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**OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP**

**Women’s Month celebration in Dundee**

*By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal*



Some of the women who attended the event.



Government leaders presenting certificates of appreciation to ward legends at the event.

The Endumeni Ward 4 “War Room” led by Cllr Melusi Xaba successfully hosted the Women’s Month celebration under the theme: “100 Years of Albertina Sisulu, Woman of Fortitude: Women United in Moving South Africa Forward”. The event was held on 24 August at Sibongile Community Hall in Dundee as government’s response to encourage women to continuously fight the scourge of gender-based violence.

Cllr Xaba said that this year’s Women’s Month celebration was specifically targeting the elderly and pensioners from Ward 4. The campaign further recognised the women in honour of Mama Albertina Sisulu. “We are proud as the caring government to celebrate this day with our women who have led Ward 4 community members as mothers and grandmothers.



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“This will be an annual event for the ward to pay respect to great women by recognising their role in servicing the needs of the people. We encourage all women to continue leading our society and make education fashionable so that our children can be more educated,” added Cllr Xaba.

Some of the institutios present at the event were the departments of health, labour, home affairs, social development, South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Endumeni Local Municipality and the Department of Community Safety and Liaison. Simphiwe Xaba from SASSA educated pensioners about the new SASSA card. “We have the new working relationship with the South African Post Office and we want to encourage all pensioners to take the new SASSA card. This card will protect your monthly social grant and will not exploit your pension since it is a very much secured card to use with a personal pin,” she said.

The event was also addressed by Sizakele Dlamini, one of the ward activist who motivated women to be armed with knowledge to better their lives. She further reflected on the life and legacy of Mama Albertina Sisulu. “As women of this ward, we must be bold on issues of abuse and confront them so that our future generations can reflect on us as we are reflecting on our fallen heroine, Mama Sisulu today,” she said.



**Goodness Sangweni said:**  
“We have learned that as women, we must stand up for our grandchildren by supporting their education so that they become better individuals.”



**Zodwa Mhlungu said:**  
“The women of 1952 were stronger than us but we can emulate them by empowering one another so that we improve our lives. We also thank our government for providing us with social grants to feed our families.”



**Sizakele Ndlovu said:**  
“I am honoured to receive this award and I had never thought there would be someone recognising our work at the Early Childhood Development centres. Since 1984, we have been helping children with their education at an early stage. I am motivated by getting this award and I wish other women can be inspired too.”

## OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

### Dialogue on job creation

By Lehlohonolo Manoto: GCIS, Free State



**Tumo Molahlehi said:**

“It was fulfilling to be part of this dialogue and I appreciate the valuable information received here. I brought my CV to be registered on the database.”



**Eric Mbhele said:**

“I would like to know how long our CVs will be loaded on the system and how we are going to be selected from the system.”



Community members who attended the dialogue.



Stakeholders engaging with the community at Mahlatswetsa community hall.

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Department of Labour, conducted a dialogue on job creation at Mahlatswetsa Community Hall on 15 August 2018. The aim of the dialogue was to empower young people with information to assist them when searching for employment and when attending job interviews. Information and processes of Employment Service of South Africa from the Department of Labour were also communicated.

The youth participated in the dialogue, asking questions and raising important issues. They also submitted their curriculum vitae to be captured on the database for future placement. About 130 youth attended this dialogue. Feedback activities will be done to monitor the outcomes of this dialogue.



**Thabang Mohokare said:**

“This initiative is very important and we appreciate government’s effort. I hope the database will get us employment opportunities.”



**Lewellen Saal said:**

“Today is an ideal opportunity for those who have not made up their minds on what to do after school. There is so much information available that we never knew about. I feel more informed after speaking with all the people here today. I have a much better understanding on how to apply for a bursary.”



**Brendan Dirkse said:**

“Although I have already applied to study IT Support, I still think there are learners who received more information on opportunities today. I really think that the Grade 8 and 9 learners should also be invited to events like this, because then they can make informed decisions on their choice of subjects and begin planning for their future earlier.”

## OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

### Career opportunities for the youth

*By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape*

The Government Communication and Information System, Namakwa District Municipality, Nama Khoi Local Municipality, Okiep Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college, Sector Education and Training Authorities, private businesses, government departments, the South African Police Service and the media participated in the career expos held in Namakwaland. The event took place at the Northern Cape Rural Technical and Vocational Education and Training College in Okiep on 15 August 2018 and showcased different opportunities that youth can pursue to better their chances of getting jobs.

The event was part of the Department of Higher Education and Training drive to engage communities about programmes and career pathways available in TVET colleges. Activities targeted the Grade 9 to 12 learners, Not in Education, Employment, or Training youth and college students. Youth and learners from as far as Alexander Bay, Garies, Aggeneys, Pofadder and Onseepkans were transported to the event, courtesy of the sponsors.

The youth were exposed to career opportunities through exhibitions and also engaged with officials at their information stalls. They also interacted with the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Buti Manamela and the Deputy Minister of Police, Bongani Mkongi. Deputy Minister Manamela motivated the youth to work hard, while Deputy Minister Mkongi pleaded with them not to throw their lives away by engaging in drug, alcohol or other activities that might get them arrested.



Young people at the event.



Exhibition and information stalls at the expo.



Deputy Minister Manamela and Deputy Minister Mkongi at the career expo.



**Tasha Seer said:**

“The event is a wonderful occasion, especially for matriculants who are not sure of what to do next. We have learned a lot about different occupations and fields of study that we were unsure of. Today, we received information from a number of entities that can assist students to study. This event should be done every year, especially for those who live in deep rural areas and do not have access to information.”

**OUTCOME 14: A DIVERSE, SOCIALLY COHESIVE SOCIETY WITH A COMMON NATIONAL IDENTITY**

**Celebrating Mama Albertina Sisulu**

*By Nokwanda Mlambo: GCIS, Western Cape*



Commissioner Mazibuko outlining her understanding of gender equality to the panelists.



**Lelethu Masangwane said:**

“As a young woman, I found the programme fruitful and motivating at the same time. I believe and hope that if such programmes continue to take place in our beloved country, change will take place and the whole society will understand and know the value of a women and girls.”



Deputy Minister Pinky Kekana giving the life story of Mama Albertina Sisulu.



People who attended the discussions.

The Department of Arts and Culture led a Women’s Month discussion at Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) Bellville Campus focusing on the life of Mama Albertina Sisulu. The event took place on 8 August 2018 and decoded the history of the Struggle for liberation in general and gender equality in particular, focusing on the role played by women.

Participants and panelists included the Deputy Minister of Communications Pinky Kekana, Dr Trunette Joseph, a lecturer in the faculty of engineering, Commissioner Nomasonto Mazibuko from the Gender Commission and Faith Sibiyi, the Student Representative Council chairperson of the Mowbray Campus at CPUT.

The discussion focused on Mama Albertina Sisulu her life story, the values she espoused as a mother, a Struggle icon, a professional, and also being selfless, ensuring that her own country and women in this country get liberated. Phumla Mila, Mama Sisulu’s cousin, was there to take us back to the days of Mama Sisulu. According to Mrs Mila, Mama Sisulu faced many challenges growing up. After the death of her parents, she had to take over and be a parent to her siblings, providing for them, taking them to school and ensuring that there was food on the table.

Dr Truneth Joseph said, “Women like Mama Sisulu who were united in luring South Africa to move forward, stood tall in the Struggle against apartheid and the oppression of women through race, gender and class. They killed the stereotype that women belonged in the kitchen, barefoot and pregnant. They also showed that women can organise and mobilise for freedom as effectively and successfully as men and also that women could be great and successful leaders in their own right.”