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OUTCOME 14: A DIVERSE, SOCIALLY COHESIVE SOCIETY WITH A COMMON NATIONAL IDENTITY.

Langa Baptist Church hosts women's breakfast to commemorate Women's Day

By Zusiphe Mtirara: GCIS, Western Cape



Reverend Sipho and Nini Zondi at the event.



SEDA officials at the event.

The leader of Langa Baptist Church women, Nini Zondi, encouraged fellow women to believe in their potential and move away from stereotypes.

"As the church we want to empower women to move from the stereotypes that their place is in the kitchen and the belief that they are the weaker sex. We want all women to be empowered and be aware of the potential they possess," she said. She was speaking at the 6th Annual Women's Breakfast held at Langa Baptist Church to commemorate Women's Day on 9 August 2016. She said the event has improved and has attracted 2 700 women from all around Langa and nearby areas.

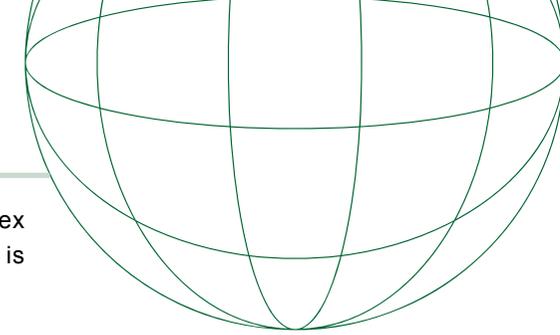
"Our goal is to empower women to take charge of their lives to go out there and upskill themselves and be part of the country's economy," she added.

Dressed in jeans and white tops, the women enjoyed being served breakfast by men of the church and listened to words of motivation from different speakers.



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Speaking on behalf of Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), Provincial Manager Alex Qunta said lack of business management skills in the black communities is one issue that is hindering the success of the upcoming black entrepreneurs.

He advised all aspiring women entrepreneurs to visit SEDA offices for business development services such as advice, drafting business plans and assistance on getting funding.

“Gone are the days where women were encouraged to start catering and dress-making businesses, this is a different era and we are encouraging women to tap into the mainstream economy. This is not a time to be procrastinating but to act and change that dream into a reality,” he said.

Anele Vusani said she was very happy that she was able to attend the breakfast this year.

“I am so happy that I could attend the breakfast, sometimes all you need in life is to hear somebody else telling you that you can make it. It really makes sense when motivation comes from someone who has been where you currently are in life. I wish more women could come to events like these because women of this country are faced with lots of challenges,” she said.



Ncediwe Qomoyi said:

“I am very happy about what I have witnessed today, the number of people who came out. What stood out for me was the number of people who gave their lives to the Lord for the first time. The speeches were uplifting, many times as women we are seen as the weaker sex. Today I am convinced that all women left the venue knowing that they can be anything they want to be.”



Zanele Ngaba said:

“I am very happy that we had such a fruitful event. I was here when it started and I am so delighted by its growth. It is very good that more women have shown interest in being empowered and be brought closer to God. Today I learned that I should not underestimate myself and my potential, and also not to let my past interfere with my present life and future.”



Some of the women at the event listening to a presentation.



Baptist Church men serving breakfast to women at the event.



Dr Tumi sharing his praise song with all the women in the church.



OUTCOME 2: A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS

Dialogue to educate learners about diseases

By Peter Titus: GCIS, Western Cape



Learners from the Hex Valley community queuing for government information at the event.



Willem Olivier explained to a group of learners about medical male circumcision.



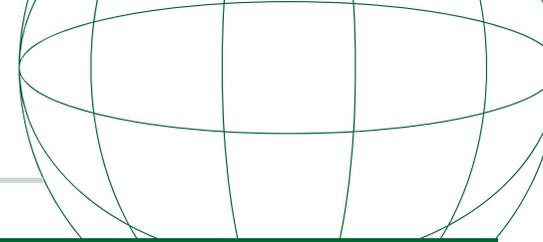
Grade 12 learners from the local schools and the audience attended the event.



