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## OUTCOME: 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL ORIENTATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP

### Government engages with CDWs

By Poppy Maluka (GCIS) and Lefentse Nkosi (CoGTA): Mpumalanga



Government leaders at the event.

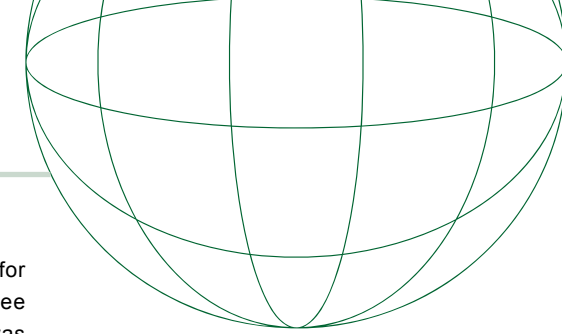
Mpumalanga community development workers (CDWs) attended a capacity-building workshop convened by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA). The session, held on 5 February 2018 at The Ridge Hotel in eMalahleni, was attended by Minister Faith Muthambi's advisor, Patience Mushungwa; Emalahleni MMC for Corporate Service, Cllr Johannes Matshipa; DPSA Acting Deputy Director-General, Emmanuel Kgomo; Acting Director of Public Participation, John Mogane; officials from GCIS, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), and media houses.



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Informative presentations were made to equip CDWs with information on HIV and AIDS programmes for them to enlighten and assist communities within their areas of operation. The Government Employee Housing Scheme also made a presentation. John Mogane from CoGTA said that the department was planning to roll out a course on project management and computer training for CDWs.

Mushungwa said: “As the world is moving towards an era of e-government and the fourth industrial revolution, CDWs will need to be equipped with relevant information and communications technology skills and tools in order to be the conduits of information.”



**CDWs attending the workshop.**

**Johannes Zwane said:**

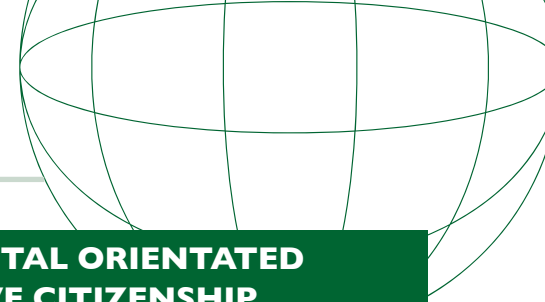
“I request that a programme be made available to support CDWs with counselling as we deal with sensitive issues that end up affecting us. Government must come up with a strategy to retain good CDWs, as currently there is no career growth path for us.”

**Andrew Thulari said:**

“It is sometimes difficult for us to apply for overtime as we work even at midnight to monitor community protests. Government must find a way to profile the successes of CDWs even though we work without tools of trade.”

**Jackpot Ndinisa said:**

“The land issue is a challenge; building sites are more expensive than the affordable houses that government is building. Peer managers are being overused and their workload is too much. The department needs to look at better ways to assist.”



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**Government takes services to the people**

*By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo*



**Lerato Mohlanga said:**

"I am very happy about the services that we received today, especially from SASSA, as most of the community members depend on social grants."



**Bishop Morewane said:**

"I am optimistic about the services we are going to get, going forward, as we see government's efforts in fighting corruption."



**A SASSA representative addressing community members.**



**Part of the community members in attendance.**

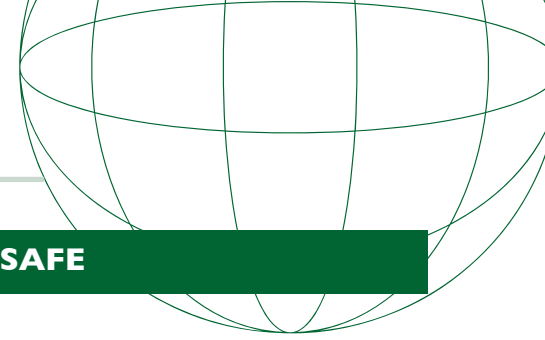
On 26 January 2018, residents of Phiring village gathered at their local tribal office in the early hours of the morning to receive government services rendered by various departments and parastatals. Phiring is one of the rural villages located at the far east of Sekhukhune District and Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse Municipality. It is the last village in the east sharing the border with ThabaTsweu Municipality in Mpumalanga.

The Sekhukhune District Manager of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Maphuthi Maphothoma, opened the doors of service delivery by explaining why government departments chose to render services in Phiring.

"We are here as various government departments to bring services where you need them," she said.

She clarified the issue of SASSA cards and the pending new service provider of social grants. She also took the opportunity to indicate the role played by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in assisting with the mobilisation of other government departments.

