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OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP

Government takes information to the people

By Mokgoma Nkopodi: GCIS, Limpopo

The Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality organised the first youth information-sharing day hosted in a village called Manapyane. This massive event sought to empower young people from the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality with the necessary knowledge both in furthering their studies at tertiary institutions and seeking job opportunities.

The following institutions were at the event: the departments of social development, higher education and training, labour, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, Sekhukhune Technical Vocational Education and Training college, National Youth Development Agency, South African Social Security Agency, Old Mutual and other private institutions.

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Ramadimetja Kupa, accompanied by some of her council members also graced the occasion. In her keynote address, the Mayor indicated the importance of having this kind of event regularly.

“Sharing of information with young people is of critical importance as the information will assist them in opening the doors for their future,” she said. She also indicated by educating young people about preparing for a better tomorrow.

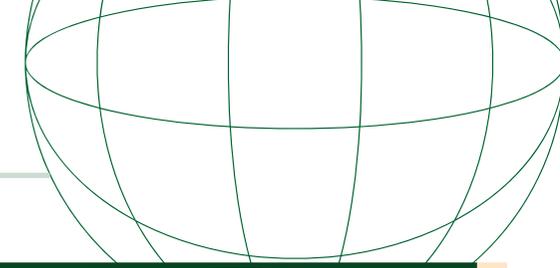
All the institutions presented about their services, especially those targeting young people. The majority of the youth were very happy to notice the presence of the Department of Labour in particular as they were able to be assisted in capturing their CVs into the department’s database. Some parents also availed themselves to collect information on behalf of their children who were unable to make it to the event.



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Mayor Ramadimetja Kupa speaking at the event. Community members at the event.



Some of the ward councillors at the event.



Mayor Ramadimetja Kupa at the exhibition stall.



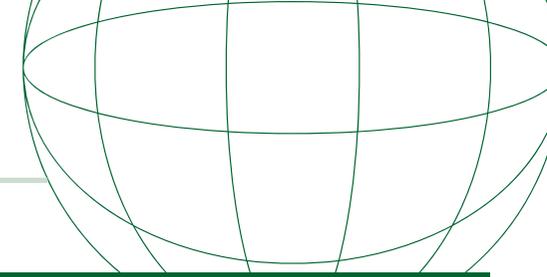
Paul Madisha said:

“I am very excited about this event as it has brought light into many young people of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.”



Karabo Kekana said:

“This is an unforgettable moment for us the youth of Marble Hall. I wish for this event to be organised annually in all the wards so that many young people can attend.”



Ephraim Mogapi said:

“We are very grateful to be visited by the Premier and other business people were problems of VTSD will be dealt with and jobs will be provided in the province, particularly to young people.”



Siyange said:

“Thanks to the Premier for inviting business people because the Premier promised that those who receive tenders from the council must provide skills to the youth.”

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Young people to receive skills

By Ellen Letlhake: GCIS, North West

On 6, 7 and 8 September 2017, the Premier of North West, Supra Mahumapelo, called for the development of practical skills that are relevant to the economy in villages, townships and small dorpias areas in the province. The event took place at Potch Banquing Hall. The objective of the Villages Townships and Small Dorpias (VTSD) was to deepen skills development efforts in responding to the needs of the VTSD to expand a pool of skills required in the VTSD economy. The event created a platform to discuss skills-development initiatives as mandated by the National Development Plan.

The Premier also emphasised the importance of providing skills that will assist in changing the lives of the VTSD areas and grow the economy of the province. He also emphasised that skills available in the VTSD must be protected and the province must identify what could immediately be done to deal with unemployment.



Some of the stakeholders who attended the event.



Information session and youth opportunities activations (Eastern Cape)



Nonqubeko Deyi said:

“I did not have much information about most of the things I heard today. I am in business and we are a group of five and we will need to follow up on a lot of things said here today.”



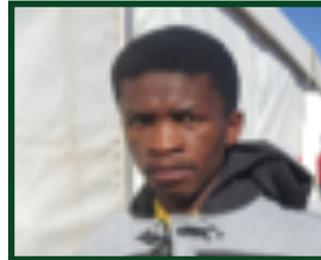
Mandlethu Xanasi said:

“The advice we got from the different stalls was fruitful. I have also saved some contact details so that I can further engage the institutions.”

