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OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Exhibition boosts youth employment

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Young people collecting information products at the stalls.

On 13 June 2018, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) participated in the 4th annual Youth Jobs, Careers and Entrepreneurship Expo exhibiting at the Nasrec Expo Centre, in Johannesburg. The event was organised by the Gauteng Provincial Government from 9 to 17 June 2018. It comprised various stakeholders from government, its entities and the private sector.



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A GCIS official engaging with the public.



Young people searching for internships programmes.

The session sought to expose Gauteng youth to jobs and career opportunities and entrepreneurship programmes. The youth received various publications and information materials from different exhibition stalls. Young people also accessed and used the free Wi-Fi to connect as they were assisted by GCIS officials to access the circular of government vacancies through the www.dpsa.gov.za website on the Internet. The youth who visited the GCIS exhibition stall also received the Z83 application forms to be used when applying for government posts, while other youth applied for internship programmes, advertised by the Department of Water and Sanitation. Gauteng Premier David Makhura and Gauteng MEC for Education, Panyaza Lesufi, visited various exhibition stalls and engaged with the youth.



Lerato Serongoane said:

“The information received here today is very good especially about careers and clarification about the GCIS and the DoC, they used to confuse me. Government needs to have a youth desk in each and every department to involve youth in all programmes and decisions.”



Thabile Thabethe said:

“The information was helpful more especially the process of obtaining government vacancies circulars using the free Wi-Fi.”



Yolanda Mpokane said:

"I am glad that there is this activation here at our school today so that learners know more about how they can protect themselves at school and in the community."



Asemahle Ntola said:

"I strongly condemn violence against women and children, especially children because they get killed for nothing. Government needs to do something to protect us."



Lubabalo Sota:

"I am happy that there is this activation here today. It shows that government does care about children."

OUTCOME: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE.

School activation to protect children

By Dibandlela Nkume: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Walmer High School learners during the school activation.



Learners receiving information products at the event.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) initiated a child protection school activation at Walmer High School in Port Elizabeth on 1 June 2018. The event focused on raising awareness to learners about Child Protection Week and was conducted in partnership with local organisations, Masifunde Learner Development and Youth Empowerment Programme, and community development workers from the Walmer cluster.

Leaflets with information and facts on child protection were distributed. They contained information on contact numbers of institutions where children can call for assistance when their safety is compromised and even when confronted with life-threatening situations. The school headmaster, Lunga Dyani, appreciated this initiative and encouraged the GCIS to visit the school with such programmes from time-to-time as they afford the learners an opportunity to gain knowledge about environmental issues.



Sello Malefo said:

“I wish government can remove the age limit for the youth as most youth at 35 years old are still not sure of what they want to do in their lives.”



Lehlogonolo Chwano said:

“I received a lot of information from the NYDA on how to start a business.”



Keneth Busako said:

“I am just happy to be part of this digital migration event.”

OUTCOME 6: AN EFFICIENT, COMPETITIVE AND RESPONSIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

Minister relaunches digital migration

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

The Minister of Communications, Nomvula Mokonyane, relaunched the digital migration roll-out at Thabong Community Hall in Welkom on 14 June 2018. The primary aim of digital migration is to release valuable spectrum, which will be used to provide new services such as wireless and other broadband services. Minister Mokonyane also donated government subsidised decoders to deserving families. As part of celebrating Youth Month, the Minister presented certificates to 50 local youths who were trained to install government decoders in Lejweleputswa District Municipality. She advised the community to use their decoders responsibly and keep them safe. The Minister also encouraged the youth to register to vote in next year’s elections. The Department of Communications, its entities, and other stakeholders exhibited at the event, providing information to the community of Thabong.



Some of the young people who received accredited certificates as the installers of government decoders.



Minister Nomvula Mokonyane during a visit to one of the families that received a decoder.



Minister Nomvula Mokonyane doing a walkabout at the exhibition stalls.



Community members accessing information materials at the event.



Lucky Seekoie said:

"I am the chairperson of the artisanal miners. When I started here I was unemployed. That ground changed my life as I managed to find a diamond and sold it. I am very happy. Today marks the beginning of a history that South Africans can be proud of. We are now in a position to sell to bigger businesses and trade proudly."



Tshegofatso Maris said:

"I am happy about the outcome of this programme because I now know that my money is safe. I do not have to hide it under the mattress anymore. I have been mining for two years now, I have not found my gem yet, but I am positive that the ground will give me something one day."



Steven Thabomahapa said:

"I am from Warrenton and have been mining for about a year now. I am very happy. The mining permits mean that we will no longer fight or protest to dig. It means we can now bank our money without worrying about being arrested. We can now mine in peace and can take care of our families."

OUTCOME 10: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE WELL PROTECTED AND CONTINUALLY ENHANCED

Government provides permits to artisanal miners

By Masego Motshidisi: GCIS, Northern Cape



The signing over of additional 100 hectares of land donated by Kimberley Ekapa Mining Joint Venture.



Deputy Minister Oliphant presenting mining permits to the chairperson of the artisanal miners, Lucky Seekoie.



Some of the miners and stakeholders at the event.

The Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources, Godfrey Oliphant, handed over two mining permits to artisanal miners in Kimberley, Northern Cape on 7 June 2018. In addition to the permits they have received, the Kimberley Ekapa Mining Joint Venture (KEM-JV) donated 100 hectares of diamond soil for mining purposes during the Imbizo held at the Mayibuye Multipurpose Centre in Galeshewe. In return for their simple work of scraping the surface for diamond deposits using spades, shovels and sieves, the artisanal miners will have the opportunity to legally sell their discoveries through their trading company Batho-Pele Mining Cooperative on an open tender.

The handing-over ceremony follows the legalisation after clashes between the KEM-JV and artisanal miners over mineral and property rights. Deputy Minister Oliphant said that illegal mining could be combated and that the mining industry must turn around for the better. "This celebration proves that we can resolve the problems of South Africa by talking to each other," said the Deputy Minister.