



VENUE: Impendle Taxi Rank

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Impendle Thusong Centre pre-SoNA Activation

As the entire country prepares for the upcoming State of the Nation Address (SoNA), foot soldiers comprising of Community Development Workers, Ward Committee Members, officials from Department of Social development, Impendle Local Municipality and GCIS paraded at Impendle Taxi Rank, Thusong Centre and Gomane Clinic to educate and mobilise to watch SoNA and also get their views about SoNA.




The event took place on 7 February 2017 where community members raised a number of issues relating to service delivery.

One resident Ephrame Mahlase said he would love to see continuity in the provision of services as this will create Job opportunities for local residents.

Another resident Sanelisiwe Ndlovu from Phindangene said there are no TVET colleges in the area. "When our children go to enroll at nearby town (Pietermaritzburg), they often find that there is no space, If they get space there is no financial assistance".

Mlungisi Mveli (Youth) from Gomane hailed Mrs Ndlovu's words when he said they need TVET in the area.

Impendle will host live SoNA broadcast event on 09 February 2017 at Impendle Thusong Centre. In this event the Mayor Cllr Sizwe Ndlela is expected to highlight on planned interventions on the issues raised when he gives SoNA summation in a local context.

<p>Vox-pops</p> <p>1. WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE PROGRAMME?</p> <p>2. WHAT DID YOU LEARN?</p> <p>3. HOW WILL IT HELP YOU?</p>	
<p>Name of respondent: Thami Mncube (49) Gomane area</p> 	<p>“I would like the President to focus on Job creation because many young people are not working and that is the reason why drug usage is wide spread”.</p>
<p>Name of respondent: Themba Ncwane (57)</p> 	<p>“ I have never watched SoNA because I have never heard about broadcast details. This year I will watch. The message I want to give to the President is that our children need financial assistance, we need more money to be directed into NSFAS”</p>
<p>Name of respondent Zanele Mbongwa (40)</p> 	<p>“I which government should focus on skills development. as we sell on the street we need to be equipped in business. We do not have proper shelter to sell our product, electricity and water is still a challenge in my area”</p>