Jevon and Natasha presenting on HIV and antiretrovirals as part of their focus group discussions.

Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Breede Valley Department of Health and Cape Winelands Sub-district of the Department of Health, Anova Health Institute and the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Institute (SATVI) hosted three activities on 25 July 2016. The event included a local mall activation in Wolseley and two dialogues at Wolseley and Hex Valley secondary schools. The aim of these activations was to ensure that young people are informed about HIV and AIDS, address the stigma attached to the disease and to disseminate relevant information regarding tuberculosis.

The dialogue in De Doorns at the Hex Valley Secondary School got children showing interest in learning more about topics such as HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and medical male circumcision. The learners participated in the dialogue, and from the report-back session, it became evident that much needs to be done to ensure that young people in De Doorns receive relevant information regarding different diseases. The school principal invited the presenters back to engage with the entire school, as teenage pregnancy, and HIV and AIDS is a matter of concern in the De Doorns community.



Victoria Moabinyane said:

“As a volunteer at Itireleng Community Advice Centre, I have learned today that there was a lot of information we did not have as a centre and as a woman, and I will definitely keep calling the GCIS for more information.”



Molehadi Khokhozela said:

“Today I have learned that as women we need to visit the clinic regularly even if we think it is a minor problem.”

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

Information sharing session for women

By Fatima Modise: GCIS, North West



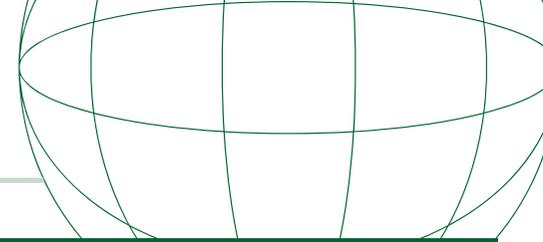
Women from Rekgarathhile listening to a presentation.

On 10 August 2016, Government Communication and Information System in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, held an information-sharing session for women at Rekgarathhile Township in Stella with Itireleng Community Advice Centre, Department of Finance Enterprise and Economic Development, community development workers (CDWs) and home-based cares.

The session was influenced by the environmental scanning, which was performed by the local CDWs who have noted that most women still do not know where to report abuse cases and get support or advice. It was also discovered that most of them still think that the only way to have an income is through applying for a child support or disability grant.

The department’s official shared with the women, ideas to save the little that they have for their needs by staying away from telephone contracts where they just agreed without understanding and ended up with money debited from their accounts, and many other consumer rights that always affect them and ended up being devastated as they are in most cases breadwinners.

Itireleng Community Advice Centre members were advised to continue organising sessions of this nature regularly to keep women informed and developed. “The GCIS presentation on women fact sheet has opened our eyes, we never realised that as women we are afraid to start or approach opportunities, we still belittle ourselves,” said the centre members.



OUTCOME 8: SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF HOUSEHOLD LIFE.

Government brings hope to local residents

By Reki Skosana: GCIS, Mpumalanga



Magdalene Nkosi said:
“I am very happy with what government did to me. I can now watch the news from other countries without any glitches, I am truly grateful.”



Martha Mabena, Minister Faith Muthambi and other government officials during the Digital Migration Awareness campaign.



Martha Mabena standing in front of her television after the installation of the dish at her home.

Two households that were identified for the installation of free set-top boxes during an event preparing for the Presidential Siyahlola Monitoring visit at Kwaggafontein in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality were happy to see their television sets in a clear mode. The event took place on 28 July 2016 and was a result of the promise made by the Minister of Communications, Faith Muthambi. The Minister made the visit on the 28 July 2016 in Kwaggafontein to Magdalene Nkosi and Martha Mabena’s households to fulfil the promise she made during the preparations of the Presidential Siyahlola Monitoring campaign. They were delighted to move from analogue to digital mode and this brought hope to them in terms of service delivery.