Institutions that were rendering services at the event included, the Department of Social Development; South African Police Service; Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; South African Revenue Service; Department of Health; National Development Agency, and the GCIS.



**Captain Maheso said:**

“We have and will still be visiting both primary and high schools in Mamelodi. In this way we are building a good relationship between schools and police in order to ensure safety and security within schools.”



**Nannete Chigumbu:**

“I am thankful for our educators at Vlakfontein Technical High School. Had it not been for their support and assistance, I would not have been chosen the best learner in values in education in Gauteng.”

**OUTCOME 3: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE**

**SAPS reaches out to learners**

*By Robbie Senoelo: GCIS, Gauteng*



**Some of the learners at J. Kekana High School. Vlakfontein Technical High School learners listening to presentations during the Back-to-School campaign.**

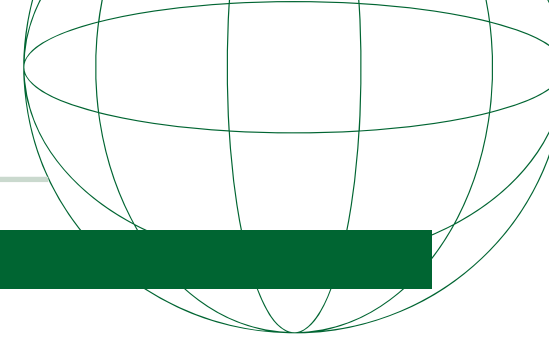


**A top performer at Vlakfontein Technical High School receives a trophy and a certificate.**

In an effort to ensure that local schools are safe and have conditions that are conducive for effective teaching and learning, the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Mamelodi – in conjunction with the Community Policing Forum (CPF), Tshwane Child Welfare Society, Government Communication and Information System, and Concerned Tshwane Liquor Traders – visited schools in Mamelodi West on 25 and 29 January 2018. The visits formed part of the Back-to-School campaign and were also aimed at addressing issues relating to drug and substance abuse; school bullying; teenage pregnancy and HIV and AIDS; carrying of dangerous weapons; vandalism; theft of school property, and combating the burglaries experienced at schools.

Captain Johannes Maheso from Mamelodi SAPS stressed the importance of discipline and safety in schools. He assured learners that the police would ensure that schools remain places of learning and no criminal activities would be allowed in and around schools. Anastacia Mosehla from Tshwane Welfare Society urged girl-learners to be more vigilant, and not be easily convinced by boys and blessers. “If you are not careful, you will find yourself pregnant and alone. If the father of your child is a boy, he may not be able to take care the child and end up running away and if the father is a blesser, he is probably married and will frustrated you,” she said.

An official from the Mamelodi CPF also encouraged the learners to concentrate on their school work and stay away from criminal activities, drugs and taverns.



## OUTCOME 1: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

### Learners receive school uniforms

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



**Khethukuthula Zondo said:**

"I am happy to be honoured with a school uniform. I thank everyone involved."



**Akhona Msizane said:**

"I walk more than 5 km to school and shoes get destroyed easily. I want to thank our councillor and George Shawe for donating school uniforms to us."



**Josifina Ndlovu said:**

"I am glad that government has assisted us with school uniforms. We have never thought that this can happen to us at Ntibane community."



**Nontobeko Mzezane educating Grade 3 learners of Vegkop Primary School.**



**Ntombikayise Ntuli engaging learners during the hand-over ceremony.**



**Learners of Vegkop Primary School posing with their school uniforms.**

Endumeni Ward 6 Cllr Thabisile Makaba presented school uniforms to 10 learners at Vegkop Primary School on 31 January 2018. The uniforms were donated by George Shawe of Mthethofanayo farm. The event was attended by the ward committees of Endumeni Local Municipality, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, community development workers, GCIS, educators and parents. Cllr Makaba said they were very pleased to have received a donation of R3 000 from Shawe to buy school uniforms. The learners were identified as the most vulnerable children whose parents are poor.

"We take pride in the intervention that we are making today, to ensure that our learners have confidence in themselves. Our role in the education system is not to neglect the obvious needs of our learners but to ensure continued support to both learning and teaching within our schools," said Cllr Makaba.

"I believe this donation will encourage learners to become successful members of society. As a parent, I believe that education is a tool that can change the world into a better place and I am very proud of these boys and girls who are here today. I am really proud to make a difference in someone else's life," said Shawe.

The parents and teachers were very happy. "On behalf of the parents and the school governing body, I want to extend my gratitude to our councillor and government for the school uniforms that were presented to our underprivileged learners. It will boost both their self-esteem and performance in the classroom," said Thembisile Zulu.



**George Shawe receiving a token of appreciation from Cllr Thabisile Makaba.**