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PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Prayer session against violence

By Tshidi Mokoka: GCIS, Gauteng

The Krugersdorp Department of Correctional Services held a Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prayer session in Fochville, targeting the community of Kokosi. The event was held on Friday 12 August in partnership with Carletonville Community Corrections Unit and other local stakeholders at Molatlhegi Community Hall, to create awareness on abuse perpetrated against women. It also sought to afford offenders on parole living in the area, an opportunity to engage with the community and ask for forgiveness for crimes they have committed, especially GBV.

David Ndlovu, Head of Carletonville Community Corrections, said that it was imperative for men to become pillars of the "Stop GBV fight" and "Not In My Name" campaigns, to show their intentions in fighting this scourge.

The inclusion of the victim-offender dialogue was to assure the community that acceptance of parolees in their communities is important. Community members were informed that people on parole are supervised to exercise control over them by means of personal visits to their homes and workplaces, where community service is rendered.

Different church denominations took part in the session to offer their support in the fight against GBV. Other stakeholders included Westrand District Municipality, community development workers, Department of Community Safety GBV Brigades, Fochville Police Station and the South African Social Security Agency.



Different stakeholders at the event in Kokosi.



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Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.
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Oliver Mosinki said:

"I have spent a long time in prison and I appreciate programmes that I was introduced to while inside. I want to tell the community that we just need a chance to work with you and show you that we mean what we say to ensure that we also become the voice of the "Stop GBV" movement."



Obakeng Matlakale said:

"I am here today as a person who committed crime and was punished for it. I have taken a decision to change my life and give back to the community. Today, I am working together with GBV Brigades from the Department of Community Safety in the facilitation of classes on substance abuse. I encourage the community to use us to educate those who need this service."



Kaizer Kganyago said:

"We are here in the Northern Cape to come and encourage the public to report incidents of corruption in public institutions. We are here to give people assurance that when they report cases, something will be done about it."



Nomthandazo Mnisi said:

"Our mandate is to investigate all serious corruption, organised and commercial crimes. We encourage community members to report any form of corruption that they are aware of, using the toll-free number: 0800 037 774."



Thabiso Pelema said:

"Corruption is gradually killing our country. Most government departments are unable to achieve their goals due to corruption. So, I encourage everyone who witnesses corruption to report it to the police, so that our country can go back to normality."

PRIORITY 7: A BETTER AFRICA AND WORLD.

Anti-corruption awareness campaign

By Mpho More: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System Kimberley Office in the Northern Cape partnered with the Special Investigating Unit, the Office of the Public Protector, and the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation in hosting a community radio interview at Revival FM on 27 July 2022 aimed at promoting a corruption-free society.

All the abovementioned stakeholders comprehensively discussed their mandates and collaboration as institutions fighting corruption during the interview and committed to investigating, arresting and prosecuting all the cases brought to them with

tangible proof, and where there is no tangible proof, they would use their expertise to get to the bottom of the cases, respectively.

The anti-corruption awareness programme, concluded with a taxi-rank activation in Kimberley, where leaflets were distributed.



Revival FM presenter Martin Kgosamang leading the interview.



Information leaflets being distributed to the public at the Kimberley Taxi Rank.



Rudolph Mathonsi said:

"I am requesting a 24-hour health facility with doctors here in Zoeknag. A multipurpose centre can assist in decreasing criminal activities that our young people are now engaged in, if we can have fields for sporting codes such as cricket, chess and basketball. A library would also assist us greatly."



Norman Mashego said:

"Educators and learners find it difficult to attend school classes when it is raining because the road becomes muddy and inaccessible. Crime and unemployment rate is high."

PRIORITY 3: CONSOLIDATING THE SOCIAL WAGE THROUGH RELIABLE AND QUALITY BASIC SERVICES.

Mayors take services to people

By Joy Themba: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System provided communication support to Bushbuckridge Executive Mayor Councillor Sylvia Nxumalo and Ehlanzeni District Executive Mayor Councillor Jesta Sidell. This happened during a service delivery outreach in Bushbuckridge on 12 August 2022 at Sophia Killers Sports Ground. In her address, Executive Mayor Nxumalo assured communities that her presence does not only address quick wins pertaining to service delivery challenges but also, this was aimed at ensuring that government services are brought closer to the communities.

Among the issues raised by the communities were inaccessible roads and dilapidated bridges, water scarcity and high mast lights such that, as an example, the main road to Zoeknag, makes it difficult for communities to reach health facilities and schools. Other pertinent challenges included crime and substance abuse. An officer from the South African Police Service gave a message of support and flagged the increase of rape cases. He also encouraged communities to report any suspicious behaviour and work together with other stakeholders to create safer communities. He further advised parents not to leave their children in the care of strangers even if it is for a short period.

Robert Khoza from the Department of Home Affairs who was also giving messages of support advised communities to safeguard their identity documents, birth certificates and valuable information as it may fall in the hands of criminals.

Executive Mayor Nxumalo further promised that 1 500 toilets will be built for communities from Ward 13 and 14. Concerning water supply, she indicated that a borehole drill is on the pipeline because they realised that it would take more time to build a reservoir. Executive Mayor Nxumalo further assured communities that she would engage the Department of Public Works to assist with the issue of poor main road condition to the villages.

"The Bushbuckridge Municipality will continue to empower all women and girls and will bring everyone on board to eliminate all forms of violence against all women, including sexual and other types of exploitation," she added.

Government departments, municipality and non-governmental institutions were on site providing services and disseminating information material to the public.



Government leaders at the event.



Bushbuckridge Executive Mayor Sylvia Nxumalo addressing the public.



Zoeknag community members queuing to raise concerns and issues on service delivery.



Sophie Selebalo said:

"I am happy with what government did here today. We do not have any income here in Lavine and we are grateful that government has given us seedlings to start our home gardens. I am that child who will have something to eat today."



Regena Sejake said:

"I am happy with the health services that I got here today. I wish that this is not a once-off visit, and we will see more of government services visiting us regularly."



Lesego Morake said:

"I am glad that the Department of Health is here. My son was able to get the much-needed medical attention. Let this not be a once-off visit."

PRIORITY 3: CONSOLIDATING THE SOCIAL WAGE THROUGH RELIABLE AND QUALITY BASIC SERVICES.

Lavine service delivery outreach programme

By Rapelang Motlagomang: GCIS, North West

The Government Communication and Information System, together with various government departments led by the North West Office of the Premier held a successful Service Delivery Outreach Programme on 11 August 2022 at Wolmaransstad, Lavine, North West. The outreach was held in the remote farm settlement of Lavine just outside Wolmaransstad in Maquassi Hills Local Municipality. The District Development Model approach was used to bring the much needed government services to this community. The lack of regular mobile services to the community are hindered by the road infrastructure.

Among the institutions that played a role on the success of the outreach was the Department of Public Works, which ensured that the roads to the area are well graded. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development ensured that they profiled community members and issued seedlings together with foods to deserving families. The Department of Home Affairs rendered their identification application services, while the Department of Health offered primary healthcare services to the community.



The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development handing over seedlings and eggs to Lavine community members.



Various service delivery stalls from different departments in Lavine.