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OUTCOME 3: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE

Government prioritises road safety

By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



MEC Wenzile Thusi interacting with a traffic officer on the vehicle roadworthiness during a road-block campaign in Harding.



MEC Wenzile Thusi interacting with a motorist about the importance of road safety.

The KwaZulu-Natal Ugu and Harry Gwala district municipalities participated in the Road Safety Campaign from 16 to 18 October 2017.

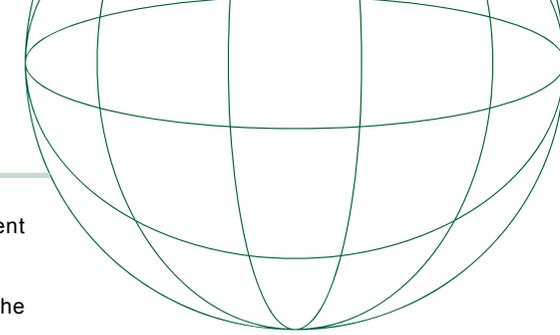
The campaign seek to raise awareness on safe ways of road usage and also promote law-abiding citizens.



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The municipalities fully embarked on the campaign, joining the national government and the Department of Transport. This region is well known for its tourist attraction sites.

Officials embarked on separate road blocks in both districts with the aim of alerting road users about the importance of adhering to the rules of the road and also being safe.

The campaign was conducted on various roads of the region and in strategically identified taxi ranks. This was done to reach out to many road users and commuters.

MEC for Social Development, Weziwe Thusi, encouraged motorists to stick to the rules of the road and tolerate one another.

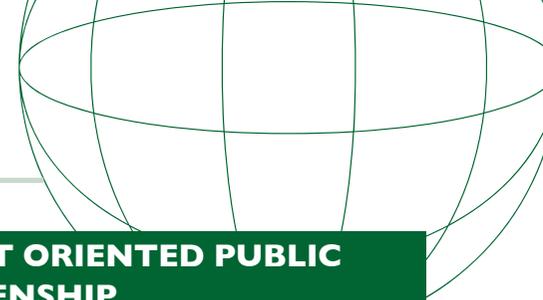
MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Ravi Pillay, visited Ixopo and encouraged road users to report all forms of lawlessness and ill-discipline by other road users.



Ubuhlebezwe Municipality traffic officers ensuring that road users are complying with the law.



MEC Ravi Pillay interacting with road users during the Ixopo road block.



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

Government pledges to assist ex-miners

By Masego Motshidisi: GCIS, Northern Cape



Don Gabaathole said:

“Some of our parents died without receiving even a cent. Some of them sustained injuries but were never compensated.



John Mophuthalekgetho said:

“We are facing a lot of challenges as ex-mineworkers. People do not treat us well because they think we have fallen from grace, thinking we do not have money anymore.”



Deputy Minister Godfrey Oliphant addressing the audience.

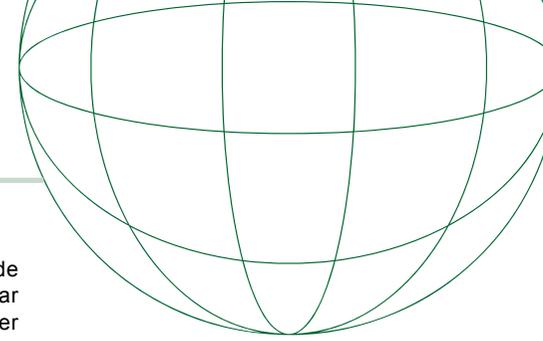


The Department of Labour's Compensation Fund rendering services at the event.

Mineral Resources Deputy Minister Godfrey Oliphant held an Imbizo with former mineworkers on 10 November 2017 in Pampierstad.

The Deputy Minister addressed over 4 000 retired and retrenched miners in and around the communities of Phokwane Local Municipality concerning compensation and medical examination benefits owed to them.

