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GCIS takes Freedom Month celebrations to Hammanskraal

By Sebjalo Rachuene; GCIS, Head Office

On 30 April 2025, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) Information Resource Centre (IRC) team partnered with the GCIS Tshwane team to conduct a Freedom Month campaign at the Selemela Sports Ground in Hammanskraal.

The GCIS team worked with Community Development Workers (CDWs), the University of the Witwatersrand Reproductive Health and HIV Institute (Wits RHI) and the South African National Civic Organisation to ensure that the event was a success. On the day, the Wits RHI provided community members above the age of 16 with self-test human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) swabs. The CDWs communicated government messages and raised

awareness around Freedom Month, gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) and other government programmes, and distributed GCIS-branded promotional material.

Community radio station, Moretele FM, was also there to broadcast the event.

Community members around Hammanskraal urged government to continue with such programmes, as they empowered them on issues such as GBVF and matters involving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex community.



Community members receiving government information material during the Freedom Month outreach in Hammanskraal, at the Selemela Sports Ground.



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The GCIS team and stakeholders engaging with community members.



The GCIS team and stakeholders distribute information material to community members.



Mr George Moeketsi from the GCIS and CDWs engaging with members of the community about government services.



Ms Bonisiwe Mahlangu:

"The session was beneficial to me. I got information about domestic violence and GBVF in general."



Mr Isaac Manyale:

"The session was informative regarding where and whom to report to when faced with acts of GBVF. Important contact details were also shared, and the traditional council also said a mouthful concerning their support to fight this GBVF pandemic."

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GBVF dialogue at Thembisile Hani Local Municipality

By Reki Skosana; GCIS, Mpumalanga

On 9 April 2025, the Government Communication and Information System in collaboration with the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Department of Social Development, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, religious organisations, traditional leadership, South African Police Service, AVBOB, MTN, CellC, Flare FM and civil society organisations, conducted a dialogue aimed at tackling gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), child abuse and crime-related matters affecting the municipality. The dialogue sought to empower the community with information and introduced relevant stakeholders to assist them report cases of GBVF.

The dialogue was well attended, and the community requested and pleaded with the government stakeholders present to conduct more information sessions to curb the scourge of GBVF in the area. During a robust question-and-answer session, important issues were outlined and relevant stakeholders promised the community to work with them to resolve their challenges, and encouraged them to report any acts of GBVF to the relevant authorities. Government information leaflets and promotional material were distributed to all who attended.



GBVF dialogue at Mandela village in the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality.

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G20 Conference benefits North West communities

By Fatima Modise and Thulaganyo Gaserotse; GCIS, North West

On 2 May 2025, the Department of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities (DWYPD), together with the North West Office of the Premier, held a Group of Twenty (G20) stakeholder engagement session at the MM Sebitloane Special School in Taung. The engagement aimed to solicit views, challenges and recommendations from disadvantaged groups and consolidate them to be presented at the (G20) Conference held in Sun City from 6 to 9 May 2025. The session was also arranged to sensitise communities around the G20 and how it was going to benefit them.

Present at the event were: North West Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Social Development (DSD), Ms Susan Dantjie; Executive Mayor of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality, Cllr Motseokae Maje; Advocate Joyce Maluleke from the DWYPD; Greater Taung Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Tumisang Gaoraelwe and traditional leaders.

A panel comprising traditional leaders, people with disabilities, women in business and youth was established to lead an upcoming dialogue, where final inputs will be consolidated into one report.

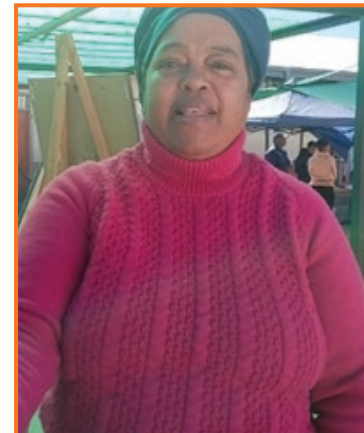
Kgosi Nyoko Motlhabane of *Batlhaping ba ga Maida* said, "I am grateful to be part of this event today, and since gender-based violence is a huge problem in Greater Taung, I pledge my support in fighting this pandemic. From now on, when a stranger comes to my village to request a site, whether it is for business or residential, I will take time to vet them to ensure the safety of our residents."

In her speech, MEC Dantjie mentioned that North West residents often assumed that the province was rural and not respectable; however, they had gained back their confidence by hosting the G20 Conference. "It is crucial for us as a nation to get our ducks in a row before we host other nations; hence, we are here today. We are focusing on four priorities right now as a country, namely: care policy, financial inclusion for women, gender-based violence and inclusion of people with disabilities. The DSD has a programme where they trained 50 youth to get their driver's licences, and they are acknowledging that people with disabilities were left out and would now be included," she said.



Ms Amber Letlotlo:

"I am at the G20 event at Taung, I am grateful for this opportunity to showcase my business."



Ms Rachel Mokhuloane:

"This event is important to me because I get to network with business and share best practices."

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Taxi rank activation raises awareness on G20 in Vredenburg

By Esmarelda Mckay; GCIS, Western Cape

On 11 April 2025, the Vredenburg taxi rank became a hub of information and engagement as the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), in partnership with the Early Learning Resource Unit (ELRU), hosted a successful Group of Twenty (G20) taxi rank activation. The initiative aimed to raise public awareness on the upcoming G20 Summit scheduled to take place in South Africa in November 2025.

Approximately two hundred G20 information packs including leaflets, were distributed throughout the day, sparking meaningful conversations among community members. Many locals were surprised to learn that South Africa would be hosting the significant global event. The team was met with great enthusiasm, especially from the youth, who eagerly asked questions about the G20 and its relevance to their lives.

Representatives from the GCIS and ELRU responded by sharing key facts from the leaflets and encouraging the public to visit the official G20 website for more detailed information. The activation not only informed but also inspired curiosity and dialogue around South Africa's role on the global stage.

The activation was well received, with the public expressing their appreciation for government's efforts, and successfully highlighted the importance of civic education and the value of bringing national conversations to local spaces.



The activation team comprising ELRU volunteers, was very excited to share information on G20 with the public.



Ms Bevine Trantraal encouraging members of the public to read the leaflet with G20 information.



Ms Jo-Nica Oliphant shares information with a member of the public.



Ms Chrizelda Soul encourages a member of the public to read the leaflet and share its contents with others.