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DEBRIEFING WORKSHOP

CHALLENGE OF 2008/09 AUDIT

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PRESENTATION BY: ACTING CFO



BACKGROUND

- The Department acknowledges that there are improvements from previous audits not in all areas as much as we would have liked.
- This is a combination of implementation of audit intervention plans and general improvement in the day to day activities in controls, adherence or setting of procedures
- As more information comes to light the department continues to set and work together to close these gaps & improvements
- The department needs to balance service delivery and adherence to procedures, change of attitude around these
- Dept holds weekly audit progress meetings where Request for Information (FRI's) issued by AG are discussed. From RFI it goes to Exceptions and to Management Letter.



CHALLENGES - DEPARTMENTAL

- Team work lacking: both at Head Office and in Districts
- As auditees we must be at par with AG in understanding the reasons for audit opinion
- Challenges with monitoring of funds
- Challenge – weekly progress meetings
- Commitment to have a better report by all – instability at Head Office, District and Schools is not helping us achieve this objective
- Submission of AFS information on time

Our areas of function

- The general expectation is that :
- We all do what we are supposed to do daily (assumption that we know what we are supposed to do)
- There is compliance with regulations, circulars in our day to day activities
- Compliance with procedures, internal controls, checklists etc approved by the accounting officer
- If we comply to these as a matter of routine we should not have problems with timely submission of information
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Proposed improvements

- Chief directorate accountability for the audit process- on board all audit progress meetings
- Improve accountability during the audit process
- Team work must prevail – districts that have worked together have shown better results eg HR and Finance
- The department must deal with instability – this creates a gap which becomes difficult to bridge and catch up
- Our value system needs to change





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