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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Employment advocacy campaign

By Robbie Senoelo: GCIS, Gauteng

The Department of Employment and Labour in conjunction with a number of stakeholders hosted an Employment Advocacy Campaign at the Pretoria Labour Centre on 14 June 2022. The purpose of the session was to create a platform and link job seekers with prospective employers.

There were presentations and information sharing by officials from different entities such as the City of Tshwane's Economic Development Division, the Government Communication and Information System, Independent Communication Authority of South Africa, South African Revenue Service, Small Economic Development Agency, Skills College, Catalyx Holdings, Vincent Msiza Transport & Projects, SMAB Agency, South African Social Security Agency, Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority and Office of the Health Standards Compliance.

Information was shared through presentations, face-to-face interactions and the distribution of information products.

Addressing job seekers during the campaign, a representative from Vincent Msiza Transport & Projects encouraged the youth to consider becoming entrepreneurs who will create job opportunities and grow the economy.

He said, "While job opportunities in the formal sector continue to dwindle, there are so many opportunities in the construction sector, but be prepared to go and knock on different doors and sooner or later, a door will open. Never give up."



Elsie Cavanagh from the Department of Employment and Labour making a presentation.



Some of the participants who attended the Employment Advocacy Campaign.



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Puleng Molelekwa said:

"We are grateful for the information received but truth be told, youth unemployment is real, and it is painful. I wish the powers that be would treat this as an emergency and do something about it."



Eunice Makhatholela said:

"The main challenge that young people in business are facing is funding, or lack thereof. It is well and good to provide non-financial support but new enterprises need more than that, they need funding."

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Harbour upgrade in Saldanha Bay

By Esmarelda Mckay: GCIS, Western Cape

Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia De Lille and Deputy Minister Noxolo Kiviet visited the Saldanha Bay harbour in the Western Cape, on 7 June 2022, to inspect the recently completed infrastructure upgrades.

The upgrades to the Saldanha harbour form part of a major refurbishment programme to the 13 Proclaimed Fishing Harbours in the Western Cape, completed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in March 2022 to the value of R501 million.

The repairs and maintenance project was implemented at harbours in the Western Cape such as Lamberts Bay, Laaiplek/Berggrivier Harbour, St Helena Bay, Saldanha Bay, Pepper Bay, Houtbay, Kalk Bay, Gordons Bay, Hermanus, Gansbaai, Arniston, Struisbaai and Stilbaai.

The scope of work completed at the respective harbours is the removal of sunken vessels, dredging of the harbour basins, repairs to slipways, shore crane replacements, security, and civil and electrical infrastructure upgrades.

The Small Harbours Repairs and Maintenance Programme is aimed at bringing the harbours to a greater level of efficiency to revitalise the local economy, boost investor confidence and to serve the local fishermen, tenants and surrounding communities.

The programme also aims to bring the harbours to greater operational efficiency to assist the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment to carry out their mandate effectively with the enabling infrastructure provided by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure.

The economic spin-offs of the repair and maintenance programme will allow for further job creation and local economic development surrounding the 13 Proclaimed Fishing Harbours along the Western Cape coastline.

The project at all 13 harbours in the Western Cape created a total of 925 jobs of which 500 jobs were for the youth, and empowered local Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) to the value of over R116 million.

The bulk of the SMMEs are Level 1/2 BBBEE companies and were vastly spread, ranging from Lamberts Bay in the upper West Coast all the way to the East Coast at Stillbaai Harbour covering all 13 harbours.



Minister Patricia De Lille leading the official opening of the Saldanha harbour.



The Atlantic leader ship currently under construction at the harbour.

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

Imbizo delivers services

By Morena Motloun: GCIS, Free State

Following the Presidential Imbizo held in Bloemfontein on 9 April 2022, Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela led the Free State Government to a follow-up Provincial Imbizo at Mafube Local Municipality, Frankfort in the Fezile Dabi District on 20 May 2022.

The Imbizo sought to improve service delivery and assist the municipality to uphold its delivery mandate.

The delegation visited service delivery projects taking place in Mafube Local Municipality such as the Frankfort Poultry Farm, which is an egg project that was donated by the Free State Government to seven beneficiaries that are five women and two men.

This project produces 9 000 eggs daily and supplies the demand from Frankfort-based households and small businesses.

The second inspection visit included the opening and official handover of the newly refurbished Mafube Regional Hospital, by the Premier and the MEC for Health, Montseng Tsiu.

The hospital boasts, among other things the 24 hours emergency and casualty, 24 hours maternity services, paediatric services, general wards, pharmaceutical services, radiographic services, operating theatre services and 72 hours mental health services.

In addition, seven patient buses were also donated and handed over to the regional hospital.

Premier Ntombela and Members of the Executive Council also performed a sod-turning for a prospective school building project at Phomolong Section and a state-of-the-art Multipurpose Centre in Seabata Section, which are anticipated to be built in the near future.



Premier Sefora Ntombela and Members of the Executive Council during a walkabout at Frankfort Eggs Project.



Premier Sefora Ntombela, MEC Montseng Tsiu and Public Works MEC Tshedi Koloi officially opening the Mafube Regional Hospital.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Campaign tackles child and substance abuse

By Khanyiso Seyisi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Ulundi Operation Sukumasakhe, Ward 14 War Room hosted a Child Protection and Substance Abuse and Tuberculosis campaign at Njomelwane School under Zululand District in KwaZulu-Natal, on 23 May 2022.

This follows a string of incidents of child abuse, exploitation, drugs, and substance abuse, which happened in the area and ended up affecting the performance of the school activities.

Njomelwane School was plagued by school interruptions and absenteeism by learners, which have led to a decrease in the school pass rate.

It was for this reason that Ulundi Operation Sukumasakhe Ward 14 War Room decided to conduct an information-sharing session, to educate and create awareness among the school learners of Njomelwane School.

The War Room collaborated with the Government Communications and Information System, ward committees, Lifeline, and other government departments.

All stakeholders shared information in the form of presentations focusing on the children's rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the dangers of substance abuse and other social ills.

Immediately after the presentations by the stakeholders, the children were afforded an opportunity to reflect on the topics, which were discussed extensively.

Slindokuhle Mkhize, Lwazi Mbonambi and Nosipho Shangase had some testimonies and shared information messages related to the children's rights and encouraged other learners to be aware of their rights and refrain from using drugs and other substances.

School learners were encouraged to report child abuse at Childline South Africa at 0800 055 555.

For more information and assistance in fighting substance abuse, community members are encouraged to call the South African Depression and Anxiety Group's 24-hour substance abuse helpline on 0800 12 13 14.

Communities can also call the South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence on 011 892 3829 or send a WhatsApp message to 076 535 1701.



Njomelwane School learners at the event.