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Outcome 5: A skilled and capable workforce to support an inclusive growth path

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R10-million project to benefit Bredasdorp community

D Goodman: Western Cape



Cape Agulhas Mayor, Minister Blade Nzimande and Anene's foster mother

The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, launched a R10 million construction skills development and job creation project in memory of Anene Booysen.

Launched in Bredasdorp, in partnership with the Construction Sector Education and Training Authority (Seta) and the Cape Agulhas Municipality, the project aims to reduce unemployment and poverty, while uplifting the lives of local communities in and around Bredasdorp.

Booyesen, aged 17, was gang raped and murdered in February this year. She was left dead at a construction site where she worked. Nzimande said they were launching the project to ease the material conditions of the Bredasdorp community, so that poverty and unemployment will not lead to a repeat of what happened to Anene.

"She was actively contributing to ensuring a better life for herself and her family by working on that construction site. To some this intervention may be viewed as a mere commemoration, however, as government, we regard it as another opportunity in empowering and uplifting this community," Nzimande said.

The R10-million project seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- empowering the women in the area, by developing and improving their skills
- addressing violence against women and children
- developing and providing unemployed individuals, including the youth, with skills to ensure that they become more employable or can start their own businesses
- creating job opportunities for unemployed individuals
- improving the skills of municipal workers
- building and sustaining a skills development centre for the community.

Minister Nzimande announced that this initiative will result in 675 learners being trained in different programmes and on completion of their training they will participate in numerous community projects. "These projects will directly address the local economic development needs."

Each trainee will also receive a monthly stipend of about R1 500, which will help to alleviate the socio-economic conditions of the community in the short term while the skills they will receive will lead to longer-term more sustainable benefits.

The training will last for a minimum of nine months and a maximum of 12 months depending on the field of training. The investment will also include recognition of prior learning so that artisanal skills can be formally recognised and certified. The short skills programmes will include electrical construction, health and safety and solar geyser installation, while learnerships will be in community house building and road construction.

The minister also announced five full bursaries for study at the local Boland Further Education and Training (FET) College. Another five for university study open for the local top five matriculants in the 2013 matric exams. In addition, the Construction Seta also matched the Minister's awards with another five full bursaries for Study at the Boland FET College and five for university study.

In total 20 full-study bursaries, 10 from the Department of Higher Education and Training and 10 from the Construction Seta in addition to the R10-million Skills Development Project.

The house next to where Booysen was discovered will be turned into the Anene Booysen Skills Development Centre, as its intended beneficiary has found it difficult to take occupancy of it.



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Kids' party to kick off immunisation campaign

Western Cape

The Western Cape Health Department, along with the International Rotary Organisation in partnership with GCIS and others hosted a community children's party to launch the Polio and Measles Immunisation Campaign on Tuesday, 30 April 2013 in Worcester.

The MEC for Health in the Western Cape, Mr Theuns Botha, Head of Department, Professor Craig Househam along several Rotarians and guests, attended the launch with a friendly kick-off of balls that were later donated to a local crèche.

During the event, which took place at Empilisweni Clinic in Zwelethemba, Worcester, the allied health students of Stellenbosch University's Rural Clinical School played educational games with the children and spoke to parents about the importance of good nutrition and how to incorporate more vitamin A into their children's diet.

In his speech, Minister Botha said, "Parents and guardians with children under the age of five years should visit their local clinic for top-up vaccinations. Alternatively, should their children attend a crèche, they should ensure that they have completed and returned the consent form to the crèche so that the campaign nurses can vaccinate their child at school. Immunisation is one of the ways in which we can maintain and improve the wellness of our children."

The campaign will commence on 29 April 2013 and run to 17 May 2013. During this first phase, children of 0-59 months will receive polio drops and vitamin A, and children from 9-59 months will receive the measles vaccine. The second phase of the campaign stretches from 17-28 June 2013, during which all children who received the first round of polio drops will receive the required second round.

The Polio and Measles Immunisation Campaign is a world-wide initiative where all countries undertake to immunise children against these illnesses so that the illnesses are completely eradicated. Owing to this systematic programme of vaccination polio has been eradicated in all but three countries in the world.

Head of Western Cape Health, Professor Craig Househam, stated, "Immunisation remains the safest, most effective and cheapest method of protecting one's child against debilitating childhood illness."

All adults can help to eradicate polio and measles by ensuring that all children under the age of five years receive this vital top-up immunisation.



Children from a local crèche in Zwelethemba coming for immunisation at the Empilisweni Clinic in Zwelethemba, Worcester, as part of the Polio and Measles Campaign launch.



MEC Theuns Botha kick starts the Polio and Measles Campaign by kicking a ball in the air, which symbolically indicate of the start of the campaign.



Children from the Zwelethemba in Worcester receive polio drops at the provincial launch event of the Polio and Measles Campaign on 30 April 2013.