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Different events, same objective

Youth cooperatives receive financial assistance (Eastern Cape)



Masi Mlangeni said:

“I think the programme was a success because government has given so much to the youth today. Those projects will also benefit us in the community.”



Lungisani Klass said:

“Today was special and informative because we learned more about our history, what the youth of 1976 did for us. We must not disappoint them and we must continue to study hard.”

Information-sharing session for cooperatives and small businesses (Mpumalanga)



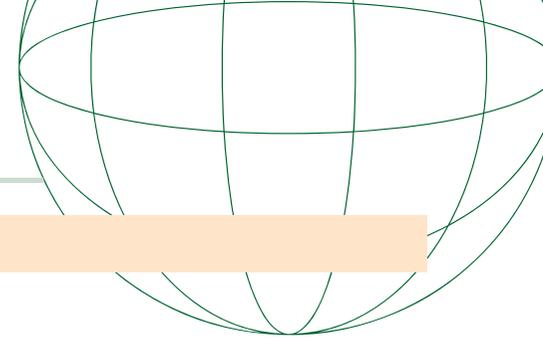
Nelly Mnisi said:

“As a new and small cooperative we still need a lot of resources. We can appreciate some donations in the form of resources so that we can fast-track our growth and development. We appeal to government and private companies to assist us.”



Sizwe Mabasa said:

“I am a member of Ithemba labasha Furniture Manufacturing Cooperative, based at Ward 1 of CALM, in Diepdal. We are a six-member cooperative and we have just registered. We still need a lot of capacity building to develop our skills and grow as a cooperative. Information workshops such as this one help a lot but we still need more.”



Government gear to promote female entrepreneurs (Limpopo)



Radzilani said:

“The department has a long-term ambition of leveraging women entrepreneurs from being subsistence and smallholder producers to commercial entrepreneurs. We want to encourage women in order for them to consider agriculture as a business. Government alone will not win the fight of ensuring food security in the country.”

Youth skills development radio dialogues (Free State)



Masetlhe Mokgorosi said:

“The information is very informative and very beneficiary to young people.”

KwaZulu-Natal event



Nomcebo Zungu said:

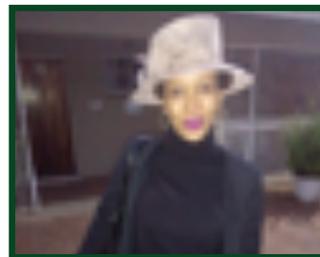
“The career expo was very informative, particularly the presentation by SAFCOL.”



Ngcebo Sangweni said:

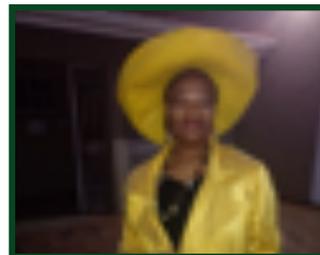
“I would have liked to access more information about architectural studies.”

Women in business networking and information-sharing session (North West)



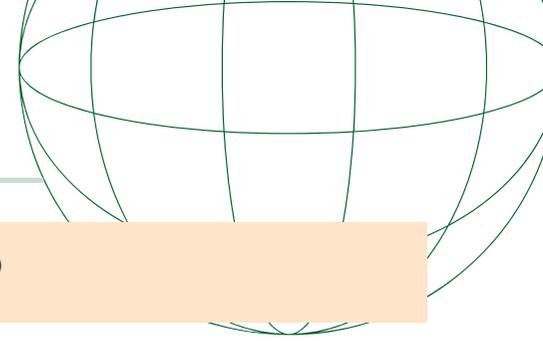
Mosiane said:

“As businesswoman of Tlokwe, I am excited to be informed about business and economic opportunities information that we received from both the government and private sector.”



Mokoka said:

“I am very happy because the business information received will assist women to come together in order to access both financial and non-financial assistance from various stakeholders.”



Musician Indaba (Gauteng)



Radikgobe Moka said:

“I am a music teacher with more than 30 years’ experience. I appreciate government’s effort in establishing the task team. I believe that lots of issues raised still need to be addressed.”



Mohau Radebe said:

“I have learned a lot from this Indaba today. I have been made aware of the steps to follow in pursuing the collection society that owes me money.”

