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## OUTCOME 2: A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS.

### Huge investment in healthcare

*By Jethro Grootboom: GCIS, Western Cape*

The Minister of Energy, Jeff Radebe, handed over the newly built Asla Park Clinic in KwaNonqaba, a dental unit at Alma Clinic in KwaNonqaba and the extensions to the D'Almeida Clinic in D'Almeida, to the community of Mossel Bay on 14 March 2019. The three healthcare facilities were constructed by PetroSA as part of their Corporate Social Investment programme, to contribute towards improving access to healthcare facilities.

The dental unit at Alma Clinic is now closer to the community, saving the community from travelling long distances to the provincial hospital to access these services. The D'Almeida extension has increased the service offerings of the clinic, which now include an in-house pharmacy and a consulting room. A total of R23.9 million was invested in the three projects.



The newly built Asla Clinic in Mossel Bay.



Minister Jeff Radebe, other government officials and community members at the event.



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#### Monique said:

"I am very happy about the clinic, which is opening today. The clinic will definitely bring relief to those of us residing in Asla Park, since we previously had to travel long distances to Alma Clinic for services. I am currently pregnant with my third child, and really appreciate the nearby clinic, to render the necessary health services to myself and the community of Asla Park."



#### Bhana said:

"I started working in the healthcare in 1966. I started working for the first Mossel Bay Municipal Health Clinic and moved to D'Almeida Clinic. I have been around and witnessed the opening of all two clinics, and I am happy to be part of the opening of the third clinic in our community. At the time of my retirement, I was the head of both D'Almeida and Amla clinics. I am still involved in healthcare today, and will continue until I leave this world."



#### Nombisa Seni said:

"I am one of the site managers for the contractor who built the clinic. At the time, the project was stressful, but it brought a lot of opportunities. Through the project, we were able to bring sub-contractors into the project that were not able to meet the requirements to tender or provide quotes for such a project. With the help of government and PetroSA, we were able to provide mentorship to sub-contractors by helping them with CIDB, labour, and tax and company registration. If you look at the companies that we helped, they are now grade 2 as per the CIDB, and are able to tender and do such projects themselves. The companies that worked on the project were able to employ youth, with 80% of them coming from these areas."





**Kamogelo Shumba said:**

"I am so excited because I can get information on school work from the library tablet or on my phone. All the information in the world is within reach, at my fingertips."



**Tshepang Mshaba said:**

"This event has enabled me to get information and skills on how I can use technology to access information and services that will help me achieve my future career and dreams."



**Khaya Tshambo said:**

"Technology is the present and the future. I am blind but through technology I can read and write in Braille. Thanks to government I have been trained, sponsored with five laptops and a Braille printer to train people to read and write."

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

### Library Week campaign in Matlosana

By Xolani Mndaweni: GCIS, North West

The Government Communication and Information System partnered with the Matlosana Library Services, Department of Basic Education, school governing bodies and the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality to conduct awareness campaigns on accessing library services, the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), voter education, skills and educational opportunities. The outreach took place during Library Week: 18 to 22 March 2019.

Over 2 500 people accessed government information and services at the event, with activities being conducted in mining communities, school holiday camps and at the shopping malls.

Community members and learners experimented and interacted with devices such as tablets, laptops, mini tabs and android cellphones. Mathapelo Puswe from the Matlosana Library Services said, "Heeding the call by President Cyril Ramaphosa during the 2019 State of Nation Address, we have brought tablets and other technological gadgets to introduce learners to the 4IR. Learners and community members also learnt that they could access the use of these devices for free at their local libraries. The Dr Kenneth Kaunda Municipality has free WiFi, which can be accessed at various hotspots throughout the district municipality."



Tshepo Taaibos, a Maths tutor, addressing hundreds of learners who were on holiday educational camp at Milner High school.



Mathapelo Puswe from Matlosana Library Services showcasing how to use the tablet and mini tab gadgets during a campaign at Klerksdorp Hoërskool.



