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## PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

### Gender-based violence awareness campaign

By Bongeka Nkwanyana: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

South Africa has witnessed increased incidents of Gender-Based-Violence and Femicide (GBVF), mainly against women and girls. Government is working tirelessly with various stakeholders in responding to the scourge of abuse, neglect and exploitation. On 27 July 2023, the Government Communication and Information System in partnership with Citizen Justice Network, Wits University Radio Academy, eMpingeni South African Police Service, Legal Aid South Africa, KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, Economic Development and Environmental Affairs and Phumelela NPO held a Gender-Based-Violence Dialogue at Port Durnford and Vulnerable Children Centre under uMhlathuze Local Municipality.

The purpose of the session was to provide a platform for the community to deliberate on different issues affecting women, men and children in the community. Issues such as Gender-Based Violence (GBV), gender equality, alcohol and substance abuse, social cohesion were discussed on the day. Different organisations shared information on various forms of GBV and existing structures to report cases. Community members were encouraged to use the services provided by government and various organisations to fight the scourge of GBVF.



Men discussing some issues that lead to GBV.



Women discussing GBV and how it can be overcome.



A stakeholder addressing community members.



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Online at:  
<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>  
Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.  
Via SMS by dialling \*134\*832#.  
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

**PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.**

**Women’s Month launch activation**

*By Sinoxolo Gqala: GCIS, Eastern Cape*

As part of launching the 2023 Women’s Month, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in the Amathole District in partnership with the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) and community development workers held a taxi rank activation in Centane under Mnquma Local Municipality on 4 August 2023.

“Accelerating socio-economic opportunities for empowerment of women”, the focus of the month is to empower women on opportunities that they can access different sectors of the economy including those in the oceans economy. The GCIS, working with stakeholders, used the activation to profile the opportunities in the oceans economy.

Women’s Month is observed in August in South Africa, where tribute is paid to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 against pass laws. Commemorated under the theme:



SASSA officials Neziswa Dwanya and Zovuyo Tetyane engaging with members of the public regarding social grants.



GCIS official Sinoxolo Gqala engaging with the public while distributing government information products.

## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Meeting of BRICS representatives

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Deputy Minister, Nocawe Mafu, in collaboration with the Mpumalanga Provincial Government hosted BRICS Ministers of Culture at the Kruger Gate Hotel from 20 to 21 July 2023. The Government Communication and Information System provided communication support, branding and social-media updates during the engagements.

The session was hosted under the theme: “BRICS and Africa: Strengthening Cultural Partnerships for post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and sustainable, inclusive development”. South Africa has assumed the Chairship of BRICS for 2023. Deputy Minister Mafu welcomed BRICS delegates to discuss and engage on issues around the strengthening of BRICS cultural partnerships for post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and sustainable, inclusive development.

During the session, the leaders adopted and signed a declaration where, among other things, reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the agreement signed between the Governments of the BRICS States on Cooperation in the Field of Culture in 2015 to; recognise the contribution of culture to the achievement of economic prosperity and enhancing people-to-people exchange, pledged to continue cooperation to further strengthen cultural bonding through the following: Affirm commitment to the establishment of the BRICS Working Group.

Deputy Minister Nocawe Mafu thanked all BRICS delegates for their attendance and signing the pledge of working together to enhance economic development.

Various artists and cultural groups exhibited their products and showcased their talents. The platform also create business opportunities to BRICS country as some received invitation to perform international through this BRICS innervations and the South Africa Government to be part of BRICS.

The Western Cape Nursing College has been participating the career expo in the Central Karoo for the last three years and highlighted that through this participation for the first time ever they have nursing students in all of their colleges from Beaufort West, Prince Albert and some of the other small towns in the Karoo.



BRICS representatives engaging and signing a pledge at Kruger Gate



Some of the exhibition stalls at the Kruger Gate Hotel displaying their products.



**Bornwise Khosa said:**

“I am a fashion designer focused on African design and I thank government for funding and giving me opportunity to be part of BRICS as I will be able to market and sell my products to different international countries.”



**Christina Mahlangu said:**

“I am a fashion designer and an artist for Ndebele products. I want to thank our government for the support. I can sell my products globally and this was done through the department that creates social media to sell our product globally and South Africa being part of BRICS we are going to benefit more as I am already approached for many order on my products.”



**Deputy Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation, Andrei Malyshev said:**

“This is an important opportunity for us as members of BRICS to exchange our position on arts and culture as we are exposed and learn more about different cultures.”

## PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Summit focuses on agriculture

By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS, Gauteng

Sedibeng District Municipality hosted the Agri-food summit on 19 July 2023 under the theme: “Growing the region’s economy through agriculture, with the purpose of creating a platform that will be used to share research, findings and developments that can assist the country to deal with challenges in the agricultural sector”.

The summit is one of the efforts to create enabling engagements between cooperate farmers, large and small scale farmers, businesses and all the three spheres of government and key stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

Sedibeng District Municipality Mayor Lerato Maloka said, “We aim to introduce agricultural innovation systems that will stimulate growth in agro processing, logistics and peri-urban transformation in the Vaal area, our motivation is to witness growth in the municipality”.

Farmers were encouraged to foster partnerships that will assist in improving their businesses. Agriculture plays a vital role in the economy, as a result, delegates were encouraged to change their mindset of farming for survival to commercial farming.



Thoko Mngomezulu said:

“The summit assisted in sharing ideas on how we can improve our farming business.”



Leticia Mofokeng said:

“This summit made business easier for us as it cuts off the middlemen and allows us to interact with our clients as farmers.”



Delegates listening to presentations at the summit.



Alice de Jager, Mayor Maloka, Greg Makhubo and MMC Lulama Gamede noting delegates’ contributions during the summit.