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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

International Nurses Day commemoration

By Ntombi Mhlambi and Sekgaudi Nketle: GCIS, Free State

The Free State Health Montseng Tsiu commemorated the International Nurses Day in Welkom on 11 May 2022 where nurses were awarded and recognised for their tireless and invaluable contribution to healthcare and global health security.

During the event, Bongani Hospital in Lejweleputswa District Municipality was awarded as the best health facility in the province.

The MEC for Health, Montseng Tsiu, said nurses are leaders and have been at the forefront during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that they save lives, which is what leadership is all about. She also acknowledged the challenges facing nurses and cited government's commitment to addressing them.

In another celebration in the province, the Department of Correctional Services joined hands with all health and nursing stakeholders across the globe to celebrate International Nurses Day in Groenpunt on 12 May 2022.

The tone of the event was mainly on motivating nurses and honouring the role they played during the pandemic as frontline workers.

The Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa urged nurses to focus on the profession post-COVID-19 and further thanked nurses for the part they play in taking care of the sick on daily basis.

These were the same sentiments held by the Acting Commissioner of Correctional Services Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale. He further spoke about the working conditions that nurses in the department work under and the dedication they have for their job.

Furthermore, he urged nurses to continue working with the Department of Correctional Services to bear witness to the improvements that will be made for the profession in the space of nursing.

Nurses from all nine provinces attended this event and reiterated the oath they took when they stepped into their professional duties, dressed in their nurses' uniforms.

Nurses who lost their lives in the line of duty were also remembered and honoured at this ceremony.



Nurses being recognised for their outstanding work.



Department of Correctional Services nurses reiterating their Pledge of Service during their Commemorative Day at Groenpunt.



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Online at:
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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 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Workers' Month awareness blitz

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

As part of Workers' Month, the Government Communication and Information System and other stakeholders embarked on an awareness blitz on 12 May 2022 in Endicott, Ekurhuleni Metro in Gauteng.

The blitz was aimed at raising awareness on various careers and to share information about their workplace, job and the education and skills that are required for success in their career.

The activities of the day were designed to provide a realistic picture of the workplace, help youth to make the connection between school and the workplace, and inform them of career planning.

Government and business partners shared information about their workplace, their job, and the education and skills that are required for success in their careers.

Youth also learnt about the education required for entry into different industries and about participating in the local economy.



Youth visiting information stalls and listening to presentations during the Workers' Month awareness blitz.



Lindiwe Nkosi said:

"It is important for us as young people to get information that will empower us to know opportunities available for career development and entrepreneurship, given the high youth unemployment in South Africa."



Lerato Moloi said:

"Mine is to know more about entrepreneurship opportunities, especially both financial and non-financial support to small businesses so we can be employers than job seekers, which I believe is the only way for us young people to make meaningful participation and transformation of the economy."



Mandla Dlamini said:

"Youth needs financial support to their small businesses and academic funding to improve their socio-economic status and becoming key players in transforming the economy."



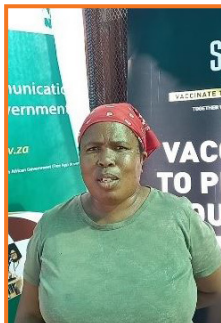
Nosakhele Mnyana said:

“I have already vaccinated and I will take my booster shot as soon as I am eligible for it. Programmes like this one will also be beneficial to the youth, as they are the ones who are mostly yet to vaccinate.”



Tebogo Kadisa said:

“I have been vaccinated for COVID-19, but never went for the booster shot because I did not see the necessity of taking it. After today’s programme and the information I received, I will definitely visit the clinic for my booster shot.”



Onkarabetse Motaung said:

“I am glad I attended this event. The Department of Health spoke about vaccination and other illnesses such as cancer, arthritis and sugar diabetes, which we should look out for as older persons.”

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 awareness in Pampierstad

By Mpho More: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System in collaboration with the Northern Cape Department of Health organised a COVID-19 awareness programme in Pampierstad on 12 May 2022.

The event was held at the Pampierstad Soup Kitchen, in the Phokwane Local Municipality, to sensitise community members about the rising COVID-19 positive cases and to remind people to take precautionary measures of protection.

The event was attended by mostly older persons, who were keen to take the message about vaccination and booster shots further, as they were already vaccinated and were mostly concerned about health issues.

All individuals who are fully vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine qualify for a booster dose 90 days after the second dose, and those who have received one dose of the COVID-19 Johnson & Johnson vaccine qualify to receive a booster dose of the same vaccine or a booster dose of Pfizer vaccine after 60 days.

This event was also an opportunity for the elderly to learn about other common elements of healthcare which could prevent other diseases from developing.

Health promoter, Lesedi Kesiamang, encouraged residents to do regular and general health checks to reduce morbidity and mortality.

She also encouraged the observation of non-pharmaceutical measures to prevent COVID-19.



Lesedi Kesiamang speaking at the event.



COVID-19 information leaflets were distributed to community members.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Gender-Based Violence and Femicide campaign

By Doctrine Netshikweta: GCIS, Limpopo

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thembu Siweya, supported by the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Thembu Nkadimeng, Limpopo Social Development MEC Nkakareng Rakgaole and Thovhela Vho Masia conducted a Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) awareness campaign and service fair on 25 April 2022.

The event took place at Vuwani community hall under the Collins Chabane Local Municipality in Vhembe District, and the leaders also conducted an oversight visit to the Vuwani Victim Empowerment Centre.

The aim of the event was to intensify communication awareness on issues around GBVF to the community of Vhembe District, which has been identified as one of the hotspots of GBVF across the country.

The service fair on the other hand was part of the service assessment aimed at closing the service delivery gap to the community.

The Vuwani community is notorious for the 2016 violence due to the community being against the municipal boundary demarcations. The protests had deprived the community of many forms of service delivery.

“As the government, our constitutional mandate is to ensure service delivery to the communities. Today we have learnt from the horse mouth the essential need for the Vuwani community. All, of which have been, raised here today the District Development Model (DDM) is eligible to address. We are hoping that with the DDM all those raised issues can be resolved in a speedy way as the DDM is the collaborative model, which includes all levels of government including the private sector to address the problems in the area,” said Deputy Minister Siweya while addressing the community of Vuwani and stakeholders.

She further urged the Vhembe District Municipality and Collins Chabane Local Municipality to align their Integrated Development Plans with the DDM to ensure that government indeed gives the communities what they deserved.

The government initiative of conducting GBVF and the service fair was highly appreciated by the communities and community structures as it gave them an opportunity to raise issues affecting their daily lives and also how GBVF can be addressed in their communities.



Deputy Minister Thembu Siweya addressing the Vuwani community.



A member of the South African Police Service interacting with community members.



Arnold Mulaudzi said:

“As community leaders, we are pleased that government is not showing us its back. Today, we are pleased that government is here to listen to our views while bringing essential services on our doorstep. This is proof that sharing views with government leaders will fast-track development around Vuwani.”



Mufunwaini Baldiwin said:

“As Munna ndi nnyi NGO, our focus is aimed at taking care of men issues across the district. We encourage men to be real men and condemn those men who still abuse women. We are hereby pleading with government to consider men’s forums the same way women’s forums are considered.”



Norman Mudau said:

“As Vhembe District Victim Empowerment, we work closely with government. The only challenge is that we do not have trauma centres where we can cater for our clients. As non-profit institutions, the money the traditional authority charges us to access sites for building trauma centres is too high. Therefore, today we are pleading with government to lobby support from the traditional authority to provide trauma sites for victim empowerment centres.”