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

Mandela Day brings joy to Maphiniki family

By Karen Foutie, GCIS, Northern Cape



MEC Williams donating bicycles to make it easier for learners to travel to school and back.

Northern Cape MEC for Transport, Safety and Liaison, Pauline Williams, commemorated Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July by handing over a temporary shelter to a family of six that stayed in a dilapidated house, bicycles to learners and many other gifts to residents of Maphiniki Village under the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.

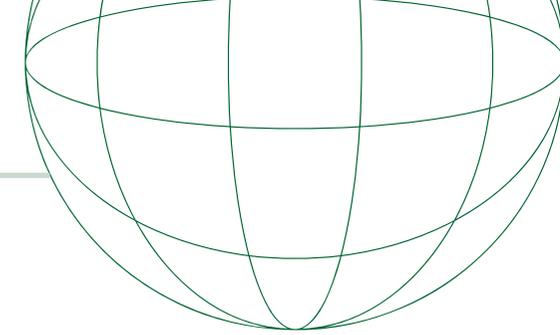
The Kaketso family of six lost their home in a storm that hit Kuruman recently. This left them without shelter and basic needs. The needs of the household were identified by the tribal authorities. Victoria Kaketso, 57, expressed her gratitude to the aid provided by government, state-owned entities and other stakeholders. She said she never thought that someone would come to her family's rescue. According to her, it was never easy to find shelter for her two children and three grandchildren. She was overwhelmed as MEC Williams handed over the temporary shelter which has electricity.



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Individuals and stakeholders donated beds, bedding, food parcels, toiletries and basic kitchen equipment to the family.

The MEC addressed more than 200 people to raise awareness on road safety, human trafficking and crime prevention. Information stalls were erected to allow the community to engage with officials on their information needs.



The temporary shelter given to the Kaketso family.



The Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison exhibiting the bicycles and reflective strips to be handed over once the schools reopen.



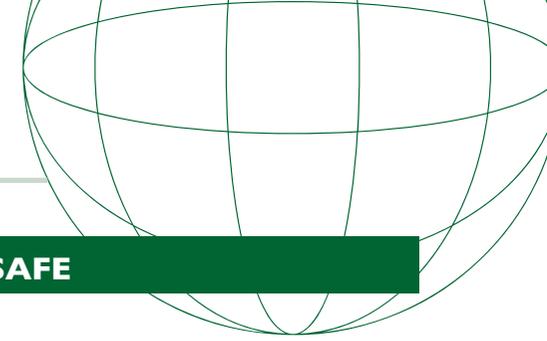
Wonder Ndlovu:
“I am very happy today to celebrate Mandela’s legacy by spending time to renovate my school and I want to say to all men and parents who abuse children and raping them: Please note that such things are not what Mandela fought for. I am saying “No” to gender-based violence.”



Gladys Teteme:
“It is a good day. To see a family who has lost everything in a storm helped by the community is amazing. It is nice to know that government cares the way Madiba did.”



Amelia Kolberg:
“I am so thankful that I can be here today. I managed to get help from Home Affairs and I think this is what Madiba left for us. We get services, the MEC is here and we got the information. The youth have so many opportunities and they must make use of them, and that is what Madiba wanted.”



Thobeka Ngubeni:

“No one has the right to abuse me, I have the right to be protected from abuse.”



Amogelang Motlokwa:

“Education and awareness are key in preventing and stopping GBV against women and children; the community will know what to do and where to go to assist victims or if they are abused themselves.”

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

Community march against violence affecting women and children

By Tinyiko Molefe, GCIS, Gauteng



Itumeleng Nyongwana addressing the community about his role as a young man in fighting against GBV and discouraging it.



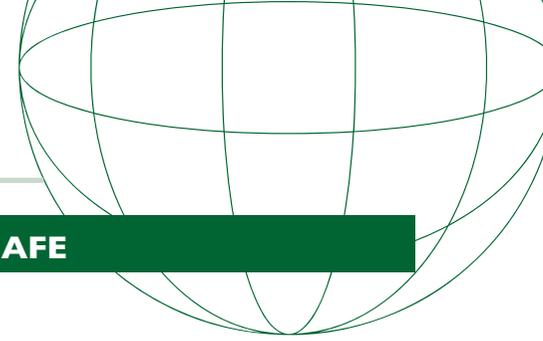
Learners and officials marching against GBV.

In light of recent attacks on women and children, the GCIS, in partnership with the Department of Social Development in Ekurhuleni, marched against Gender-Based Violence (GBV). The purpose of the march was to raise awareness and discourage GBV.

“GBV is the most extreme expression of unequal gender relations in society and a violation of human rights, and it happens everywhere. It can be stopped by educating our kids at an early age,” said social worker Amogelang Motlokwa.

Amogelang emphasised the importance of raising awareness on GBV to the community at large.