Dialogue on economic opportunities and job creation (Northern Cape)



Carmen du Plessis said:

“I enjoyed the event held here today. I learned a lot during the presentations. We received a lot of information on business plans and small businesses, and a large number of institutions that are there to assist with funding for small businesses that we never knew about. Women in our area are far behind on aspects of financing and running a business. The main centre where one can get such information, is in Springbok, but today all the relevant departments came to us to share this very important information with us and I think everybody here today is extremely grateful to government that brought the people here.”



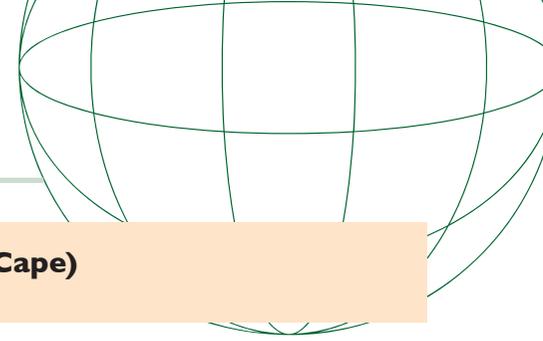
Innocent Hinana said:

“The information that was shared today by Small Enterprise Development Agency, Government Communication and Information System, and the Department of Labour was very interesting and extremely important, especially in the light that there are so many plans for Port Nolloth from a national level regarding coastal development and the development of small harbours. These kinds of events will likely help the people in the rural areas to become economically stronger.”



Jacqueline Cloete said:

“I am grateful for the visit by the different departments to Port Nolloth today. I felt good to see the good working relations between different government departments to bring information to far-off places. It does not matter what people say, today we have evidence that government is working hard to make our country a better place for all. It is unfortunate that a large number of people in our area are not highly educated, but the information presented today was done in a way that everybody could understand it and be motivated by it.”



**Job opportunities activation
(Free State)**



Neo Mohanoe said:

“I am happy that the municipality explained there is a procedure of hiring people, and that people are not hired based on political affiliation.”



Thabang Mohajane said:

“Today’s session really helped youth a lot as it provided information that we did not have.”

Job creation for community members during Mandela Day (Northern Cape)



Maryna Prins said:

“During Mandela Day we also celebrate the fact that many people of South Africa now have a future. Doors were opened to us because of this visionary leader. Government departments are open to us for enquiries. We also learned from Madiba to look after our aged and people with disabilities in our communities. I experience better relationships between government, non-governmental organisations and the people of our community every day. Community members are excited because a large number of unemployed people will have jobs tomorrow, and we thank Former President Nelson Mandela for that.”



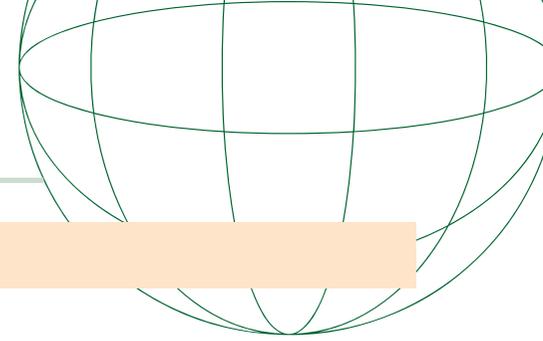
Sabina Slinger said:

“This is the first time that I am actively involved in celebrating Mandela Day. We used to sit at home and watch the TV to see what happened all over the country. But today is totally different: through the Department of Water and Sanitation. I am no longer unemployed and now I can look after my family. I feel so proud to stand here with my new uniform and celebrate Mandela Day.”



Booi Sterkte said:

“We are privileged to celebrate Mandela Day today. He is an icon – not only in South Africa, but also all over the world. This day is celebrated in his honour. We, as South Africans, can only wish for another leader of his stature, compassion and love for his people. As countrymen, we have to stand up, take hands and get this nation of ours to be the way Mandela showed us. We have to live his legacy. We have to look after our children and keep them from acts criminality, drugs and other monstrosities.”



Job-creation dialogue (Free State)



Sehloho Tsubella said:

“I am very happy with the information that we received today, I will use it to grow my business.”

Youth information session (Mpumalanga)



Thulani Mahlinza said:

“Today’s meeting was a success it is now up to us as young people to start to form cooperatives and see how it goes moving forward.”



Tebogo Segone said:

“As a young person who participated in Project Fortune 40 that was introduced, I request that both public and private sector become more involved in ensuring that young people participating in agriculture are being assisted and supported.”