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Gender-based violence outreach
By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Love Life, in partnership with Endumeni Operation Sukuma Sakhe stakeholders, has called for action against perpetrators of violence against women and children in Dundee. An awareness outreach was held at Mpumelelo Stadium on 16 May 2019 where young people from the area were taught about various forms of abuse. “It is true that the violence carried out is often directed at women and children. As Love Life, we are pleased to be in the centre of prevention. Now is the time for action; together we can move to create a society where women and children are safe in our homes, schools, work places and communities,” said Ms Daisy Nxusa.

Attendees were reminded that gender-based violence can be both physical and emotional. The awareness campaign was also used to teach young people about life skills that are needed for them to become successful.

Stakeholders included the departments of Justice and Constitutional Development, Social Development, Education, Health and a life coach, Mr Eugen Mahlangu.

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Young people attending the outreach.

The Department of Health employees rendering services to young people during the outreach.
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Luthando Mthembu said:
“We heard a lot of talks about gender-based violence and we are going to mobilise young women to fight the scourge of violence.”

Mlondi Mhlongo said:
“We, as young men, should be in the forefront to protect women.”

Sthembela Majola said:
“The awareness was very helpful to us as young people. We are going to join our government in the fight against gender-based violence.”
Youth exposed to career opportunities

By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo

Tuesday, 14 May 2019 was an exciting day for Grade 12 learners of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality in Sekhukhune, Limpopo when the municipality's Youth Office organized a career expo at Ester Maleka Comprehensive School. This is an annual event where tertiary institutions and government departments gather under one roof to provide career guidance and information to learners from schools in the area.

Institutions that took part in the event include Umalusi, the South African Defence Force, Sekhukhune TVET College, Eskom, Nedbank, Old Mutual, the manufacturing skills education training authorities, Transport Education Training Authority, the South African Democratic Teachers' Union, Tshwane University of Technology and the University of Johannesburg (UJ).

Lerato Tjiane, a Chartered Accountant graduate from the UJ, gave the learners a roadmap on how students from disadvantaged rural areas can succeed in tertiary institutions. "I got myself focused throughout my whole seven years of study at the university and that helped me not to fail even a single year," said Lerato. "We need to use these leaders to reach our dreams," she added.

The Mayor of the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Councillor David Molaodi Mothogwane, thanked the institutions for sharing knowledge and giving exposure to the learners. He encouraged learners to apply for job opportunities that are created by government.
Good Green Deeds Clean-up Campaign
By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

Anza Nefale said:
“Thank you to all the stakeholders and community members who came together and cleaned our municipality. We encourage community members not to throw litter into illegal dumping sites. Together we can keep Emakhazeni clean.”

Bruno Williams said:
“I am happy to be part of the Good Green Deeds Campaign and I hope the rest of the community will follow when they see us cleaning our beautiful town, we need more volunteers and I hope this will be continued.”

The Nkangala District Municipality, in partnership with Emakhazeni Local Municipality, Government Communication and Information System, Department of Environmental Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs, Community Work Programme, Independent Electoral Commission, and community members embarked on a Good Green Deeds campaign, on 23 May 2019, to clean Dullstroom and Sakhelwe communities.

Emakhazeni Municipality Chief Environmental Officer, Nefale Anza, urged the public to keep the environment clean and educate others about recycling and the danger of illegal dumping. “People have animals here and if we continue with illegal dumping, the livestock will contract various diseases, which might also affect communities; let’s keep our environment clean,” said Anza.

The community cleaned illegal dumping sites, streets and water drains. Community members asked the municipality to fully implement by-laws and bring to book those who are found dumping litter in undesignated areas. The municipality offered to assist residents with a recycling programme, starting with local schools.

Community members cleaning and clearing water drainages at Dullstroom.
Skills development programme for the youth of Ratlou
By Thulaganyo Gaserotse: GCIS, North West

The Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Ratlou Local Municipality telecentres was held on 31 May 2019 at Thutlwane Community Hall. A total of 72 graduates received national certificates in Information and Communications Technology (ICT): End User Computing which is accredited by the Media, Information and Communication Sector Education and Training Authority.

The telecentres were established by the Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa and transferred to the Ratlou Local Municipality which then provided an opportunity for young people in the community to apply for this skills development programme. The graduates for the 2019 programme were from the Kraaipan, Tshidiliamolomo and Setlagole telecentres.

The community expressed gratitude as they witnessed the youths sealing the first step of their academic journey. Graduates thanked the local municipality for giving them the opportunity to further their studies, citing that there are no Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges in their areas.

The Ratlou Local Municipality telecentres Manager, Lesley Muji, said he was happy that the municipality is leaving an indelible mark in the lives of youth through the training. Multinational Conglomerate, Samsung, donated a computer lab to the Setlagole telecentre, while Harmony God Mining Company donated computers, printers and a server to the Kraaipan telecentre.