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## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Importance of protection orders in the fight against GBVF

By Maria Ramoshaba; GCIS, Limpopo

On 17 September 2025, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with Legal Aid South Africa (SA), arranged an interview at Mokopane Community Radio to educate community members on the importance of protection orders and drafting of wills during National Free Wills Week.

Ms Ntanganedzeni Mbezi, a legal practitioner from the Legal Aid SA's Mokopane office, shared important information with listeners on the importance of a protection order and that it was not just a paper, but a legal document valid for five years, that could be used to apply for protection against domestic violence and is served by the South African Police Service

(SAPS). "A protection order can protect an individual from any form of abuse: financial, emotional, sexual and physical. Abuse must be reported immediately to the SAPS, and communities must not wait long before opening a case. Individuals can apply at any Magistrate Court where the abuser stays," she said.

Ms Mbezi also encouraged community members to apply for free wills during National Free Wills Week between 15 and 19 September 2025. Information was shared about who should apply for a will, where the wills be kept and what happens when a person dies without a will. Legal Aid SA can be reached on 079 835 7179 for more information.



Ms Mbezi outlines the importance of a protection order and a will at Mokopane Radio.



Ms Maria Ramoshaba from GCIS, Waterberg District, during the radio interview at Mokopane FM.



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**PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.**

**Career exhibition held in Soutpan**

*By Motseki Ngubenj; GCIS, Free State*

On 19 September 2025, the Government Communication and Information System in collaboration with the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL), hosted a career exhibition in the town of Soutpan, Mangaung Metro Municipality. The exhibition aimed to educate community members on various opportunities offered by government for skills development and employment opportunities.

There was representation of government entities such as the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency, who took the audience through their mandate and funding opportunities, and encouraged them to pursue entrepreneurship. With Soutpan being a farming area, the Department of

Land Reform and Rural Development shared opportunities and support available from the department to assist those interested in farming. Other stakeholders from government included the Road Traffic Infringement Agency and the Independent Electoral Commission, who also shared their mandate as well as career opportunities.

Other stakeholders who attended the event included Standard Bank and Nedbank, who afforded community members an opportunity to make enquiries on their bank accounts and open new accounts. The South African Social Security Agency was also present to provide services to the community.



Community members who attended the career exhibition.



Ms Lucia Tsholo from the DEL sharing the purpose of the day.



Ms Rethabile Liphoko, a resident from Soutpan attended the event.



## PRIORITY 3: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.



**Ms Salome Mahlangu:**  
 "It is essential for us young people to learn about our culture."

### Heritage Day celebrations in Sokhulumi

*By George Moeketsi; GCIS, Gauteng*

On 13 September 2025, the community of Sokhulumi village, East of Pretoria, converged in Enkosini to celebrate their heritage. The Chief of the Amandebele ka Ndzundza, MP Mahlangu, was also present at the occasion. The event featured traditional dancing, music performances and exhibitions of the Amandebele culture. The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in collaboration with the Congress of Traditional Leaders, Amandebele ka Ndzundza Traditional Council, Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the Premier's Office, worked together to ensure that the event was a success.

just about preserving the past, it is about building a stronger future for our children."

Chief MP Mahlangu, when asked to address the people said, "Our culture is our identity, and it is important that we pass it down to the next generation." He further said that that day's celebration was a reminder of their rich history and the importance of unity in the community. He encouraged them to continue promoting and preserving their heritage so that it remained a vibrant part of their lives.

The programme director, Mr Veli Mahlangu, emphasised the significance of heritage in shaping the community's identity when he said, "Heritage is not

As the Heritage Day celebrations ended, a sense of community and cultural unity prevailed.



**Mr April Masombuka:**  
 "The celebration was amazing! I loved the music, dance and food."



**Chief MP Mahlangu addresses the nation during Heritage Day celebrations in Sokhulumi.**



**The daughter of Chief MP Mahlangu, Princess Siphila Mahlangu, addressing the nation during the Heritage Day celebrations.**

## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Public education to end cyberbullying

By Mlungisi Dlamini; GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

A public education session was held on cyberbullying at the Old Prison in Pietermaritzburg, with participation from several high schools across the Greater Edendale area, on 30 September 2025.

The programme, led by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with the Film and Publication Board (FPB), South African Police Service, departments of Home Affairs, Basic Education and M3 Digital aimed to raise awareness on the effects and impact of cyberbullying, particularly among young people. The initiative was to ensure that all social partners played a role in crime reduction by encouraging learners to avoid involvement in criminal activities from an early age. Students also used the platform to educate one another about the dangers of cyberbullying, its harmful consequences, and ways it can be prevented.

FPB official, Ms Nosipho Dladla, delivered an insightful presentation on the different forms of cyberbullying and how it can be addressed within schools. She emphasised that cyberbullying can have severe consequences for those affected, including depression and in extreme cases, suicide.

She further cautioned that individuals involved in cyberbullying could face arrest and urged the police to play an active role in prevention initiatives.



Sergeant Sifiso Gwala addressing students on the impact of cyberbullying.



Ms Dladla from the FPB said that cyberbullying may have severe consequences such as depression, which can ultimately lead to suicide.



Some of the students and teachers who attended the programme.



Students visited the GCIS information stand to access information on government services.