Itumeleng Nyongwana said that GBV happens within our communities and that everyone must contribute towards fighting against it. He said, “As a young responsible man, it is my responsibility to protect my fellow community members and my family from abuse by reporting GBV perpetrators.”



Nomzamo Nhlebela – Dundee

“Since it is Youth Month, we appreciate the fact that our government is caring for us. We understand that the level of crime is created by poverty, substance abuse and being economically inactive. Crime does not pay and we wish to work together with the SAPS to fight crime in our areas.”



Sanelisiwe Phakathi – KwaSithole Area

“We have learnt that we can volunteer as young people to fight crime. Today’s youth day celebration is very motivational. We wish government can continue to do such programmes that unite us as young people so that we are actively involved in the community and positive social activities without being exposed to drugs and criminal activities.”



Senzo Ntombela – Craigside

“As a young person I feel motivated to be part of the June 16 activities celebrated countrywide. Our 1976 youth fought for the abolishment of teaching in Afrikaans in all their subjects. Today’s commemoration makes us proud that we have heroes and heroines who fought for our education system.”

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

Youth against crime

By Thandinkosi Zulu, GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



Constable Mbense from Dundee SAPS with the young performers.



The dancers at Craigside Hall.



Attendees at Craighall who were addressed by stakeholders.



Young people participating in netball at the event.



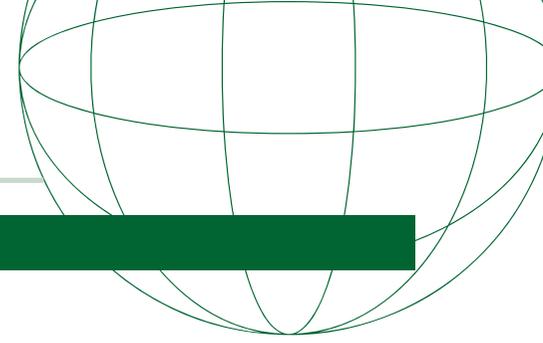
Government services were made available for the day.

Endumeni SAPS, together with the GCIS, recently held a successful dialogue with hundreds of young people, which was aimed at making a meaningful impact to the fight against crime.

The dialogue was held at the Craigside Hall and was followed by sporting activities such as soccer and netball. The dance performers of the day interacted with Constable Velabahleke Mbense. He advised them on how they could unite against crime around their areas.

Constable Mbense encouraged the local youth to unite and fight crime, and deal with social ills affecting their communities. “You can stand the ground and say no to drug abuse, no to substance abuse, no to violence aimed at women and children. You are no different from the youth of 1976 who fought against the apartheid system which forced them to study all their subjects in Afrikaans. Young people must lead the struggle against Woonga and theft to ensure that no juveniles are arrested,” said Constable Mbense.

The youth were encouraged to be positive about their future and to take their education very seriously to fulfil their goals of becoming successful individuals. On the other hand, young people were urged to deal decisively with peer pressure and to make wise decisions about their future.



A Durban University of Technology official explaining some of the courses offered at the institution and encouraging learners to apply for admission in time.



Bongekile Makhanya:

“Thanks to the Department of Higher Education and Training. This bursary will assist me to become an educator. It will help me to pursue my dream of studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education at the University of Pretoria.”



Thembelihle Mabuyakhulu:

“I am very grateful to receive this study bursary. It will assist me to realise my dream of studying Information and Communications Technology at the University of Pretoria.”

OUTCOME I: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

Youth receive bursaries on Mandela Day

By Bongani Mazibuko, GCIS, Mpumalanga



The GCIS stall displaying *Vuk'uzenzele* newspapers and *Public Sector Manager (PSM)* magazines. The youth were also told about the GCIS's role in government communications.



The GCIS Deputy Director in Mpumalanga briefly explained the role of the GCIS and what is contained in *Vuk'uzenzele*.



NSFAS was also present at the event.



A South African Graduates Development Association official explaining the role of the organisation in developing graduates and job placement for them.

The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, hosted about 5 000 young people during the Mandela Day Youth Imbizo in Secunda, Mpumalanga on 18 July 2017. Minister Nzimande was accompanied by the Acting Executive Mayor of the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Cllr Noliqhwa Nhlapho, and the Executive Mayor of the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, Cllr Florah Maboja-Boltman.

This was the Minister's flagship programme where he hosted an Imbizo with youth to discuss issues pertaining to higher education and training, and as part of commemorating Mandela Day by doing good for the less privileged.

A total of 83 young people received full-study bursaries to the value of R97 000 to pursue studies at universities of their choice. Institutions of higher education and training, universities, Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges, sector education and training authorities and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) were present to exhibit and provide much-needed information to the learners.



Blessing Morris:

“I am happy to be here at this career exhibition. We have already gathered a lot of information from the exhibition stalls.”