The event was also aimed at addressing socio-economic challenges faced by ex-mineworkers in the province due to lack of information about their benefits.



Ben Stuart said:

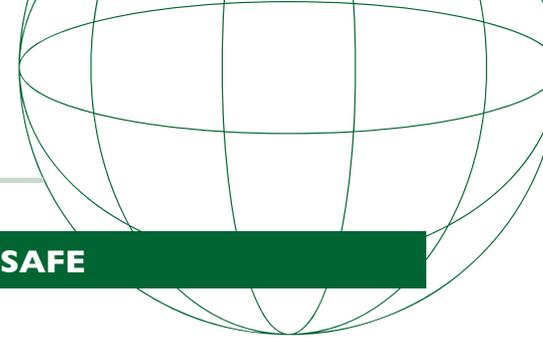
“I am glad that the Deputy Minister came to tell the people about the compensation of mineworkers since we have also been telling people about.”

Deputy Minister Oliphant informed them about the register for ex-mineworkers, which will be made available at the municipality. He also asked them to verify their names and also check if they appear on the register. The Deputy Minister stated that advancing beneficiation and giving back to former workers what is due to them was an integral part of radical economic transformation.

The Department of Labour’s Unemployment Insurance Fund committed to intensifying its drive and plans to pay all ex-mineworkers.



Some of the ex-mineworkers and their families at the event.



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March against crime, drugs and violence

By *Todani Livhuwani: GCIS, Mpumalanga*



Lebogang Madisha said:

"I am happy that this march will play a big role in our area. Children are smoking nyaope so these interventions are necessary to reduce crime in our area. Criminals will run away and the community will stand together to fight any criminal activity, including the serious challenges of drugs."



Lucy Ngwenyama said:

"I am grateful to all people who organised the march. As an elderly person, I am not safe here. I hope that after this intervention, crime will decline and police will be able to arrest these criminals as most of them are known."



MEC Busi Shiba, officials from the South African Police Service and the Department of Correctional Services signing the pledge to fight against crime.

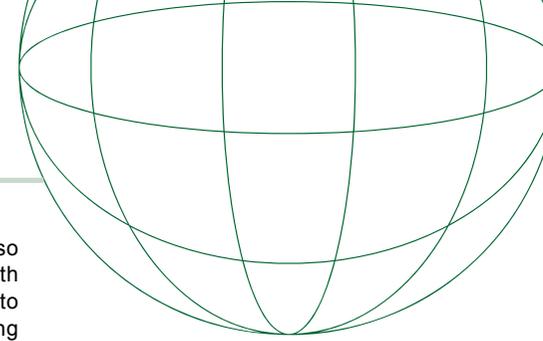
The Provincial Department of Social Development, led by MEC Busi Shiba, joined forces with the Nkangala District Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster department, civil society organisation, government departments, non-governmental organisations and the community of Vosman in Emalahleni to march against crime and gender-based violence. The march took place on 7 November 2017.

Vosman Community Policing Forum Chairperson David Makgetloa emphasised that the area was experiencing a high rate of drug abuse with drug lords having taken over communities.

"We are happy that the MEC has joined us in conducting this march, we have a big problem of drug abuse, school children dropping out of school and domestic violence. We urge citizens to partner with government to report any criminal activities and create a safer environment in order for our communities to thrive," he said.

An official from the Department of Justice further expressed his appreciation on the decision to have the National Prosecuting Authority prioritising all cases involving the abuse of children and people with disabilities, and ensuring that the culprits are brought to book.

MEC Shiba stated that with the recent statistics released by the Minister of Police, government would mobilise all stakeholders and civil organisations to stand up against crime.



Khensani Ramaputla said:

“There are lots of cases of gender-based violence happening in our area and most of the victims do not report to protect their families. I hope today most victims will come forward and report violence and the criminals that are walking around free must be arrested.”

