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

Mandela Day brings changes to Mayisha Secondary School

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga



MEC for Education Reginah Mhaule and District Director of Education at Nkangala District during the Mandela Day event at Mayisha Secondary School.



MEC Reginah Mhaule presenting school uniform and shoes to Mayisha Secondary School learners.



Different stakeholders painting the school.

In making every day a Mandela Day, the MEC for Education, Reginah Mhaule, Nkangala District, Dr JS Moroka and several stakeholders spent their 67 minutes and more days to renovate Mayisha Secondary School. Their gesture began on 14 July 2017. The school was built in 1970 and it has never ever received any facelift. It was also burned during a service-delivery protest last year. Despite its infrastructural challenges, the school is among the best-performing ones. MEC Mhaule visited the school on 2 March 2017 and she promised to renovate it even though it was not in the list of schools to be renovated in the 2017/18 financial year.

Parents and school governing body (SGB) members appreciated the work done by all stakeholders who joined hands to make the project a success. The team put a ceiling, lights, flushing toilets, renovated library, paved and painted the building

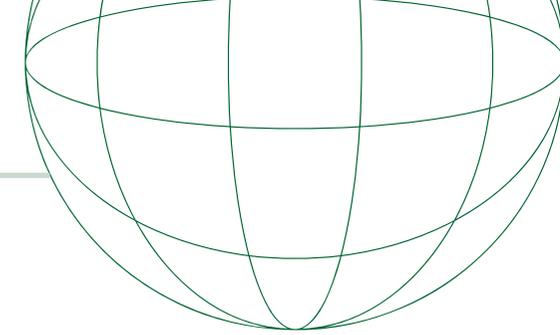
"We promise all of you that the school is going to be safe in our hands, we are going to protect it and clean it regularly. We are also promising good results from all grades," said Solly Aphane, chairperson of the SGB at the school.



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An official from the CN Mahlangu TVET college said, "I am happy today because parents saw the skills that our college specialises in and we urge them to encourage learners who are interested in these skills to come to the TVET college and get the skills so that they can have their own companies. The TVET is not for slow learners as most people claim."

Learners and communities were requested to exercise their rights to protest but also not burn property as this delays and hamper progress. MEC Mhaule commended the Road Accident Fund for donating R250 000 that was used to purchase renovation materials, the CN Mahlangu TVET college, who brought their students to showcases their skills.

The Nkangala District Mayor Linah Malatjie promised to buy new furniture for the principal's office. Various media houses such as the Moutse Community Radio and *Mpumalanga Press* covered the event.



CN Mahlangu TVET college and MRTT students showcasing their skills by paving the yard of Mayisha Secondary School.



MEC Reginah Mhaule, Nkangala District Mayor and MEC for Sports, Norah Mahlangu-Mabena, packaging the new books at the new library of Mayisha Secondary School.



MEC Reginah Mhaule and Dr JS Moroka Mayor Gijimani Skosana, and sponsors donating sanitary towels to learners.



MEC Reginah Mhaule and Dr JS Moroka Mayor Gijimani Skosana presenting a certificate of appreciation to the Road Accident Fund.



David Napo said:

"I am happy about the renovation. It was bad during winter as the windows were broken and no ceiling. It was very cold but now we are going to study hard without problems."



Wonder Ndlovu said:

"I am very happy today to celebrate Mandela's legacy by spending time to renovate my school and I want to say to all men and parents who abuse children and raping them: Please note that such things are not what Mandela fought for. I am saying "No" to gender-based violence."

Andile Jiyane said:

"I am in Grade 12 and I was little demoralised about the environment we were studying in. I am happy today that the legacy of Mandela brought us a library to our school, thanks to all stakeholders."



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Mandela Day event opens doors to unemployed villagers

By Doctor Marebane and Neo Tsebe: GCIS, Limpopo



Community members at the vegetable garden.



Deputy Mayor Zukiswa Tonisi directing the programme.

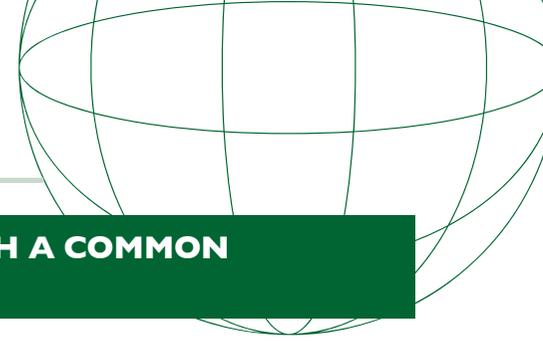
Nelson Mandela spent 67 years serving the country with dedication, love and warmth. His role in community development did not go unnoticed countrywide and globally. As a way to commemorate Madiba's work, the Moletjie Thusong Service Centre joined the whole world to do what Madiba loved most on 18 July 2017. The event was observed under the theme: #ActionAgainstPoverty.

