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PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Multi-sectoral information sharing session

By Moloko Segale: GCIS, Gauteng

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) supported by the City of Johannesburg Health, the City of Johannesburg Human Settlements, Gender-Based Violence Brigade, Right to Care, South African Police Service, National Children and Violence Trust, South African National Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (SANCA), Special Investigating Unit and the Community Policing Forum held the multi-sectoral information sharing campaign at Cosmo City Shopping Centre, on 2 February 2023.

The campaign was organised as part of educating the community about government services and how to access them, and sharing information with the aim of addressing key interventions by government and civil society structures to challenges faced by the community.

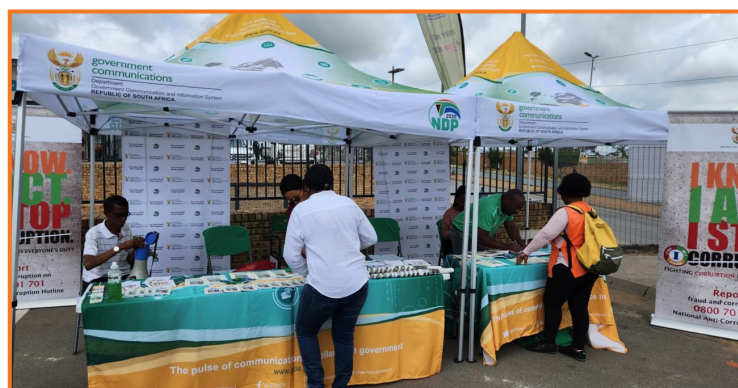
Among other things, the stakeholders conducted public education and awareness on corruption, sufficient law enforcement to ensure community safety, effective

health and social services and socio-economic development programmes aimed to address Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in communities.

In addition, the City of Johannesburg Health and Right to Care organised mobile services for measles immunisation and COVID-19 vaccinations respectively.

Organisations such as SANCA, National Children and Violence Trust and the Gender-Based Violence Brigade were available to address the impact of drugs and substances on cases of GBV and physical and mental health and how to go about getting help.

All other stakeholders involved informed the public of their roles, objectives and services rendered, and committed to ensuring that their services are convenient to community members.



Community members accessing information at the GCIS stall during the information sharing campaign in Cosmo City.



Cosmo City Community Police Forum engaging with community members during the campaign.



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Walter Nkawana said:

"I am glad I just got vaccinated for COVID-19, and that we get convenient services organised by the government. The other reason is that I got these services free of charge."



Norah Manamela said:

"My main concern is unemployment because I have to take care of my children and those of my siblings as we are all not working. Providing them with basic needs has been a challenge."

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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Government bursaries benefit students

By Pulane Motsitsi: GCIS, Free State

Every year, many matric learners who did exceptionally well in all their matric results receive the opportunity to become part of the top 100 achievers category in South Africa and get bursary opportunities.

The Government Communication and Information System recently interviewed Lerato Mpholo, a 24-year-old male from Mabolela Village in Thabo Mofutsanyana District, who was one of the learners who made their way into the category of the top 100 achievers in the year 2017.

Mpholo, who did his matric at the Beacon Secondary School in QwaQwa in 2016, got a bursary from the Free State Department of Health to study for a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree at Moscow Medical State University, in Russia.

He has been under the care and support of his maternal aunt, Mpho Mothibi, after his mother died a few years ago and will be completing his studies soon.

Learners who are part of the top 100 categories are often given first preference at any university they choose to study at.

After registration at Moscow Medical State University, Mpholo was provided with accommodation at the university. All his needs and wants such as food and clothes are covered by the Russian Federation Government.

Mpholo cited one of the advantages of studying overseas as “getting the chance to learn that particular country’s foreign language and learn the aspects of their culture”.

He strongly advises that all high-school learners study hard throughout, and ask for assistance where they do not understand.

“Learners need to give all their school subjects equal attention as all the school subjects are important for their educational development,” he stated.



Stakeholders engaging the attendees during the Central Karoo Rural Safety Summit.

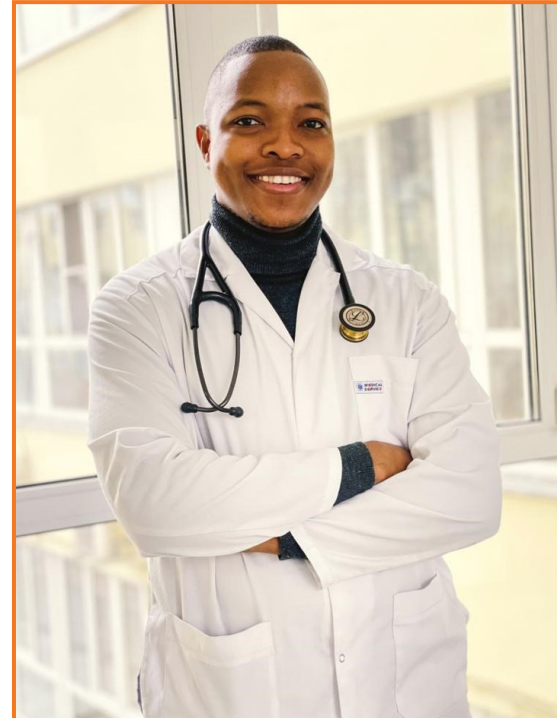


Lerato Mpholo performing surgery practical procedures on campus.



