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OUTCOME 2: A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS.

Premier opens Kekana Gardens Clinic

By George Moeketsi: GCIS, Gauteng



Premier David Makhura, MEC Gwen Ramokgopa and MEC Panyaza Lesufi officially opening Kekana Gardens Clinic.

The Premier of Gauteng, David Makhura, visited the community of Kekana Gardens in Hammanskraal on 6 March 2019 to open Kekana Gardens Clinic. Premier Makhura was accompanied by Health MEC Gwen Ramokgopa, Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi and Infrastructure Development MEC Jacob Mamabolo. The construction of the clinic started in 2016.

“The R7.2 million clinic in Kekana Gardens in Hammanskraal will go a long way in alleviating the plight of the people in the area. For years, the community had used a small clinic and constantly complained that it was always congested because of long queues,” Premier Makhura said. The Premier cut the ribbon to officially mark the opening of the state-of-the-art facility.



The newly opened Kekana Gardens Clinic in Hammanskraal.

He also stated that “other clinics in the pipeline will be modelled on the same architectural design used for the Hammanskraal one”.

MEC Ramokgopa added that, “Our people can be assured that we will not only provide medication, but we will also provide world-class clinics.” She further said that “the new clinic will make use of digital technology and will be energy efficient.”

Premier Makhura said two more clinics were currently under construction in Hammanskraal. Members of the community were happy about the new clinic and appreciated government’s efforts.



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Mike Makhubela said:

“I am very happy about this clinic. It is closer to us, so we will not have to spend money to travel to other places to access health services anymore. It is our responsibility to protect it against vandalism.”



Tshepo Kganyago said:

“I am happy about the opening of a new clinic, it is big and has more facilities. I think it will address health challenges in the area.”



Mpho Mokoena said:

“This is great. I wish the community could protect the clinic against vandalism. Even during protests, it must not be damaged.”



Some of the parents who were in attendance.



Nana Mbhele said:

“My child has received a new school uniform which is going to help boost her self-esteem. She will no longer see herself as inferior to other children.”



Nana Mbhele said:

“As the governing body, we welcome this public-private partnership. We see it as an initiative that will help to address a number of challenges faced by rural schools.”

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

Multimedia centre for a special school

By Mlungisi Dlamini: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu during her visit Indaleni School for the Deaf.



Indaleni School for the Deaf learners at the event.

About 145 learners from Indaleni School for the Deaf will benefit from a multimedia centre donated by MTN in partnership with the Department of Social Development on 7 March 2019. The Deputy Minister of Social Development, Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, handed over a specialised computer facility, which is equipped with 22 computers to the school. The donation happens at the time when the country is preparing for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

“We are going to work hard to improve technological skills of children with disabilities to also benefit from the 4IR,” said the Deputy Minister. Other donations to the school included 75 bicycles for the learners who travel long distances to school, furniture for the foundation-phase learners, which was donated by the South African Social Security Agency.

OUTCOME 10: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE WELL PROTECTED AND CONTINUALLY ENHANCED.

Good Green Deeds activation campaign

By Doctor Marebane: GCIS, Limpopo



Aubrey Phooko said:

“Cleaning the environment will assist with restoring nature and unnecessary damaging can be avoided.”



Lilian Semenya said:

“The campaign is long overdue. I am ready to serve as the Good Green Deeds ambassador.”



Tlou Choung said:

“I enjoyed the event and I feel proud to be part of the *Thuma Mina* campaign.”



Volunteers who took part in the Good Green Deeds campaign.



GCIS official Mmaphuti Mathatho addressing volunteers on the Good Green Deeds activation.

President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the Good Green Deeds campaign on 8 March 2019, which was aimed at behavioural change and seeks to galvanise individuals, the private sector, labour, non-governmental organisation, interfaith formations and society at large to clean South Africa. The campaign urges volunteers from all spheres of life to become awareness ambassadors that will identify with the Good Green Deeds campaign.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) held an activation at Moletsi Thusong Service Centre. The GCIS raised awareness through educating and influencing communities to change their attitudes towards waste management.

About 200 people cleaned the environment in and around Moletsi village on that day. This was in partnership with the Expanded Public Works Programme of Polokwane Local Municipality and community members who volunteered to be agents of change in keeping their locality and its surroundings clean and habitable.

The impact of the initiative was so huge that a local business owner, Johanna Lebogo, indicated that she has learnt to recycle waste rather than burn it. This was made possible through the Good Green Deeds leaflets that was also distributed to community members at the event.

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

President Ramaphosa meets learner who wrote to him

By Dibandlela Nkume and Nosipho Keuti: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Zenande Ngedle said:

“Daisy has always presented signs of a very inquisitive child but I never thought this would happen. She has really made me proud. I know she has always made comments about meeting the President to have discussions concerning the ruling of the country.”



Grade 3 learners of Clarendon Preparatory School posing for a photo with the President.



President Cyril Ramaphosa with Daisy Ngedle.



Bev Keth said:

“This visit by the President will definitely remain the highlight of my career. I am also sure that this will linger long in the minds of the learners who were also afforded this opportunity to meet the President in person. As the school, we are really honoured.”

President Cyril Ramaphosa launched the Good Green Deeds Campaign in East London, in the Eastern Cape on 8 March 2019. This campaign sought to encourage all South Africans to take full responsibility of the environment by ensuring that they do not litter, thus preserving the environment for future generations.

The President also responded to a letter that was written to him by a young girl called Daisy Ngedle, who is in Grade 3 at Clarendon Preparatory School. The letter was posted on social media and trended to an extent that it reached The Presidency. President Ramaphosa responded to questions such as how hard it was to run the world while also giving praise to the President for making South Africa a better place and being an inspiration to her.

The President also visited Daisy’s school and met the rest of her classmates. While still waiting for the President to arrive, Daisy was asked why she was so inspired by the President and she responded, “The President inspires me so much because of the work he does for South Africa. If I could be the President, I would build more schools and hospitals, I would make sure that children are safe.”

School principal Bev Keth showed appreciation to the President’s visit. The principal also handed over some artwork in the form of a book that the learners had put together for the President. Learners had an opportunity to interact with the President.

Daisy’s mother, Zenande Ngedle, could not contain her excitement and appreciation for the positive response by the President. She indicated that her daughter sometimes asks her questions she never thought would come from an eight-year-old. Daisy spent the rest of her day with the President who requested that she forms part of the main Good Green Deeds programme that was took place in the Sisa Dukashe Stadium.