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

### People of Nkantolo celebrate the life of OR Tambo

By Ndyebo Kopo and Lubabalo Majenge: GCIS, Eastern Cape

Over 20 000 people gathered in Nkantolo village, Mbizana, to celebrate and honour an acclaimed internationalist, Oliver Reginald Tambo, who was among the people who laid the foundation for a democratic South Africa. The main event took place on 27 October 2017 under the theme: "Life and Legacy of OR Tambo".

President Jacob Zuma described OR Tambo as "a remarkable human being, consummate freedom fighter and an outstanding leader of our people". Just as OR Tambo stood for a just and equal society in every respect and also people living a better life, the lives of people of Nkantolo and in Alfred Nzo will never be the same again as they have benefited immensely from service-delivery programmes.

President Zuma indicated that he visited Ludeke village where he switched on electricity as part of the broader government rural electrification programme in Mbizana and surrounding communities. He also mentioned that Ludeke Dam was officially opened to improve water supply in the community.

The reticulation of Ludeke Dam (Greater Mbizana Regional Bulk Water Supply), which costed R520 million is in progress. The project, which will benefit 850 households in Gwala, Mangweni, Kwa K, Mabheleni, Qhwela, Pholela and Ndungwana villages is expected to be completed in February 2018. It is valued at R31,2 million and funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant. The project has created 65 direct jobs for locals.

A 13-km stretch of road from Ludeke to Nkantolo was also constructed. The Provincial Department of Human Settlements has rolled out a housing project of 1 000 houses, with 500 of them completed in Nkantolo village where OR Tambo was born. Of the remaining 500 houses for Silangwe village, 100 have been built while construction of the remaining 400 houses will be completed by the end of the current financial year.

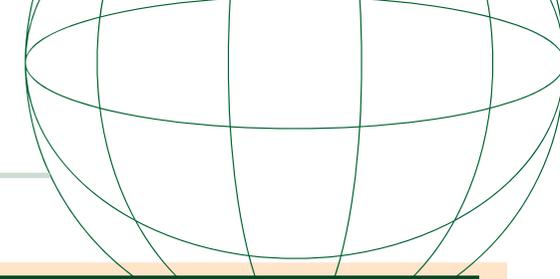
Premier Phumulo Masualle made passionate remarks about OR Tambo and thanked government for allowing the Eastern Cape to host the main event where OR Tambo was born.



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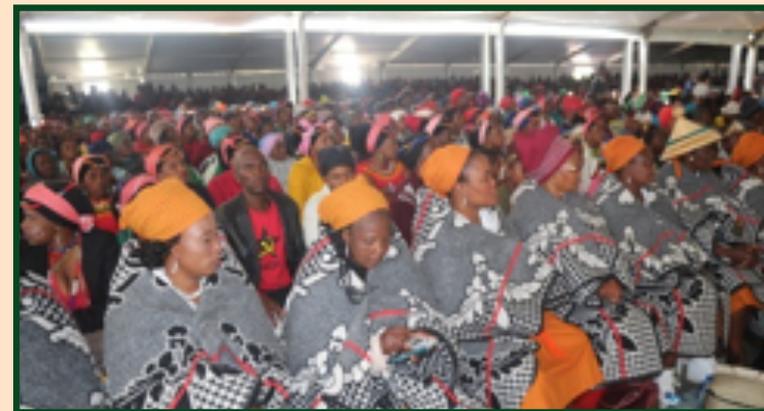
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**Community members during the OR Tambo Centenary celebrations.**



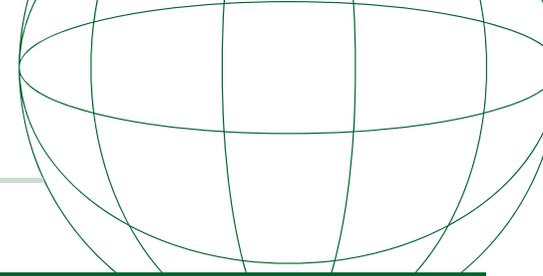
**Government leaders at the event.**



**Community members listening to various speakers.**



**President Jacob Zuma and other dignitaries at the event.**



**Jabulani Mkhonza said:**

“As Ubhle Bamadodo Men’s Forum, we support and endorse the campaign to care for public property and infrastructure. We will educate our members about our rights and to exercise them responsibly and not infringe on others’ rights.”

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

### **Community dialogue to foster cohesion**

*By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng*

On 9 November 2017, the Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM) in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development hosted a community dialogue to promote the “I Care We Care Campaign” that seeks to raise awareness and encourage the protection and preservation of public property and infrastructure as the common investment and heritage of the community. The event took place in Tsakane.

The MRM is a networking platform that facilitates and coordinates processes and initiatives aimed at combating moral degeneration.

Launched in 2016, the campaign discourages the vandalism and destruction of public facilities such as schools, hospitals, clinics, libraries and community centres while also promoting community ownership of infrastructure.

“The Charter of Positive Values provides guidance for good conduct and ethical behaviour towards the preservation and caring for public property wherein communities pledge to take a firm stand against burning, vandalism, littering and any form of destruction of public property. Furthermore, a pledge is made to care for, preserve and protect public property as the common heritage of all people,” said Sibongile Msimang.

“We need community members to act swiftly, protect and take ownership of the already built public property and infrastructure as it is their investment and losing this public property and infrastructure takes us backwards and hampers community development because government might not have enough financial resources to replace the damaged public property and infrastructure.”



