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**PROVINCIAL ANTI-XENOPHOBIA OUTREACH AND MINISTERIAL ANTI
XENOPHOBIA OUTREACH**

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Free State Premier, Mr Ace Magashule led the Provincial Executive Council on a campaign to stop attacks against foreign nationals. Although there are no incidents reported in the province the Premier heeded to the call from the President requesting all leaders across the country to engage communities on the need for peaceful coexistence between South Africans and foreign nationals.

The Premier was accompanied by MEC for Human Settlement, Ms Olley Mlamleli; MEC for Public Works, Mr Mashinini; Thabo Mofutsanyane Executive Mayor, Cllr Malefu Vilakazi; Maluti A Phofung executive Mayor, Cllr Vusimuzi Tshabalala partnering with civil society organisations and community organisations including representatives of foreign nationals.

The programme started with a premier visiting of Foreigners shops and Imbizo where political principals interacted with communities from Qwaqwa in Phamong Village and Riverside condemning all acts of violence and mobilising communities to continue with demonstrating peaceful co-existence.



Figure: 1 Community of Qwaqwa in the Free State held hands together with foreigners to assure them that they are Welcomed in their Town.



Figure: 2 Qwaqwa community was given an opportunity to address foreigners and tell premier what they are expecting from foreigners and how they will protect them on the 24-04-2015 at Phamong Village.



Figure: 1 Premier of Free State Premier Ace Magashule plead with community of Qwaqwa not to attack foreigners