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## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Human rights and World TB Day commemoration

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health in the Amajuba District, the Government Communication and Information System, and the United States Agency for International Development held the World TB Day commemoration at Amantungwa Tribal Court on 8 March 2023 to table a discussion on human rights and bring health services closer to the community.

March was Human Rights Month and coincided with World TB Month, which is commemorated annually to create awareness about the disease. TB continues to kill millions of people globally. Amajuba District Health Department through Emadadeni Hospital led efficient services outreach campaign at the Utrecht where the programme began with an information session.

The commemoration saw various stakeholders providing health-related services on site. These included screening and testing for TB, HIV, Blood pressure and diabetes, Measles and COVID-19 vaccination and THINK's Digital Chest X-Ray van.

The Deputy Mayor gave a message of support to those in attendance about the importance of early detection of the virus, treatment and destigmatising the disease.



Community members and health service providers at the engagement session.



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**PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

**Moving municipality towards Vision 2030**

By Sandiswa Mdingi: GCIS, Eastern Cape

On 21 March 2023 Chris Hani District Municipality Executive Mayor, Councillor Wongama Gela hosted by the Government Communication and Information System and Engcobo FM for Post-State of Nation Address (SoNA) and State of Province Address (SoPA) Mayoral Analysis. It covered key elements that are prioritised on State of the District Address following SoNA and SoPA.

The key elements included infrastructure development and driving economic development to grow local economy, increasing jobs and reducing poverty in the district. The Executive Mayor explained that the recent heavy rains in the district had a devastating effect and caused severe damage to the infrastructure. This became a major setback in efforts to improving the infrastructure in Chris Hani District. The families have lost their loved ones while farmers suffered crop and livestock losses. However, the declaration of the state of disaster will assist in the costly rebuilding of the infrastructure.

During his SoNA, President Cyril Ramaphosa touched on the current work that the government is doing to improve the state of the country. This included implementation of a major road infrastructure project in Chris Hani District from Black Kei River to Komani. Small towns like Middelburg, Dordrecht and

Indwe will be benefiting from the rehabilitation works on the R56 currently.

Vision 2030 for the district is as follows, “A viable municipality that enables vibrant and eco-friendly economic development through capable and active citizenry guided by consistent and accountable leadership”.

“We will achieve vision 2030 through our District Development Model-One Plan. Our district will increasingly enable integrated planning and delivery backed up by a more credible joint planning, budgeting and implementation process,” said Mayor Wongama.

Premier Oscar Mabuyane also emphasised for the need to reduce poverty, with 12.7% of households living in poverty. In response to this reality, the Chris Hani District is implementing the District Medium Term Strategic Framework, to address unemployment, poverty and inequality. Furthermore, he announced the Strategic Planning Session, which was held on the 22 March 2023. The theme for the Strategic Planning session was, “Together moving Chris Hani District Municipality towards achieving vision 2030”.



Executive Mayor Wongama Gela during a radio interview with Ngcono FM.



Different stakeholders at the event.

## PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### Breaking new grounds

By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System supported by the MEC for Human Settlement, Speedy Mashilo as he launched the new Settlement Project at Silobela in Carolina on the 14 April 2023. MEC Mashilo was accompanied by the Acting Executive Mayor, Councillor Busi Mkhwanazi of the Gert Sibande District Municipality and Councillor Dan Nkosi, the Executive Mayor of Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality.

The project was launched in line with the District Development Model under the theme: “Leaving No One Behind”. The launch was responding to the Presidential Imbizo held on 20 May 2022, where community members requested residential sites and improved basic services infrastructure from the President. The provincial and local leadership have responded to the needs expressed by the community members.

The new project will provide the residents of Silobela with a total number of 3 481 sites. A total of 2 613 sites will be allocated to Low Cost Housing establishments and 832 for public servants who can build their own

houses either through housing loans or own finances. Furthermore, six sites were set aside for educational facilities such as secondary and/or primary schools including pre-schools, while four sites will be used for commercial or business establishments. Five more sites will be used as religious centres/churches, three for community centres and six for recreational activities such as sport grounds and park, and water treatment works using a single site and 11 passive open spaces.

MEC Mashilo said, “Our plan is that as soon as we receive the list of beneficiaries from the local municipality we will immediately begin with title deeds process to ensure that on completion of houses, beneficiaries are issued with both new houses and the title deeds at the same time.”

He also highlighted the importance of improving Bulk Link Sanitation and Bulk Water Link required. The community members thanked and appreciated this new development and response from government in addressing their needs.



Promise Nhleko said:

“We appreciate the community amenities they are bringing to the area of Carolina. We hereby request a second clinic for the people of Silobela because now there is only one clinic available and it is overstretched.”



Lindiwe Nkosi said:

“I am happy that we are going to get sites to build houses and more people will be able to move out from overcrowded households to the new sites.”



MEC Speedy Mashilo addressing various stakeholders in Carolina.



MEC Speedy Mashilo officially launching the project and addressed residents.

## PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### Service delivery intensified

By Fatima Modise: GCIS, North West

The Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Development Model (DDM) team held a stakeholder engagement session at Taung Hotel School under Greater Taung Local Municipality from 20 to 21 April 2023. It was a two-day session, which started with the South African Pulp and Paper Industries (Sappi) visiting the Nursery Project in Reivilo town and Letshabo Brothers Farming Project in Taung on 20 April and the second part was the agricultural stakeholder engagement session on 21 April at Taung Hotel School.

The events were led by the Executive Mayor, Councillor Sense Maje, MMC for Economic Development Tourism and Agriculture, Councillor Solly Matobo, senior managers from the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, and MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Desbo Mohono.

Sappi's relationship with the municipality started in 2021 when the economic development works stream approached them and presented a proposal on their intentions for the entire district, their visit was then inspired by that engagement. The purpose of the visit was basically to tour the Greater Taung Local Municipality as the pilot project is being

established there and later cover the remaining four municipalities within the district. Some of the sites visited were the Greater Taung Nursery in Reivilo and Letshabo Brothers Farming Project in Taung.

The project also serves as a strategy in mitigating the damage caused by climate change, planting of indigenous trees for commercial farming and many other reasons which will make a difference across the district. After the Greater Taung Nursery is fully functional, it will serve as a training centre for other local municipalities. Sappi will be partnering with the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti DDM team in making all this possible.

The stakeholder engagement session with farmers on the second day was as a result of the engagement that the DDM team had with stakeholders in September 2022 at Uurpan Lodge in Mamusa, which was led by Deputy Minister Makhotso Sotyu, Deputy Minister Njabulo Nzuza and MEC Boitumelo Moiloa. The concerns raised were forwarded to the relevant Deputy Ministers to attend to them hence Deputy Minister Nokuzola Capa ensured that her office is represented by sending senior managers to handle those concerns. MEC Mohono was also part of the engagement to respond to the farmers.



Tshepiso Jantjies said:

"I am an emerging farmer processing animal feeds and in this kind of business it is easier when you have electricity, land and enough storage that is why we are pleading with government to assist us."



Various stakeholders at the event.