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PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Government addresses community disputes

By Phiwokuhle Zokufa: GCIS, Eastern Cape

A total of 55 police officers will be deployed at Majola villages in Ports St Johns as part of government’s intervention to end community disputes and infighting that has led to over 50 homesteads and 97 houses burnt down and people killed. The disputes have led to other community members sleeping in the bushes fearing for their lives. The South African Police Service members to be deployed will be from different provinces.

Police Minister Bheki Cele and National Commissioner General Fannie Masemola visited the conflict-hit villages of Majola and had a closed ministerial stakeholder engagement with traditional and community leaders to better understand the conflict. Earlier in May 2023, an engagement with affected communities took place at Majola village.

Some of the interventions mentioned included the provision of a mobile police station as a temporary measure; a fully-fledged police station will be constructed from 2024.

The Minister highlighted the importance of ensuring that women and children are safe. The Minister also emphasised that collaboration is needed in the fight against the Majola fights.

“One of the key departments needed here is the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. There is a long list of bails. We want a police station to be built here, deploy intelligence unit and allocate additional resources to fight crime in our villages,” said Chief Meji.

He further stated that community members are afraid of reporting perpetrators, as they fear for their lives; therefore, the police should use the services of their intelligence unit to source information.



Minister Bheki Cele and National Commissioner General Fannie Masemola engaging with members of the public.



One of the community members making a suggestion on what should be done in the community.



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Via SMS by dialling *134*832#.
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Child Protection Week dialogue

By Cholo Mothibi: GCIS, Free State

The statistics of child labour and the abuse of children in South Africa are growing every day, which is very disturbing. It is for that reason that the Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Department of Employment and Labour and other stakeholders held a dialogue in a small town of Ikgomotseng in Soutpan on 30 May 2023 to focus on issues related to child protection.

The session was observed under the theme: “Let us Protect Children during COVID-19 and Beyond” with the aim of raising awareness of the rights of children. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) gave the stats of the population of Soutpan and compared it to the number of teenage pregnancies, which shows that teenagers are having children at a very young age and in great numbers.

As we are approaching the General Elections in 2024, Patricia Mangoejane used the platform to explain the importance of doing household head counts and requested learners to explain to parents the importance of allowing Stats SA into their homes during that time.

Lucia Tsolo from the Department of Employment and Labour communicated the statistics and explained child labour and its impact on society. The day was successful with the positive interaction of learners asking questions for clarity and giving practical examples to show that they understood the topic.



Lily Phukuntsi engaging with the learners on agricultural career opportunities.



Baesi Khuduga said:

"I am very happy that we received more information on child protection, especially on child labour."



Catherine Seepamore said:

"I learnt that as young girls we should be proud of ourselves and not get involved in sexual relationships prematurely."

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Learners receive tablets

By Livhuwani Todani : GCIS, Mpumalanga

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) in collaboration with Mpumalanga Department of Education donated 7 500 tablets to Letshele and Arcons to Oaks secondary schools in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on 18 May 2023. The beneficiary of the tablets are learners from grade 10 to 12 from both schools.

Senzangakhona Mkhwanazi, the Deputy Director-General for Curriculum in Mpumalanga, said Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane launched the Grade 12 Tablets Initiative for all Grade 12 learners in the 2022/23 financial year, with the plan to roll out the programme from grades 10 to 12.

“The partnership between the Stats SA and the Mpumalanga Department of Education is the step forward for the Premier’s dream to roll over the tablets to all our grade 10 to 12 learners in the province. We welcome the Stats SA for choosing Mpumalanga,” he said.

Calvin Molongoana, the Census Project Director of Stats SA, said this is not just a donation but the creation of a platform for learners to be active citizens as outlined by National Development Plan.

“As Stats SA, we are the first in an African country to develop digital platform for census as we want to go green and paperless in order to take care of our environment, we therefore challenge these young people with this digital platform gadgets to start creating programmes that we can use for our next census,” he said.

The principals and members of the School Governing Body welcomed the tablets and assured that they would take care of them and the school.



Calvin Molongoana and Senzangakhona Mkhwanazi engaging with the media.



Learners from Letshele and Arcons to Oaks secondary schools at the event.

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Career expo for jobseekers

By Tebogo Manyo: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Department of Employment and Labour hosted a career expo programme in Kuruman in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality from 25 to 26 May 2023. The event was held at the Thabo Moorosi Multipurpose Centre in Mothibistad in the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality. The two-day exhibition programme targeted unemployed people, youth and learners, and aimed to expose them to different types of employment opportunities and avenues that they can explore.

Employment and Labour Deputy Minister Boitumelo Moloi was the keynote speaker on the first day of the exhibition. She launched the Public Employment Service mobile buses, which will be used to register jobseekers on the department's Employment Services System of South Africa database. The career fair created an opportunity for work seekers to meet with prospective employers and other organisations that can assist with their placement in different forms of employment or learning opportunities.

Deputy Minister Moloi encouraged the youth to use the facilities to their advantage and stop paying labour brokers for placements. She warned them against choosing specific jobs and looking for high-paying jobs only.

"Youth must stop being selective on jobs because you will never know what you are good at until you try," she said.

She further encouraged young people to be careful of what they share on their social media platforms and encouraged them to remove any inappropriate content because some prospective employers use social media as criteria for recruiting suitable candidates.

The events were hosted in collaboration with government departments, Sector Education and Training Authorities, and the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.



Deputy Minister Boitumelo Moloi addressing the audience.



Learners interacting with exhibitors during the event.