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

Voter education and awareness campaign

By Robbie Senoelo: GCIS, Gauteng

As part of voter education in preparation for the 2024 National General Elections, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), in conjunction with other stakeholders conducted the voter education and awareness campaign on 22 May 2024 at Shoprite Centre Precinct in Atteridgeville, Pretoria.

The initiative was part of an effort to create awareness and mobilise the citizenry to go out and vote and to share information with members of the community on expectations during voting day.

The GCIS partnered with the Independent Communication Authority of South Africa, Public Protector South Africa and community development workers who shared information through exhibition, face-to-face interactions, distribution and digital online social media platforms.

At the end of the campaign, Maureen Mabasa from the Public Protector South Africa expressed satisfaction with community reception.

“Looking at all these election posters, the election season is truly in full swing and I am glad that messages and publications were well-received,” said Mabasa.



Titus Sebesho from Public Protector South Africa engaging with the youth in Atteridgeville.



The GCIS and other stakeholders engaging and mobilising community members to vote.



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Nancy Letsoalo said:

"We are here today because we are not working but I am definitely going to vote because I believe that my vote can make a difference. There are challenges but I still believe in the power of the vote."



Tebogo Padi said:

"I am torn between voting and not voting. As a young person I am struggling to find employment and I know some young people who are victims of crime. I hope for change."



Noko Serite said:

"I have given up looking for a job and now I am selling this and that but at least I am receiving child support grant for my two children, maybe I need to be grateful for that and I should go and vote."



Executive Mayor Mehloakulu said:
"No child must go to school without proper uniform."



Mayor Mocwaledi said:
"Let us use local municipal offices to report water leakages and sewer spillages so that you can be assisted."

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

Oversight visit aids service delivery assessment

By Yanga Ngcukana: GCIS, Free State

The Executive Mayor of Xhariep District, Irene Mehloakulu, visited Oppermaansdorp, in Letsemeng Municipality on a service delivery oversight on 30 April 2024. The purpose of the visit was to give the community a platform to interact with government on service-delivery issues such as water leakages, blocked sewer lines and sewer spillages, poor access roads and the Expanded Public Works Programme job opportunities. The Mayor of Letsemeng Local Municipality, Bonolo Mocwaledi, and senior personnel at both municipalities, was part of the entourage that accompanied the Executive Mayor.

Executive Mayor Mehloakulu tasked responsible senior managers to immediately deal with the issues the community raised. As a build-up campaign, the Executive Mayor visited the local tuckshops to monitor health compliance on goods they are selling to the people. The main programme was held at the Lutheran Church where 56 new school shoes, 22 blankets and 20 pairs of boots were donated to the needy elderly women and men. Government institutions such as the Department of Home Affairs, South African Social Security Agency and the Department of Social Development were also part of this programme and they provided services to the people.



Community members at the event.



The Department of Home Affairs providing services to the people at Oppermaansdorp.

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Commitments made bears fruits

By Dr Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

President Cyril Ramaphosa officially opened the Newlyn Park Bayhead Rail Terminal in Bayhead and the new Tetra Pak food processing manufacturing plant in New Germany in KwaZulu-Natal on 29 April 2024. Both these companies made pledges at the 2019 South African Investment Conference. President Ramaphosa applauded the Newlyn Group and its partners, C Steinweg Bridge and Access World, against the backdrop of COVID-19, July 2021 unrest and 2022 floods in eThekweni, for their perseverance.

“This illustrates what can be achieved when government and business work together,” said President Ramaphosa. The new terminal will expand the logistics capacity in the country and enhance global

competitiveness as part of the NATCOR trade corridor. Construction of the terminal created 4 013 direct construction jobs while the facility employs 1 000 full-time staff members. The Tetra Pak manufacturing plant is the only aseptic packaging producing plant for domestic use and export, in Africa. President Ramaphosa commended the Tetra Pak, an international company based in KwaZulu-Natal, for its support of government’s goals in driving innovation, promoting South Africa as an investment destination and promoting transformation in the economy.



President Ramaphosa, accompanied by Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Ebrahim Patel and Raj Balmakhun, CEO of Newlyn Group on a tour of the Newlyn Park Bayhead Rail Terminal, Durban.



President Ramaphosa and Premier Dube-Ncube engaging with staff members while on a tour at the Tetra Pak Food Processing and Packaging plant in New Germany.



President Ramaphosa and various stakeholders at the Tetra Pak.

PRIORITY 4: CONSOLIDATING THE SOCIAL WAGE THROUGH RELIABLE AND QUALITY BASIC SERVICES.

Jouberton community receives government services

By Rapelang Motlagomang: GCIS, North West

The community of Jouberton in the Matlosana Local Municipality was the latest to receive the North West Provincial Government accelerated service delivery programme Thuntsha Lerole. This comes after the third phase of the province-wide programme took place on 10 May 2024 at Extension 34 of Jouberton.

The provincial Thuntsha Lerole programme takes place each Friday at a selected municipality, while district and local programmes also follow suit in their identified areas. Service delivery to the people is at the core of the programme, where potholes are patched, drains unblocked, oversight on government institutions is done and other essentials are handed to the community. Led by the Acting Premier and MECs, the Thuntsha Lerole programme gives government an opportunity to engage the community through a feedback session where the progress of the day's work is presented.

Among some of the work was the oversight visit to Zamukulunga Secondary School, which recently received refurbishments after the flood damage. Road blocks on major roads and inspection of compliance status on tuckshops and taverns were also done. Various non-profit organisations also received cheques to help on their daily operations. Illegal dumping sites were also cleared on the day.

On his feedback address, the Acting Premier of North West, Nono Maloyi, said: "There are many projects within the municipality of Matlosana which are disturbed by the community members. There are various complaints mechanisms in place to raise dissatisfactions. We have engaged the police to help assist to protect all the contractors that are working in the municipality. We are aware that these disruptions might be caused by unemployment, however, work has to continue."

He further said that the community of Jouberton should join all the work creation programmes to avoid criminality and gangsterism. He said that the state is ready to fight criminality with all it has.



Acting Premier Maloyi at one of the newly constructed houses in Jouberton.



The community of Jouberton receiving an array of services from various government departments which were present at the Thuntsha Lerole programme.



The Folang Disability Centre receiving a cheque from the Acting Premier of North West.



Community members receiving social services from the Department of Social Development and the South African Social Security Agency.