Mpho Mothibi said:

"Lerato has always been a very focused learner who made me believe that he would someday achieve all his goals. I give him support all the time because I want all the best for him. I am so proud of him because I know he will make a great surgeon one day and become a motivation to so many children."



Lerato Mpholo said:

"I have truly seen that education opens up so many opportunities and changes a person's entire life for the better. Even though I miss home, I love all the different aspects I have been learning and experiencing here in Russia. To all matriculants, please note that anything is possible if you invest your time and mind in it."

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Stakeholders discuss the speech

By Sinxolo Gqala: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System in Amathole District facilitated events before and after the Nation Address (SoNA) 2023 on-air panel discussions on 9 February 2023 at Keith Ngesi Radio.

The purpose of the panel discussions was to elevate citizen, community sectors and government engagement and participation in the SoNA.

Representatives from government and various sectors including the youth, women, business, and civil society took part in the panel discussions to take stock of, and discuss last year's SoNA commitments while stating their expectations of the upcoming SoNA.

Amathole District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Anele Ntsangani said the SoNA is an important programme of government as it informs the citizens on its service delivery and development goals for the year.

"The SoNA also provides transparency and accountability of the state to the public on its programmes, policies, achievements and shortfalls," he said.

The panel also held a post-SONA discussion wherein they analyzed the address by President Cyril Ramaphosa against their different sector expectations.

Reflecting on the speech, Lisa Zono, an emerging entrepreneur and an anti-Gender-Based Violence activist said, although the address touched on issues affecting the youth including job placement of unemployed graduates and an extension of social relief and distress grants among others, more was needed to address challenges of the small and medium businesses.

"There is still much needed to support to small and medium businesses as they continue to fail due to lack of funding among many challenges. We call on government to work speedily in resolving the energy crisis that is affecting small businesses and compromising public safety as criminals use load shedding to commit most of the crimes, especially in rural areas," said Zono.

The panellists included the Eastern Cape Development Corporation's Senior Manager for Corporate Communication, Nobulali Myataza, Qhamisa Tengile from the South African Youth Council in Amathole District and Dr Pedro Mzileni who is a lecturer for Politics and Sociology from the University of Free State.



Mayor Anele Ntsangani and Lisa Zono at the Keith Ngesi Radio Station.



Panellists reflecting and engaging on the speech during a radio discussion.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Police career expo for schools

By Lilly Mohlosana: GCIS, Limpopo

The South African Police Service (SAPS) organised a career expo for schools around the Capricorn District on 25 January 2023.

The expo was held at Seshego Stadium as part of the back-to-school programme and build-up towards National Police Day which is celebrated annually on 27 January.

Learners were exposed to different careers in the police sector and were further informed about the mandate of the SAPS in the country.

The public was entertained by different demonstrations ranging from the handling of a crime scene, the tactical team's rescue mission, and the disarming of a bomb.

The SAPS had different stalls where all departments of the institution, like the Risk Management and Integrity Management department which reports directly to the Deputy National Commissioner: Support Services, promote the integrity and ethical behaviour in the SAPS.

The SAPS Crime Stop department encouraged the learners and the public to download the My SAPS App, which is a free crime tip-off application.

The Hawks displayed the different ammunitions that the police force uses and explained each to the learners.

The Communication and Media Liaison section had on display the first woman uniform used in SAPS including the badges of rank and rank structure within the SAPS.

The SAPS Librarian informed the public and the learners that their library is open to everyone who wants to access the internet and make copies. Students who are in universities around Polokwane are allowed to use the SAPS library books for free.

Lethabo Moningi who came with a friend to this career expo said she did not know that the SAPS had a vast of careers. She said she was mostly interested in becoming a vet.

While she was at the veterinarian stall, Moningi was encouraged to continue to work hard as she is doing her Grade 12 this year. She added that the career expo was informative and introduced to so many careers that one can venture into within the SAPS.

During the visit to the engineering stall, Lesego Bopape from Taxila Secondary School asked if he can still work within the engineering department, even if he is not doing mathematics at school. Sam Pitjeng from the SAPS engineering team told him that he would have to go study at a Technical and Vocational Education and Training college that offered motor mechanics where he would need to get his N1 in Motor and Diesel Mechanics.

This career expo created an atmosphere that provided the Grade 12 learners and first-year students with opportunities that they thought were out of their reach.



SAPS exhibition at the career expo.



Learners visiting one of the many SAPS exhibition stalls at the career expo.



Lesego Bopape said:

"This was an informative event. All I saw when I thought of SAPS was the men and women in uniform but now I can see myself working as an engineer at the SAPS."



Lethabo Moninigi said:

"I was inspired by all the women who work in the police seeing that there are women veterinarians. I was really encouraged. This was an informative event."



Nelly Clear said:

"Choosing a career has been difficult for me but this event has inspired me to do more research and find what I love."