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

**Children celebrate Mandela centenary**

*By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng*



Learners reciting a tribute poem to honour Nelson Mandela.



Learners of Duduza Primary School at the event.

In honour of the legacy of Nelson Mandela, Ekurhuleni Duduza Customer Care Centre, Government Communication and Information System, Department of Correctional Services and Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs celebrated the Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July 2018 by reaching out to learners of Duduza Primary School.

“Through our assessment, we had found that some learners at this school wear worn-out uniforms as they come from poverty-stricken families. To restore their dignity, improve self-esteem and encourage high academic performance, we came together with other stakeholders, collected donations to buy uniforms and toiletries. Today, we are donating to the school to mark and celebrate Mandela Day with the learners in honour of Nelson Mandela legacy,” said Tholakele Khoza, a community development worker.



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The school identified 25 needy learners who received uniforms, while 100 learners were given toiletries.

“It is an undeniable fact that Nelson Mandela left an everlasting mark in our society, having laid the foundation for a united, non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous society. His legacy lives on in our commitment to his ideals and to ensure a just and fair society for all, including the promotion of the rights to dignity of all South Africans, young and old,” said Elias Modupi, Customer Relations Officer of Ekurhuleni Duduza Customer Care Centre.

This year is special as South Africa marks the centenary of Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu respectively. Mandela centenary is celebrated under the theme: “Be the legacy” and the Sisulu centenary is celebrated under the theme: “A woman of fortitude”.



**Nhlanhla Zulu said:**

“We are grateful and honoured that today we received uniforms and toiletry donations from all stakeholders. We appreciate that they have honoured the call to do good for another person as a tribute to Nelson Mandela on this special day.”



**Owami Maseko and  
Refiloe Malapane said:**

“Thank you Tata for today. We are enjoying our freedom and democracy. It is through you that our right to dignity has been restored hence we can proudly declare ‘Viva Madiba’ and celebrate Mandela Day.”

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

**Albertina Sisulu memorial lecture**

*By Nomaxabiso Tata: GCIS, Eastern Cape*



Walter Sisulu University giving the Sisulu family an artwork designed by a fine arts student, Wonga.



Some of the people who attended the memorial lecture.



Judge Yvonne Makgoro shares the life and times of Mama Albertina Sisulu.



Government Communication and Information System Acting Director-General Phumla Williams reflecting on the values of Mama Sisulu at the UCR FM.

The Sisulu family, members of the public, students and dignitaries gathered together to celebrate the life and times of the Struggle stalwart, Mama Albertina Sisulu at a Memorial Lecture dedicated to honour her life. The event took place at the Walter Sisulu University (WSU) on 26 July 2018.

The memorial lecture happened was a precursor to August – Women’s Month.

Retired Judge Yvonne Mokgoro was appointed to deliver the lecture. She said that she has always made a conscious effort to emulate the life of Mama Sisulu, in excellence, decorum, humility, stewardship and most importantly, serving with love.

“Mama Sisulu assumed political leadership in the 1950s, which therefore reminds us today that the plight is ours to take forward. We need to reflect on the significance that today we have a robust buoyant baby of multiracialism. This though does not mean that the strides taken by our forebearers should be left there, the baton is upon us,” noted Judge Makgoro.

Zama Nako, from the WSU Student Representative Council, reflected by recounting the many gains made for women since the advent of democracy. She also shared that despite the strides, patriarchy remains a problem.

The lecture sampled some of the values that are evident of Mama Sisulu’s life story, as a foothold for inspiration and a further call-to-action in safeguarding her legacy. This happens in a context of a country that is increasingly becoming an unsafe space for women and children, with unacceptably high incidents of violence against women and children.





**Lydia said:**

“The information is very helpful. The visit by the GCIS and other organisations is much appreciated. I got Z83 forms and used them to apply for government jobs advertised in the circular.”



**Lerato Masenya said:**

“The information materials found here are very helpful, especially the *Vuk’uzenzele* because it has jobs inside. I am glad you came here, you should also go to other areas because we really need information like this.”

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

**Government takes information to the people**

*By Valencia Rachuene: GCIS, Head Office*



**GCIS officials and stakeholders distributing information materials at the event.**

On 20 July 2018, Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with the Film and Publication Board, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa and the National Youth Development Agency conducted an outreach activity at the Diepsloot Mall. The aim of this outreach was to communicate government information to the public. The institutions distributed various government publications and engaged with the community members about various opportunities and services that they render, respectively.

Young people also had the opportunity to apply for government internship programmes. Most community members asked for clarity on the application on the new social grant cards. Beneficiaries of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) need to swap to the new cards by end of September. They are requested to visit their nearest South African Post Office, SASSA offices or designated venues to swap their cards.



**Thato Gaapare said:**

“No learner should stay away from school due to fearing for his/her safety, government and society must guarantee our safety!”



**Lifa Mokoena said:**

“Nowadays learners do not respect their teachers. It is rare that you hear of a learner who is expelled for bullying, they are just suspended and soon return to bully others! We need discipline at schools.”



**Fevan Lerebo said:**

“Safety first is safety always. Please do background checks before appointing teachers!”

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

### Klerksdorp appoints junior leadership

By Xolani Mndaweni: GCIS, North West



**SAPS members posing with the newly elected Klerksdorp SAPS junior leadership.**



**Adjudicators from different sectors of society listening and noting attentively during the debate.**

On 25 July 2018, the Klerksdorp South Africa Police Service (SAPS) in partnership with the Government Communication and Information System and other stakeholders held a Junior Leadership Debate at Klerksdorp Technical School where the Klerksdorp SAPS Junior leadership was elected.

The Junior Commissioner Project is an evolving concept that resides within the Junior Leadership Concept, which advocates for the development and nurturing of leadership capacity, skills and the mentoring of young people in communities by distinguished leaders, so that they can contribute positively towards the future prospects of the South African youth. Part of the objectives of the project is to support the SAPS Safer Schools Programme, which is championed by the SAPS Division: Visible Policing and Provincial Commissioners to improve the fight against crime and violence in schools.

The competition discussed issues on drugs abuse, bullying, rape and assault, and the use of weapons in schools, among other issues. Learners were encouraged to speak out and report any form of abuse and crimes that they encounter or hear of. The involvement of the communities to fight crime was also emphasised.

The SAPS said that the appointment of the junior station commanders, and other junior leadership will assist to reduce crimes affecting learners and communities. The positions that were selected were: junior station commander, junior visible policing head, junior detective head, junior support service head, and two junior visible policing support.