**Distribution of information materials to commuters.**

## OUTCOME 13: A COMPREHENSIVE, RESPONSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM.

### Government reaches out to the public

*By Nomaxabiso Tata: GCIS, Eastern Cape*

During his visit to the Eastern Cape earlier this year, Home Affairs Minister Siyabonga Cwele indicated that the population register in South Africa could not be properly updated because of the backlog in the collection of identity documents. This causes a challenge in the planning and security of the nation. To bridge the gap, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) noted the need to continue to raise awareness about this matter.

The Government Communication and Information System, Independent Electoral Commission and the DHA conducted an activation on 7 March 2019 to raise awareness on uncollected identity documents in Mthatha and surrounding areas. Different service providers had stalls at a the Plaza Mall and completed the day with a walkabout at the Golden Egg taxi rank where they interfaced with members of the public, answering questions and sharing information.

The event targeted people who visit the city and do not get government information on a daily basis. The departments shared information on their respective efforts to mitigate some of the challenges faced by the community. Community members were also given information concerning the upcoming local elections.

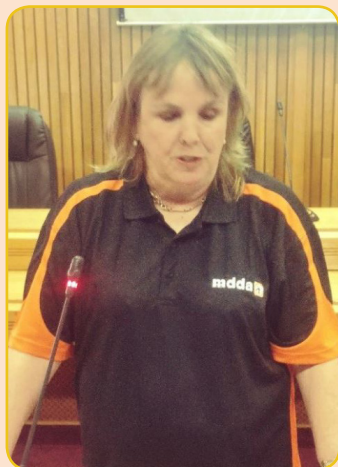


**Government officials interacting with community members.**

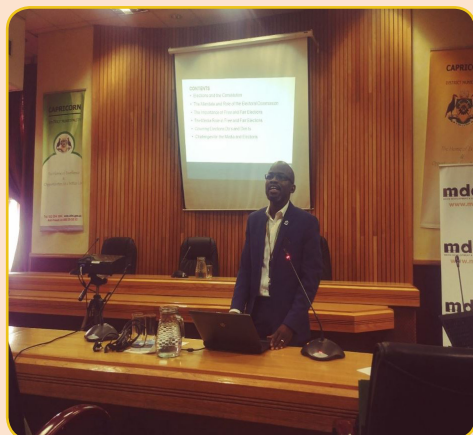


**Community members accessing information products.**





**Cheryl Langbridge said:**  
“The role of MDDA is to empower local media.”



**Makgabo Ramahlodi said:**  
“The role of the media is to report accurately, play the watchdog role before, during and after the elections.”

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

### Media engagement networking session

*By: Doctor Marebane and Kholofelo Mabotja: GCIS, Limpopo*

Community media is very important in the distribution of government information to members of the community. The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) and Capricorn District Municipality engaged both the print media and radio to discuss better ways to disseminate government information. The event was held on 12 March 2019 at the Capricorn District Municipality Council Chamber in Polokwane. The engagement was part of the District Communicators' Forum media engagement networking session.

Institutions such as the Independent Electoral Commission, National Electronic Media Institute of South Africa (NEMISA), Independent Communications Authority of South Africa and Media Diversity Development Agency (MDDA) attended the event. Community radio stations in the district that attended the session include; Moletsisi, Mohodi, Lebowakgomo, Botlokwa, Tshepo, Turf and Zebediela.

In his opening address, the MMC for Strategic Executive Management Services, Cllr Jara Masubelele, emphasised the need for the GCIS and the municipality to work together to empower and give guidance to community media.

“The election season is a very overwhelming period for community media, both broadcasting in urban and rural areas. Not every reporter understands the dynamics that comes with fair and balanced reporting without bridging professional media ethics during elections,” he said.

Doc Fick of NEMISA stated that their mandate is to empower local media on the Fourth Industrial Revolution, media convergence and digital transformation, transmission of content, production, audience involvement and consumption. He highlighted that community media is a stepping stone for young people to learn and also to benefit local entrepreneurs.

Delegates from different community media also raised their concerns and challenges that affect them at their respective media houses. One of those was local media's sustainability and support from government. It was proposed and supported that community media should be assisted with more training by NEMISA and the MDDA so that they are well positioned in the industry.



**Attendees at the event.**