Outcome 9: Responsive, accountable, effective and efficient local government system

Sanitation project contributes to job creation

Vuyani Sibene: : GCIS Eastern Cape



MEC Qoboshiyane with MUNIMEC members during their visit to the project in Queenstown



One of the completed ventilated improved pit toilets produced at the factory



Beneficiaries on site hard at work in the factory in Queenstown

Hundreds of unemployed graduates, community members, local contractors, job seekers and entrepreneurs have begun reaping the benefits of a sanitation project that was initiated at the end of 2010. Thousands of ventilated improved pit toilet units are being installed across the Chris Hani District Municipality. The project focuses on constructing the toilet units and sourcing local construction material.

A factory in Queenstown has recently been built and manufacturing has now begun. Initially four factories were going to be built but later Queendustria was decided to be the only factory to be able to produce the required volume of 60 toilets per day. Community members that were to be

employed at other factories now work at the Queendustria factory. This decision has saved the municipality about R20 million.

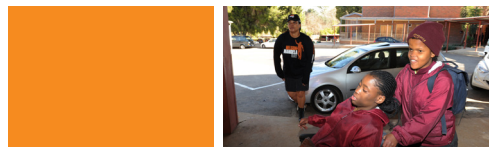
The leading manufacturing company, Cemforce, appoints locally based subcontractors and employs local residents in terms of local economic development. In addition, Cemforce has a skills transfer policy in terms of which unskilled and semi-skilled workers are trained.

Since January 2010, this R5-million project has already resulted in employing over 200 unemployed graduates in the district in the fields of engineering, administration, social sciences and finance, while more graduates are

set to be employed as part of an internship programme. All interns will receive a monthly Extended Public Works Programme-based stipend. In addition, four consultants have been employed as quality controllers of the project and each will have to employ at least three local unemployed graduates as interns to ensure skills transfer.

The Chris Hani District Municipality Council is doing its best to meet its target on sanitation. The target stipulates that by 2014, all households should have access to proper sanitation. This target is in line with government policy on sanitation, which seeks to improve the health and quality of life of the whole population and protect the environment.





Outcome 6: Decent employment through inclusive economic growth

Working together to create jobs

Xolani Mndaweni: GCIS North West

Job creation was on everyone’s lips during the AngloGold Ashanti non-governmental organisation (NGO) Breakfast, held at Khuma Community Hall outside Stilfontein, Matlosana Municipality. Stilfontein is one of the areas in which AngloGold Ashanti has gold mining operations.

“We at AngloGold Ashanti will never manage on our own to create jobs, but through a partnership with government, other companies and communities, we can do more,” said Mr Simeon Mighty Moloko, senior vice-president for sustainability at AngloGold Ashanti.

The company uses three socioeconomic development models to distribute funds and loans to NGOs, small, medium and macro enterprises (SMMEs), and municipalities and/or government. The social institutional development is focused on NGOs, social investment and corporate social investment. There is the Local Economic Development Fund, which focuses on partnerships with municipalities to deliver projects such as the Bucket Eradication Programme, building classrooms and laboratories at schools. Lastly, the Enterprise Development Fund provides funds in the form of loans to SMMEs that want to start and/or develop their businesses.

The NGO Breakfast venues were filled to capacity by people, most of whom came from local (NGOs) in

Khuma, Jouberton, Kanana, and Tigane townships of the Matlosana Municipality. “I’m really honoured to be part of this well-organised breakfast. I’ve only received funding from Social Development and ABSA, now I know AngloGold Ashanti is also there to help.” said Mama Hope who runs the Mama Hope Early Childhood Development Centre in Jouberton.

In attendance were representatives from the National Union of Mine Workers, government representatives from the Department of Social Development, the Government Communication Information Systems GCIS, and the Matlosana Municipality local Municipality. “I’m confident that this partnership will grow from strength-to-strength while empowering the people of Khuma and Matlosana,” said ward councillor, Mr Matroos.

AngloGold Ashanti’s funding criteria is aligned with the Millennium Development Goals, in that the company focuses its funding towards creating decent jobs, fighting crime and poverty, improving health, rural development, education and skills development, and ensuring social cohesion. “We have funded Boitshoko School for the Disabled last year during the Mandela Day commemorations and replaced their dilapidated ceilings and painted,” said Mrs Malebogo Mahape-Marimo the vice-president for sustainability.

The highlight of the day was when two well-deserving NGOs received funding cheques. The Tshepo-Khaya Home of Hope for Vulnerable Children received R144 318, 00. The Tshepo-Khaya Centre cares for children between the ages of 0–6 years who are infected with HIV and/or TB. The centre gives these children nutritional food and age-appropriate educational stimulation, combined with lots of love and care.

The Techford Care Centre for the Disabled also received R355 849, 00. The centre provides care and work for physically challenged community members residing in Jouberton. The centre does hand-knitting and crocheting of school jerseys, tracksuits and dresses. They also manufacture tablemats, wire clamps and have been trained in carpentry and coffin-making. “We are very happy to receive this funding. I believe through this we can increase our production and open doors for more disabled staff, and employees,” Mrs Sarah Monare said.

Attendees were encouraged to contact Anglo Gold Ashanti’s Mr Ntsizi on 011 637 6000 or Mr Xolani Mndaweni of GCIS on 018 462 8519 for more information.