“Crime cannot be left to the attention of the police alone. In light of the month of November also being a Disability Rights Awareness Month, the Department of Social Development invited people with disability to join the march, and fight against any form of abuse. A pledge to commit stakeholders to the fight against crime was also signed where officials agreed to work with all stakeholders in ensuring that we live in a crime-free South Africa,” said MEC Shiba.

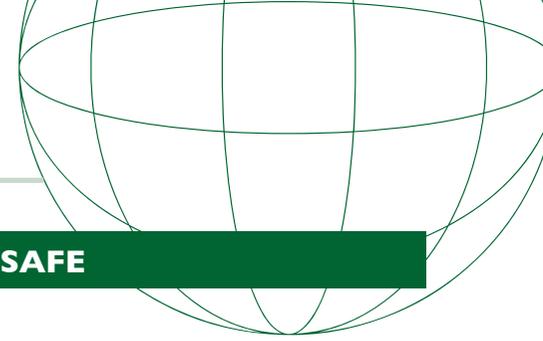
Various government information material was distributed, including the *Vuk'uzenzele* newspaper.



Community members marching against crime.



Members of the community supporting the march against crime, drugs and gender-based violence.



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Communities march for no violence against abuse

By Lehlohonolo Manoto: GCIS, Free State



Lefa Thabana said:

“I learned that we must report when parents abuse us and that we must also report all the wrong things we see in our communities to the relevant authorities.”



Dikeledi Saidi said:

“I appreciate the information on how children must be raised and also when women were advised to report any form of abuse in our families and neighbourhood to police and social workers.”



Thato Radebe said:

“Real men do not rape. That is my message.”



Puseletso Mehlo speaking at the event.



Community members marching to the police station.



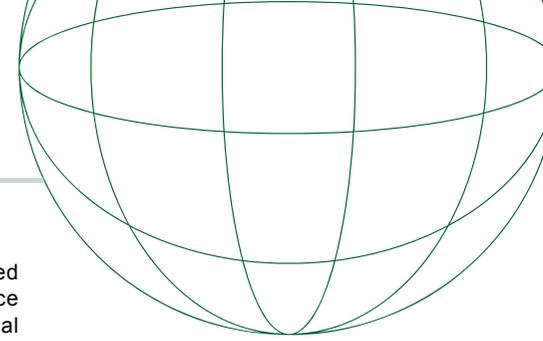
Wilfred Chatpatso addressing the audience.



Children and the community members handing over their memorandum to Captain Lefu Rasenyalo.



The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) embarked on an awareness drive in the Free State to mobilise communities in the build-up to the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children campaign, which will run from 25 November to 10 December. The event took place on 9 and 10 November 2017 respectively.



Tankiso Sefatsa said:

“We are grateful for the information shared here at our school. We also appreciate the fact that the government has chosen our school for this important event. We have learnt a lot from different government departments including information on people with disability.”



Dikeledi Bokhatsi said:

“We must go back to the times where children were not playing till dawn. Many of these incidents would not be happening. Children must listen and obey their parents. Elderly men must stop running after children and also stop abusing them.”

Marches and dialogues were held in all the districts in the Free State where communities participated and showed support for the campaign. The dialogues addressed issues such as gender-based violence and also violence against children and people with disabilities. The audience then marched to the local police station where a memorandum was handed over to the police.



The communities of Kutlwanong and Rasebei marching against the abuse of women, children and people with disabilities.



Ntombi Caba said:

“The dialogue and march come as a result of high domestic violence case taking place around the farm. The community needs the education and information on gender-based violence and also on the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children.”



Andries Mohale said:

“I am happy that the rights of people with disabilities are taken into consideration.”



Dipuo Letsie said:

“The information that was shared today was very much helpful as it opened the eyes of many people to act against any kind of abuse.”



Mosele Nthako said:

“I am glad that government is also paying attention to people with disabilities. I hope this march will create awareness that gender-based violence is not a good thing.”