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PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

GCIS hosts business and entrepreneurship workshop in Umdoni Municipality

By: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) hosted a Business, Entrepreneurship and Cooperative Capacity Building Workshop at Umzinto Town Hall in the Umdoni Local Municipality on 24 June 2026. The workshop formed part of the Milestones of Freedom campaign.

The session brought together entrepreneurs, members of cooperatives, young people, community stakeholders and government institutions. It focused on strengthening business skills, encouraging local economic participation and helping small businesses access financial and non-financial support.

Participants received practical information on identifying false and fraudulent information, consumer financial management, Small, Medium and Micro

Enterprises, cooperative support programmes, business compliance and strategies to build sustainable businesses.

The workshop was a platform for local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs to engage with government, financial institutions and development agencies. Participating stakeholders included Nedbank, the Independent Electoral Commission, KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), South Coast Tourism, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Community Development Workers and non-governmental organisations.

GCIS remains committed to sharing information that empowers communities, supports entrepreneurship and promotes inclusive economic growth.



Participants attended the Business, Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives Capacity Building Workshop at Umzinto Town Hall in Umdoni Local Municipality.



Mr Xolani Biyela from the KZN EDTEA shares information on environmental matters and business compliance during the workshop.



GCIS Regional Communication Coordinator, Mr Khanyiso Seyisi, shares Milestones of Freedom and Youth Month key messages during the workshop.



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PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Greenpoint residents access government services closer to home

By: Kgomotso Sentso & Mpho More; GCIS, Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in the Frances Baard District Municipality supported the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) Integrated Community Outreach Programme (ICROP) at Diamond Park Soccer Field in Greenpoint, Kimberley, on 18 June 2026. The programme aimed to bring essential services closer to residents.

SASSA ICROP takes social grant services directly to communities especially rural and far-flung areas, informal settlements and places where people struggle to reach SASSA offices. In Greenpoint, residents received information and support from SASSA, GCIS, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Sol Plaatje Local Municipality Indigent and Local Economic Development

unit, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Social Development, South African Police Service, EasyPay, ABSA and civil society groups.

GCIS also presented the Milestones of Freedom campaign, in line with President Cyril Ramaphosa's national launch of the initiative.

The outreach made it easier for residents to access services, resolve queries and receive support without having to travel long distances. Together, government partners are making services more accessible, responsive and people-centred.



SASSA Northern Cape Regional Executive Manager, Ms Karabelo Mojanaga, encouraged the community to prioritise children's well-being.



Community members attend the SASSA programme at Diamond Park Soccer Field in Greenpoint, Kimberley.



Community members engage with government representatives and receive services during the outreach programme held at Diamond Park Soccer Field in Greenpoint, Kimberley.



Mr Andries Oliphant:

"I attended the SASSA event and accessed government services. I also registered to vote with the IEC for the upcoming elections."



Mr Sipho Baadjies:

"I checked my voter registration details with the IEC because I am ready to vote. I want change in my community, especially in service delivery."



Ms Masego Mogapi:

"I went to go verify my details at the IEC because I am ready to cast my vote in the upcoming elections. I want changes in my community, especially service delivery."

PRIORITY 1: DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

Murraysburg youth gain business skills at Youth Cooperatives and Entrepreneurship Empowerment Seminar

By: Monique Warden; GCIS, Western Cape

Young people in Murraysburg received business training during a Youth Cooperatives and Entrepreneurship Empowerment Seminar held at the Department of Social Development Youth Hub in Murraysburg.

The seminar was hosted by the Government Communication and Information System in the Central Karoo, collaborating with the Western Cape departments of Social Development and Health and Wellness.

The initiative formed part of the Milestones of Freedom campaign launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 18 June 2026 at the Union Buildings in Tshwane. The campaign promotes active citizenship, youth empowerment and inclusive economic development for young people to participate in shaping South Africa's future.

The seminar brought together aspiring entrepreneurs, unemployed youth and members of local cooperatives for a day of learning, networking and information-sharing. Participants received guidance

on how to start, manage and grow a sustainable business, with a focus on the Cooperative Business Model.

