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PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Youth in Van Zylsrus exposed to economic opportunities

By Tebogo Monyo: GCIS, Northern Cape

On 15 June 2023, the eve of Youth Day, various government departments and agencies hosted an economic opportunities and service delivery outreach in Van Zylsrus, in the Joe Morolong Local Municipality. Organised under the South African Social Security Agency's (SASSA) Integrated Community Registration and Outreach Programme, the event aimed to reach communities in remote areas of the Northern Cape.

Youth in Van Zylsrus were exposed to economic opportunities being provided by government. Ms Nombeko Dibe, from the Department of Employment and Labour, encouraged the youth to take advantage of available economic opportunities. "As youth, you face many challenges of entering a severely constrained labour market with declining employment opportunities, but through our initiatives such as the Public Employment Services, you can register for job vacancies and other work opportunities. We also facilitate the placement of work seekers with employers or in other work opportunities," she said.

The Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAERL) shared information about its Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP), which is aimed at reducing poverty by increasing food production initiatives.

Mr Otsile Molaolwe explained that the purpose of the CASP is to provide funding to emerging black farmers to achieve an increase in agricultural production. "The main outcome of the programme is an increased agricultural production of grains, livestock and horticulture at both household and national level. The programme also aims to reduce poverty and maximise job opportunities," he said.

Key stakeholders that rendered services at the outreach included the departments of Home Affairs; Employment and Labour; Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; DAERL; Government Communications (GCIS); South African Police Service and SASSA.



Some of the departments and agencies that shared information about economic opportunities.



The Department of Home Affairs also assisted young people to apply for identity documents.



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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Youth Day commemoration ignites spirit of generosity and care

By Lerato Setilo: GCIS, Free State

On 16 June 2023, the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture – together with the Free State Provincial Government – commemorated the 47th Anniversary of Youth Day in Bloemfontein under the theme: “Accelerating youth economic emancipation for a sustainable future”.

The commemoration aimed to encourage youth to make great efforts to achieve economic freedom. In his speech at the event held at the Dr Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein, Deputy President Paul Mashatile encouraged youth to draw inspiration from the youth of 1976, who demonstrated the magnitude and power of united young people to combat injustices. The Deputy President congratulated the Free State provincial government for investing in the education of youth.

The Youth Day commemoration was characterised by various activities that included the display of the Vitality Netball World Cup Trophy by the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma,

and handing over of netball kits to teams in the province. The Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development also sponsored Ms Tshepiso Matobaka, a young farmer, with 10 cows and one bull, and also provided R10 million to assist other young farmers across the province.

Exhibition stalls to empower youth with information belonged to various organisations, including the South African Air Force; Government Communication and Information System; Department of Communications and Digital Technologies; Industrial Development Corporation; United Nations SA; Construction Education and Training Authority; South African Qualifications Authority; National Student Financial Aid Scheme; National Youth Development Agency; Small Enterprise Development Agency, and the Banking Sector Education and Training Authority.



Minister Dlamini Zuma during a walkabout at the Youth Day exhibition stalls at the Dr Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein.



Some of the youth who attended the Youth Day event.



Lesego Joshua Bopape said:

“This was an informative event. I would love to be a forensic officer so I got the information I needed from the SAPS’s information stall”.



Lethabo Moninigi said:

“I was inspired by all the women who work in the SAPS and I was encouraged to see that there are women who are veterinarians. This was an informative Career Expo”.

PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Career Expo empowers youth with information on careers and bursaries

By Lilly Mohlosana: GCIS, Limpopo

The Government Communication and Information System, in partnership with the Bela-Bela Local Municipality (BBLM), recently commemorated Youth Month by hosting a Career Expo under the theme: “Accelerating youth economic emancipation for a sustainable future”.

The purpose of the event was to expose youth to information on careers and bursaries from tertiary institutions, and public and private sectors.

Various stakeholders at the event included the University of Pretoria; University of Venda; Tshwane University of Technology; Eskom; Howard College; National Youth Development Agency; South African Police Service (SAPS); departments of Basic Education (DBE); Health; Social Development; Public Works and Infrastructure; Employment and Labour; Forestry, Fisheries

and the Environment; Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development; South African Social Security Agency (SASSA); Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and loveLife.

The DBE, through the Funza Lushaka Bursary programme and in partnership with the Faculty of Education of the University of Pretoria, assisted young people interested in pursuing a career in teaching with real-time application and enrolment for the 2024 academic year.

BBLM Mayor, Cllr Gloria Seleka, encouraged the youth to access information on bursaries in various sectors and funding for small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) to improve their lives. The IEC encouraged the youth to register to vote during the 2024 National and Provincial Elections as they hold the change they want in the country.



Cllr Seleka encouraging youth to visit the stalls to access information on bursaries in various sectors and funding for SMMEs.



Mr Ramatlo said:

“It was an honour, opportunity and privilege to participate in this event that taught people about albinism. I will do anything to advocate issues related to the condition because sometimes it is not easy to gather people to a workshop, educate them and share knowledge about albinism.”



Ms Shiwe Rabela said:

“I always do my research on different types of health conditions and albinism is one of them. We have heard so many myths and stigmas. Today’s session made a huge difference, not only to me but also to other community members in terms of knowing and understanding albinism as a condition.”

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Information-sharing session promotes awareness of albinism

By Moloko Segale: GCIS, Gauteng

International Albinism Awareness Day is observed annually on June 13 to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide. Government Communications (GCIS) – in collaboration with the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) Health Department, South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and the South African Police Service – held an Albinism Information Session at Cosmo City Clinic on 14 June 2023.

This session focused on raising public awareness and understanding that albinism is a genetic condition and not an illness. Mr Sefike Ramatlo, a person with albinism, shared his knowledge, life experiences, myths, superstitions, discrimination, stigmas and beliefs regarding albinism. He highlighted the achievements of people with albinism around the world to show

that the condition cannot prevent them from living their best lives. It was emphasised that people with albinism are normal human beings who deserve to be treated equally with respect and dignity.

Albinism is an extremely rare, genetically inherited condition, resulting from lack of melanin pigment in the hair, skin and eyes of people with albinism, which causes vulnerability to sun exposure, which can lead to skin cancer and visual impairment.

Meanwhile, other health issues discussed at the information-sharing session included foetal syndrome, and cholera awareness and prevention.



From left to right: Mr Ramatlo sharing information on the experiences of persons with albinism, and Mr Lesiba Mphahlele from the CoJ Health Department talking about foetal syndrome, and cholera awareness and prevention.