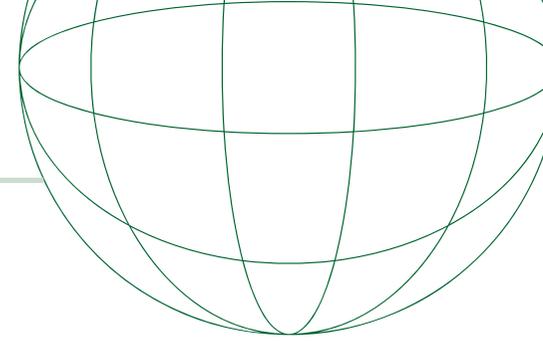
**Sibongile Msimang said:**

“Through the “I Care We Care Campaign”, the MRM will work with and through local structures in communities to promote local action and commitment from within the various communities and institutions. It is a call to people in our communities to respect and protect public property and seeks to end a culture of destruction of public facilities during public protests.”



**Gloria Zondi said:**

“We must respect others’ rights and when protesting, we need to know it is our right to march but must do so responsibly because when public property and infrastructure is destroyed, we are delaying development and have to wait for government to fix the things we destroyed.”



**Slumko Mabena said:**

“We support the “I Care We Care Campaign” as it seeks to strengthen the hard-won freedom and democracy through building a strong moral society based on sound positive values and good behaviour. It is our right to march however, we must do so responsibly and not infringe on other people’s rights. We must promote community ownership of public property and infrastructure as it is an investment for community development, hence we discourage public property and infrastructure destruction at all times.”

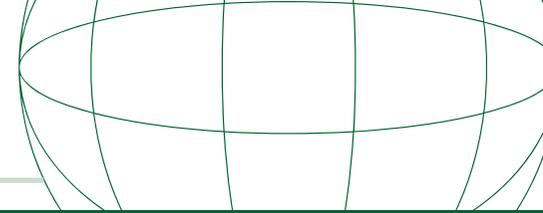


**Zachariah Diale said:**

“It is equally important for our leaders to listen to community concerns and resolve them before they escalate into conflict between government and communities, more importantly, deal decisively with corruption and maladministration.”



**Moral Regeneration Movement's Sibongile Msimang engaging with the community on Charter of Positive Values during the community dialogue.**



**Lerutla said:**

“We are very grateful to government for building this clinic, which is long overdue. Most of our colleagues have died without receiving proper assistance as the only office that helps ex-miners is located far away.”



**Mashishi said:**

“We have been working round the clock, waiting for this day to come. Today, I will sleep peacefully after seeing that what government had promised us, happened. We also thank God for making this to happen.”

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

### Health facility to assist community members

*By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo*

On 27 October 2017, ex-miners converged at Dilokong Hospital, Driekop village in Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse Local Municipality to witness and celebrate the official opening on the One Stop Service Centre clinic.

The clinic was officially opened by the Minister of Health, Aaron Motsoaledi together with the Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources, Godfrey Oliphant. In his opening address, the representative of the Batau Ba Maroga Traditional Council, Paul Maroga, indicated that the facility was long overdue, as they have been patiently waiting for that moment to arrive.

“The opening of this One Stop Clinic redresses the problem of all the South African Development Community countries which was initially caused by the establishment of Gold mines in South Africa back in 1886. While mine brings about wealth to the country, it also brought diseases,” said Minister Motsoaledi.

He also indicated that government established one-stop centres to assist ex-miners. The Minister also said that previously, people were forced to go to Johannesburg for such services, but the partnership between government, banks and the mines has brought the service closer to where people live.

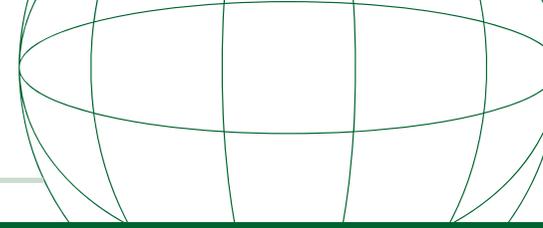
“Dilokong One Stop Centre is the third in the whole country and the first in Limpopo,” he concluded.



**Minister Aaron Motsoaledi officially unveiling Dilokong One Stop Service.**



**Some of the ex-miners at the event.**



**Councillor Setesho said:**

“These services have been brought here to empower farming communities, especially people with disabilities .”



**Sophia Letshwenyo said:**

“I am unemployed, but today I feel proud because I have received means to support and feed my family.”

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

### Government takes services to communities

*By Xolani Mndaweni: GCIS, North West*

Community members came in their numbers to access mobile government services at Oblate farm in Hartebeesfontein on 17 November 2017.

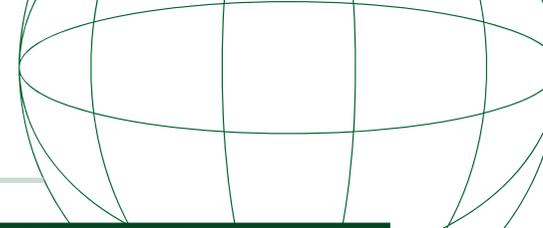
“We are here to serve you, please access all your required services,” said a municipality official.

Over 350 farming community members from 24 surrounding farms accessed much needed services at the event. “With the assistance I received today, I can now feed my family,” said Jakobus Selane, who came from Rietfontein farm.

Stakeholders such as the departments of rural development and land reform, health, home affairs, social development, labour, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, government communication and information system, South African Police Service, South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) and Disaster Management rendered services at the event. One SASSA beneficiary said, “With my grant money I can now take care of myself, I also buy food, and clothes like other people.” The outreach programme was very successful as many of the community members gave positive feedback and showed appreciation for the services received.



**Community members attending the outreach campaign at Oblate Farm.**



**Daniel Maromoagae said:**

“I am happy to see government bringing services to us farm people, I receive my SASSA grant every month.”



**Dudu Mathobela said:**

“As SASSA, we are committed to taking services to the doorstep of all our communities.”



**Community members accessing various government services at the event.**