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## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Councils lead men's dialogue

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State

The Bakoena Royal Council in partnership with various stakeholders in the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality held a men's dialogue on 11 August 2021 in Namahadi village. It was conducted in celebration of the late King Thokoana Mopeli's birthday.

The purpose of the dialogue was to give men in the area an opportunity to speak out on the challenges they face daily such as finances, health, legal, family planning, spiritual healing and gender-based violence (GBV).

Various speakers such as a therapist and a legal practitioner, touched on sensitive topics that were emphasised as those that men are not comfortable in engaging on.

It became evident that some men are too afraid to speak out about their painful experiences.

The speakers stated that men have always been regarded as seed carriers in society and as such they should lead by example in making an environment where women and children are able to thrive without boundaries.

Men were encouraged to advocate for behavioural change among other men in their respective communities and to respect the rights and dignity of women and children.

This dialogue will be carried over to other regions in which the Bakoena Royal Council presides over as it will be an opportunity to engage men on issues of patriarchy and others.



Men who attended the dialogue at Namahadi village.



Keabetswe Mofokeng addressing men on various issues.



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**PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

**Human settlements project changes lives**

*By Pakeng Matsetse: GCIS, Gauteng*

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia de Lille, conducted an oversight visit to the integrated Lufhereng Human Settlements Project in Soweto, on 12 August 2021, to assess progress on the project.

Minister de Lille was joined by Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Noxolo Kiviet, Gauteng Human Settlements, Urban Planning, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC Lebogang Maile, Infrastructure Development MEC Tasneem Motara, and Mayoral Committee Member for Human Settlements, Councillor Mlungisi Mabaso.

“This housing project is one of the key strategic infrastructure projects for government. We are here today as the national, provincial and local government because all spheres of government must work together when it comes to the budget. The City of Johannesburg has put together money for the bulk infrastructure, the provincial government has put money for the top structure and at the national level we are helping with coordination to ensure that we complete the project on time,” said Minister De Lille.

Lufhereng Human Settlements Project is part of the Infrastructure Investment Plan that was approved by Cabinet in 2020, which is also part of Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan.

The Lufhereng Mixed-Income Housing Development, the biggest housing development in Gauteng, is being implemented by the City of Johannesburg and its appointed contractors. Once completed, the development is expected to yield 24 000 housing opportunities.

The development, is situated south-west of the Johannesburg Central Business District. The project’s location and packaging ensure that the community is located close to economic opportunities. It will provide residents with social and economic amenities such as schools, crèches, religious sites, clinics, recreational facilities, parks and several business sites.



A walkabout and site visit at Lufhereng Human Settlement project.



**Phakamile Mzolo said:**

“I used to stay in Kanana-Thula Mntwana. Through the initiative I was allocated a new house. I am very grateful to government for responding positively in the manner they did.”



**Samuel Mojela said:**

“I have been struggling for a long time with my family, wife and children. We have been moving from one place to another, renting and sometimes squatter with relatives or friends. Today, I am very happy that my dream to have my own house has been realised.”

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Cathyville communities receive clinic

By Joy Themba: GCIS Mpumalanga

Barberton Mine in partnership with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy officially handed over the Cathyville Clinic to the Mpumalanga Department of Health on 14 August 2021.

The ceremony was led by Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe, Barberton Mine General Manager Jan Thirion and Health MEC Sasekani Manzini, supported by the Economic Development and Tourism MEC Vusi Mkhathshwa, the Emjindini Tribal Council and members of the Umjindi Community Trust, among other stakeholders.

The villagers previously relied on a mobile clinic that came to the village monthly and on the other days, they had to travel to Barberton to access health services.

The clinic features a patient registration area, waiting room and admission rooms, observation rooms, emergency room, consultation rooms, tuberculosis rooms, pharmacy, kitchen, ablution facilities, boardroom, patient record room and many others.

The facility is fully fenced with a guard-house, paved parking and disability user-friendly access ramps. Barberton Mine also donated two wheelchairs to the clinic, which will assist in receiving critically ill patients.

“We appeal to the residents to protect this facility, because it is here to render services to you. We rely upon you to take care of it and you should be the ears, eyes and voice of this community,” Minister Mantashe said.

Barberton Mine identified the need for a clinic through the consultative processes and later pledged to construct two new clinics; which are Renee Clinic at Emjindini Trust and Cathyville Clinic where the City of Mbombela Municipal Council deemed suitable since 2016.

Thirion said, “Among the company’s core values, Barberton Mine places health, infrastructure and education first, as these are critical factors for the sustainability and development of the communities.”

The City of Mbombela Local Municipality and Emjindini Traditional Authority played a significant role towards the availability of land, which was donated by Chief Kenneth Nkosi.

MEC Vusi Mkhathshwa said, “As government, we appreciate the private sector’s involvement in uplifting our communities with such facilities.”

MEC Manzini appreciated that the new clinic had been opened at a crucial time, when the country is battling COVID-19 infections and community members in need of an accessible healthcare facility.

“We are proud to be unveiling this facility today. We hope it will help ease the pressure of long queues for healthcare for patients. This gesture demonstrates the importance of public and private partnerships to improve the lives of the people,” said the MEC.



An aerial view of Cathyville Clinic.



The official unveiling of the plaque at Cathyville Clinic.



#### Busisiwe Zulu said:

“We are grateful that Minister Gwede Mantashe took his time out of this cold weather and handed over the clinic and personally visited my family to hand over these gifts to save energy such as gas heater and the R2 000 electric voucher that I will use effectively.”



**Kobus Hager said:**

“I am opposed to this Bill. The reason is nothing is free in life. If there is land that was stolen, let there be a police case opened, so that the law can take its course. If you made a loan at the bank, and your land is repossessed by government, who will then be responsible for the loan repayment at the bank?”



**Alec Jacobs said:**

“The John Taolo Gaetsewe Traditional Khoisan House supports the Expropriation Bill, because we are the first nation of this land and we are currently not having any land, while the mines are doing business on our land and we are not benefitting anything from it. The land that is owned by municipalities that belongs to the Khoisan nation, must also be returned to its rightful owners – the Khoisans.”

## PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### Public hearings on Expropriation Bill

*By Tebogo Monyo: GCIS, Northern Cape*

The Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure, visited the area of Kathu in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality on 23 August 2021, to host public hearings on the Expropriation Bill. The committee received inputs and heard submissions from a wide range of stakeholders and individuals within the province.

The District Executive Mayor, Councillor Sofia Mosikatsi, supported the Expropriation Bill and said it would ensure that government distributes the land equitably among citizens. The Mayor said the Bill will restore the dignity of the disenfranchised communities and people who have worked the land for many years.



Members of the public who attended the Expropriation Bill public hearings in Kathu.



Mayor Sofia Mosikatsi making inputs during the Expropriation Bill public hearings.