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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Nyanga High School receives tablets

By Nosipho Keuti: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Eastern Cape Education MEC Fundile Gade encouraged Nyanga High School Grade 12 learners to strive for the better as they returned to school on Monday, 8 June 2020. MEC Gade said this during a ceremony to hand over tablets to the school as part of the e-learning programme rollout.

The tablets came with five gigabytes of data, zero-rated sites and two enabled sites. The e-learning programme will be carried out throughout the Eastern Cape schools to ensure that learners catch up with their school work, following months of lockdown. "Yes we are a nation that is on a lockdown, we are a nation that is in isolation, but our brains are not on lockdown so lets resist a temptation of a nation whose brains are on lockdown. We must be able to find practical ways to live around COVID-19," said the MEC.

The department committed to ensure that learners from special schools also receive tablets that are preloaded with assistive software. Situated in rural parts of the province, Nyanga High School is among the best performing schools in the Eastern Cape.



MEC Gade handing over tablets to learners.



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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Deputy President on oversight visit to the Free State

By Selloane Mokoena: GCIS, Free State

On 5 June 2020, Deputy President David Mabuza took an oversight visit to the Free State to check the province's readiness to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela welcomed the Deputy President and presented the provincial approach in the fight against COVID-19. "The province has been working hard with all political parties, taxis have been complying with regulations, and rural areas were provided with water tanks and sanitizers," said the Premier.

The Deputy President commended the province for the wonderful job it has done, adding that the challenge is finding a balance between saving lives and saving livelihoods. Deputy President Mabuza urged residents to prepare to live with the virus and continue to practice safety measures. During this visit, the Deputy President, the Premier and Health MEC Montseng Tsiu issued appointment letters to newly appointed nurses in the provincial health department.

The Deputy President revealed that as the country operates on Alert Level 3 of the lockdown, the National Coronavirus Command Council has decided to embark on a proactive approach of ensuring that all parts of the country have effective measures to contain new infections.



Deputy President Mabuza addressing the Free State leadership during his oversight visit to the province.



Deputy President Mabuza handing over an appointment letter to one of the newly appointed nurses.

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

New home for a poor family in Limpopo

By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCS, Limpopo

A family from Sekhukhune has benefited from the district municipality's initiative of assisting poor families. The family, headed by a 109-year-old woman, is the beneficiary of a newly built and fully furnished house at Mooihoek Village in Fetakgomo, Tubatse Local Municipality.

Ms Maria Legadi Maroga received the house on 8 June 2020. The house was built by Mr Phadime Seroka – owner of Mothakge Phadime Construction Company. Mr Seroka indicated that he was deeply moved by the appalling conditions under which the Maroga family was living when he got a call from the Sekhukhune District Executive Mayor Stanley Ramaila to assist the family. He built a five-roomed house – three bedrooms, a kitchen and a sitting room.

"I am very much grateful that we could restore the dignity of the the family after toiling years without shelter. God be praised," said Mayor Ramaila after officially handing over the keys to Ms Maroga. He promised to come back to celebrate Ms Maroga's birthday.



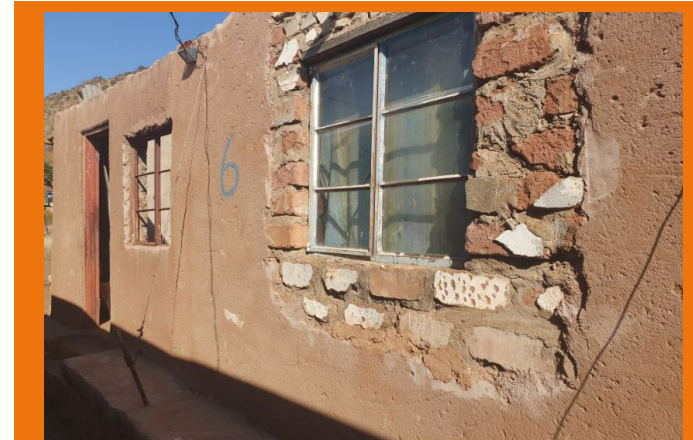
Maria Maroga said:

"I personally thank the contractor and the Executive Mayor for fulfilling my dream of having a decent home."



Thabiso Moroga said:

"I thank the contractor and the municipality for building a nice house for our grandmother – we can now sleep peacefully and be safe."



The dilapidated building that the Maroga family used to live in.



Mayor Ramaila cutting the ribbon during the official handing over of the new house.



Upon arrival, pupils were requested to complete a COVID-19-related questionnaire, sanitise their hands and undertake temperature screening.



Classroom arrangements at Green Point High School.

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Resuming of teaching in schools

By Moleboheng Maphutsi: GCIS, Northern Cape

On 8 June 2020, the Northern Cape Provincial Command Council, led by the province's Premier, Dr Zamani Saul, conducted an assessment on the readiness of schools across the province. The aim of these visits was to monitor the steady return of all Grade 7 and 12 pupils to schools and to ensure that all schools adhered to and complied with the set COVID-19 health regulations.

The team visited Sol Plaatje Primary School and Green Point High School in Kimberley. The Premier urged stakeholders to practice social distancing, wear masks and regularly wash their hands using a soap or hand sanitiser. The re-opening of schools programme was coupled with the Love Your School campaign, which was launched by the Premier to raise awareness on the devastations caused by unhygienic environments.

The Premier said it was crucial for learners and educators to comply with all COVID-19 safety measures that had been put in place and take ownership of their schools. The Council of Education Ministers has announced that Grade 6, Grade 11 and Grade R learners will return to school on Monday, 6 July 2020 while other grades will be phased during the month of July in a differentiated approach within stipulated time frames.