The day was graced by the presence of Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mmakoma Makhurupetje, Capricorn District Executive Mayor, John Mpe, Polokwane Executive Mayor, Thembi Nkadimeng, Limpopo First Lady, Margaret Mathabatha, GCIS Strategic Management Chief Director, Zuki Potye, and representatives from Samsung, South African Breweries (SAB), Old Mutual and other stakeholders visiting the Bahlaloga Tribal Authority to greet and pay homage to Chief Moloto the third.

From the tribal authority, they visited Moletjie Thusong Service Centre where the E-waste Management project, initiated by Samsung, was launched. The project will empower the youth of Moletjie with much needed skills.

The event further showcased value-added projects such as gardening, sewing and handwork implemented at Bahlaloga Gardening Project and Ikageng Centre for the Elderly. Samsung donated electrical appliances to the centre and to an elderly woman who celebrated 107th birthday this year. Other donations from the SAB, Old Mutual, South African Social Security Agency, Eskom, Moletši FM, Capricorn District and Polokwane Municipality include food parcels, blankets, shoes, gardening tools and seedlings, chairs at a centre for children with disabilities, and paint.

The dignitaries also assisted in painting Moletši Clinic, Moletši Disabled Centre while others collected garbage along the roads. Some of the activities included planting vegetables for the Bahlaloga Gardening Project at Moletši Clinic and donation of food parcels and children's clothing items by Eskom.



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Kutloanong community comes together to honour Mandela Day

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State



Gavi Tshiwa said:

“I am just happy I could help Gadihele because she cannot do this on her own.”



Malefu Aau said:

“It feels good to be able to help another person rather than sitting at home doing nothing.”



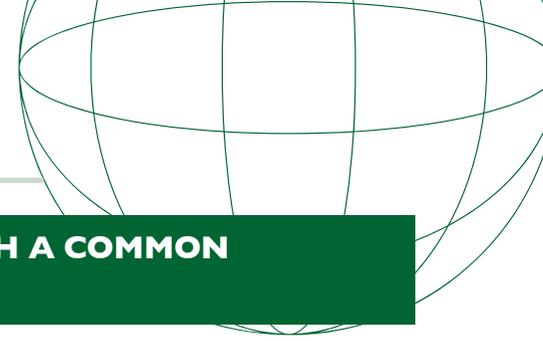
Community members cleaning the salon in Marotholi building in Block 5.

The Nelson Mandela International Day campaign urges individuals, groups and corporates to pledge 67 minutes of their time on 18 July, and every day thereafter, to give back to communities. It gives South Africans and the world an occasion to honour the ethos of former President Nelson Mandela. The Dream Girls Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Kutloanong aims to empower women to be confident, skilled and independent. The NGO organised stakeholders and community members to clean a hair salon of Gadihele Molale, one of its volunteers, who has been diagnosed with kidney failure at the age of six. She is now 36 years old. Gadihele is a talented young woman who is business oriented. The NGO decided to renovate her hair salon as Gadihele has been struggling to open the salon due to the bad state that it was in. Lebo, the manager of the NGO, said they chose to assist Gadihele as they saw her determination of not wanting to give up in life because of her medical condition.



Sina Segalo said:

“I heard about this initiative on Facebook and I feel good that I am able to change someone’s life.”



Anelisiwe Ntebe said:

“I want to do town planning when I pass my matric and I think these mobile labs are going to assist us and this is going to improve the standard of our education in the Eastern Cape, especially mathematics and science.”



Anele said:

“I appreciate what the Minister has done for us. Now we are going to have the same knowledge as the other children who are in urban areas. She is a good example of a leader who is doing exactly the words of a famous poet who said: “Talk the talk and walk the walk.”

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Minister reaches out to rural schools

By Tabita Ngqunge: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Teachers, learners and academics at the University of Fort Hare during the official handover of the science laboratories.

The world observes Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July every year to remember the efforts that Madiba made in changing the world. The day, has over the years, given all the people in the world an opportunity to emulate and continue his service to humanity. It has in turn also made a lot of impact and brought real change and relief to millions all over the globe.

As part of celebrating this remarkable day, the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula in partnership with Armscor and the University of Fort Hare (UFH), handed over mobile computer laboratories to rural Eastern Cape schools. Speaking to learners and teachers during the official handover, the Minister said, “Our hope is for every learner to have a solid education and we believe that such intervention programmes go a long way in empowering learners to reach their full potential”.

For over a century, the UFH has represented the values of determination to service and building excellent leaders who serve the people.

“As we gather here today, we celebrate not only the birthday and life of Nelson Mandela, as father of our free nation, but the deep connection he has shared with the University of Fort Hare and its core values, and therefore today we come here to continue building on the ethos on which Nelson Mandela had based his life while contributing to a cause he championed, a cause to which this institution has dedicated more than a century of its work, the universal access to higher education for the disadvantaged communities in our country,” said Minister Mapisa-Nqakula.

She also commended both the Armscor and the Department of Defence and Military Veterans for choosing UFH to launch and unveil the contribution to building traction in technology-oriented education in previously disadvantaged institutions of higher learning. In closing, the Minister strongly emphasised the importance of education, especially mathematics as the technologies of today require those subjects. “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,” she concluded.