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

Minister addresses water and sanitation issues

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

The Department of Water and Sanitation has committed more than R500 million to assist with sanitation challenges in Matjhabeng Local Municipality. The municipality requested government's intervention after experiencing a collapse of the sewage network and treatment plants.

On 2 June 2022, The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senzo Mchunu, visited Welkom where he met with the stakeholders in the municipality.

He said R150 million is immediately available to start the refurbishment of the sewage treatment plants.

The Minister apologised to the community for having been subjected to unhealthy living conditions which will now be a thing.

One of the identified priorities is to get water treatment plants and pump stations to functionality.

To ensure accountability, a committee was formed with different stakeholders that will report to the Ministry of Water and Sanitation on the progress of the projects.



Minister Senzo Mchunu addressing stakeholders.



Matjhabeng Local Municipality stakeholders who attended the meeting.



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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Municipality hosts fashion show

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

In an effort to boost the local economy, Msinga Local Municipality hosted a first-of-its-kind Msinga Fashion Show, which drew a number of fashion designers from the deepest rural areas of Msinga on 9 June 2022 at the old Tugela Ferry Bridge.

The fashion show, which was themed: “The Wedding Legacy”, showcased a lot of creativity. According to the Msinga Local Economic Development Unit, the initiative was aimed at enabling local fashion designers to market their designs and develop their talent.

“Today, we are hosting, for the first time, the fashion show from our young people of Msinga. We are pleased by today’s exhibition of talent. We hope this event grows, as it is part of our pillars to promote local economic development,” said Lihle Hlubi.

A number of community members attended the fashion show, which was addressed by Mayor Mletheni Ndlovu, who expressed his delight about the event’s success.

“Msinga has a high rate of unemployment and this initiative is aimed at ensuring that our people get involved in the economic affairs. For the past two years, the country has experienced COVID-19 restrictions where economic activity was limited. This project is one of the initiatives to ensure that we recover economically,” said Mayor Ndlovu.



Some of the young designers and models during the Msinga Fashion Show.



Kele Mahlakwane said:

"I am happy about the information that I received. I will share with others so that they can also improve their lives."



Lucky Letshele said:

"Now I know where to go to get business advice and funding. I hope this information will assist me to grow my business."

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Youth receive information on economic opportunities

By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS, Gauteng

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Gauteng Economic Development hosted an activation at Thabong Mall in Sebokeng, on 22 June 2022, with the purpose of raising awareness about available economic opportunities. Information on various business opportunities and how to access them was shared.

Phupu Mohlala from the National Credit Regulator urged the youth to register their businesses to be able to apply for funding and government support.

Consumer rights information was also shared with the youth and they were advised to report any unfair treatment that they experience from retailers.

Merriam Mahlangu from the Gauteng Economic Development said, "Don't keep quiet if you are treated unfairly at the shops. Come to our office and report so that the matter can be investigated and resolved."

The Small Enterprise Finance Agency provides development finance to small, micro, and medium-sized entities and cooperatives that are not able to attract commercial credit.

The Small Enterprise Development Agency also provides support to enterprises and cooperatives through its branches located across all provinces.



Merriam Mahlangu engaging and sharing information with community members.



PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

George learners heading to Sweden

By Jethro Grootboom: GCIS, Western Cape

The Western Cape Provincial Head of the Department of Water and Sanitation, Ntombizanele Bila-Mupariwa, accompanied by other officials, visited Heatherlands High School in George, on 10 June 2022, to congratulate two learners from the school who triumphed during the South African Youth Water Prize National Competition, held in Gauteng.

The two learners, Unam Halam and Faith Claasen, who represented the Western Cape, won against their counterparts from eight provinces with a special innovation about saving water.

Their immediate prize is to fly the South African flag in Sweden where they will, in August 2022, compete with learners from 30 countries across the world at a Stockholm Junior Water Competition during the World Water Week organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute.

The learners will also be awarded full bursaries by the Department of Water and Sanitation to pursue a career in the water sector, and will further be absorbed by the department for three years as graduate trainees, after completing their studies.

Their teacher, Marissa Murphy, who will accompany them to Stockholm, said they got the idea of a water-saving gadget because of a leaking tap on the school grounds.

The two learners said that the development of the device was challenging and took them about four months to bring ideas together.

Faith explained more about the components of their device, which are simple and durable, made of polyvinyl chloride. "They are very cheap and easy to replace," she said.

Unam's father, Mzwanele Halam, said he was very proud of his only daughter.

Khunjuzwa Halam, Unam's mother, said her daughter loves school and is a diligent learner.

"She has self-confidence and if she wants something, she goes for it. She has big dreams and also a lot of faith in God," she said.



Unam Halam and Faith Claasen with Ntombizanele Bila-Mupariwa.



The winning team with their families and government officials.



Unam Haram said:

"The idea of going to Stockholm has not sunk in yet, but, Stockholm here we come! I am very thankful for the bursary from the department and for them giving us such wonderful opportunities. It will help my parents a lot in the future."



Faith Claasen said:

"I am just happy that I got to take part in all of these and met so many wonderful people with such wisdom on the water front. I hope this device can make a difference."



Nyleen Claasen said:

"My daughter, Faith, has been through a very difficult time during the past year and half. She lost her father and grandmother to COVID-19 within six months. They both played a big role in Faith's life. But through it all, she has amazed me with how she concentrated all her energy on her school work. This win is the first opportunity for us as a family to smile again. Faith is a go-getter and we have realised from a young age that she is special."



Marissa Murphy said:

"We have lost a lot of water in this way. I am very proud and we are so excited to go to Stockholm in August."