms and standards against International best practise criteria for Costing , Implementation and M&E. Norms should also be properly costed before being approved so that viability against future financial implications are assessed.</p>	<p>Reduce variance in per capita funding per service across provinces</p>
<p>Auditor-General (AG) findings for the 2010/2011 financial year for provincial Departments of Social Development point to maladministration, specifically in terms of management, monitoring and oversight of the work NPOs.</p>	<p>Develop systems and capacity within provincial Departments for monitoring, evaluation and oversight on service delivery agents. Audit service delivery agents To ascertain efficiency and effectiveness of funding received financial management systems in place and to identify bottlenecks in</p>	<p>Improve efficiency effectiveness and quality of service delivery</p>

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XXXX	Audit service delivery agents To ascertain efficiency and effectiveness of funding received, financial management systems in place and to identify bottlenecks in the transfer system	

QUESTIONS

1. Evaluate the problem statements and the proposed recommendations in terms of the following:
 - Does it capture the funding and policy issue?
 - Can the problem statement/proposed solution be further strengthened to ensure it achieves the intended outcome?
2. Based on your response to question one above, what are some of the implementation risks and opportunities of the proposed solutions for the following stakeholders:
 - Government
 - NPOs
 - Other stakeholders

GROUP 1 - FEEDBACK

- 1. Need to change the problem statement slightly to make sure all three elements are covered (costing, delivery and M&E). Need to speak to the qualitative.
- 2. Opportunities & Risks
 - More oversight for government but capacity might be a challenge and financial resources for auditing

GROUP 1 – FEEDBACK CTD

- 2. Opportunities & Risks
 - NPOs will be able to access more funding risk is uncertainty of transfer allocations if not gazetted. Risk of service delivery not happening
 - NT risk is that during financial turbulence Social services tend to be side lined (Department cuts funding to NPOs to fund statutory costs)

THANK YOU!