Participants also learnt how to compile business plans, understand marketing basics and present effective business pitches. The presenters introduced digital tools such as ChatGPT and Canva to demonstrate how technology can support business planning, marketing and communication to increase competitiveness.

The seminar was interactive, with participants speaking to presenters, asking questions and learning about government support for young entrepreneurs.

Through such initiatives, government continues to support the youth by providing practical skills, information and partnerships to assist them create sustainable businesses and contribute to local economic growth.



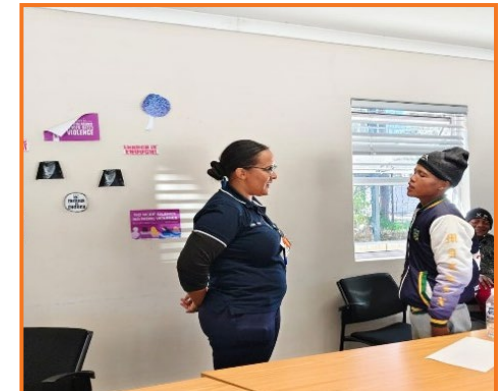
Young people from Murraysburg participate in the Youth Cooperatives and Entrepreneurship Empowerment Seminar.



Young women from Murraysburg work on a cooperative business plan during the seminar.



Participants share business ideas and proposed plans.



Participants present short business pitches, applying the skills gained during the seminar.

PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

GCIS Government Exhibition Day brings services closer to Dundonald community

By: Bongani Mazibuko; GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) successfully hosted a Government Exhibition Day under the theme: "A One-Stop Shop for Government Information and Services" at Dundonald Mall in the Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality, Mpumalanga, on 25 June 2026.

The Government Exhibition Day is an annual initiative held across all provinces to bring government services closer to communities; with Mpumalanga being selected as the host province for 2026. Dundonald was identified as the venue due to its strategic location and accessibility to surrounding rural villages.

The exhibition's aim was to give residents direct access to government information, services, support and assistance from different departments. Community members visited the exhibition to access information and services from national and provincial government departments, government entities, non-governmental organisations and the local municipality.

Business partners also participated in the event and offered their services to residents. These included FNB, Absa, EasyPay and many other organisations. Residents accessed services from key government departments and institutions including the departments of Home Affairs (DHA), Social Development,

Employment and Labour (DEL), Health (DoH), South African Social Security Agency, South African Police Service, Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, Border Management Authority (BMA) and the Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality.

Other entities and agencies present included the National Prosecuting Authority, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa, Independent Electoral Commission, Transnet, Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER) and Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust.

The exhibition provided an important platform for government, stakeholders and partners to engage directly with community members, respond to their concerns and deliver essential services from one convenient location. Through this initiative, the government reaffirmed its commitment to improving service delivery, promoting public participation and ensuring that citizens, particularly those in rural communities, have access to the information and the services they need.

The successful hosting of the Government Exhibition Day in Dundonald demonstrated the value of collaboration between government and the private sector in improving the lives of communities and strengthening relationships between citizens and the state.



Stakeholders including the departments of Basic Education, Justice and Constitutional Development and the DHA provided services and shared information with community members.



The DEL and the DoH provided services to community members alongside other stakeholders.



The BMA, Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs and Transnet were among the stakeholders participating in the exhibition.



Ms Portia Mhlanga:

"We appreciate the services that have been brought closer to us today. People are being assisted with services and information instead of having to travel to other places. Transport costs have increased, so we are grateful for this initiative."



Ms Masibulele Mndebele:

"I am Miss Mpumalanga 2026 and brand ambassador for the MER. My message to young people is that they should not ruin their lives by abusing alcohol. Please do not go to parties and drink alcohol. I also urge young people to avoid online gambling as it can destroy their future."



Ms Nomthandazo Nsibande:

"I would like to thank the government institutions that came to Dundonald to assist community members, especially Home Affairs. People are applying for birth certificates, passports and other services. This shows that our community is developing. Since we have a shopping mall, many organisations are providing services that people need."