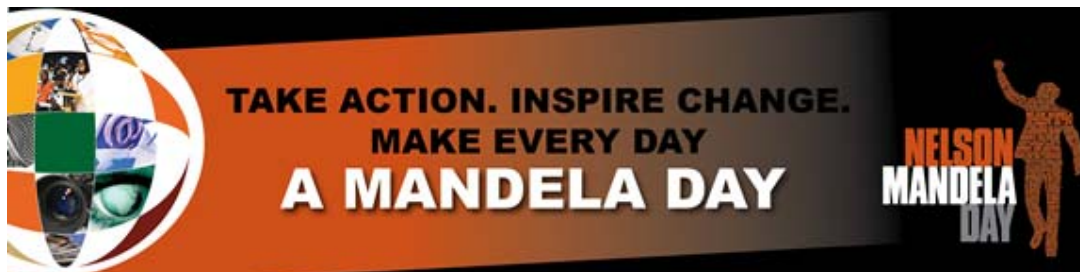




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**NELSON MANDELA DAY PROGRAMME BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF  
COMMUNICATIONS, STELLA NDABENI-ABRAHAMS**

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**KING SABATHA DALINDYEBO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

**KWALINDILE VILLAGE IN MTHATHA**

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In line with the Mandela month Communications strategy with regard to the 67 minutes campaign, Deputy Minister of Communications, Ms Stella Ndabeni- Abrahams (MP) in partnership with Vodacom and Eastern Cape AIDS Council visited and interacted with the community of kwaLindile.

The day was a fun – filled day where the Deputy Minister interacted with the community and led the planting of seedlings in few selected households within the village. This was then followed by the handing over of blankets to the elderly and needy as well as schoolbags, shoes, water-bottles and calculators to learners of Lyndale Senior Primary School and Ngubeszwe Senior Secondary School (SSS). She further donated sanitary towels to schoolgirls of Ngubeszwe SSS.

The visit was concluded by donation of mobile cyber lab which included 26 tablets, 01 laptop, 01 projector, 01 white board, and a printer to Ngubeszwe SSS.

Stakeholders involved were non-governmental and corporates which share the same goals of advancing government agenda like Vodacom and IT Master. Other stakeholders included: Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Department of Education, Eastern Cape Aids Council, Department of Health, O R Tambo District Municipality, King Sabatha Dalindyebo Local Municipality (KSD)

The event was very interactive where the Deputy Minister engaged member of the community. Some of the issues raised by communities of Kwalindile included:

- Lack of sufficient infrastructure such as classrooms as the school was built last with only 11 prefabricated classroom five of which are prefabricated structure.
- There is shortage of toilets in the school as the department of education failed to include them in the original plan.
- Lack of facilities such as science lab and a computer lab.

***NB: Instant response by Deputy Minister: Matter brought to the attention of the Provincial Department of Education and Mr Mbolekwa in the Ministry to follow through.***

The event was covered by various media houses which included: SABC TV and Radio, Umhlobo Wenene Apha Naphaya, Daily Dispatch, I'solezwe LesiXhosa, Pondo News, Umtata fever, Ikhwezi Publishers, Sunday Sun and Unitra Community Radio.

#### **PICTORIAL REFLECTIONS:**



*Deputy Minister planting the seedling with members of community to encourage them to be agents of the change they want to see and defeat poverty*



*Deputy Minister of DOC officially handing over the Cyber Lab at Ngubeszwe SSS with tablets to inspire learners to put education first*



*Deputy Minister with Chief Njemla of KwaLindile Village blankets to elderly people to encourage spirit of nation building*



*Deputy Minister handing over sanitary towels ,calculators and lunch pack bags to learners*





*Media interviews with SABC TV and Umhlobo Wenene FM*