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OUTCOME 8: SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF HOUSEHOLD.

Minister hands over land to community members

By Kaone Moshwela: GCIS, North West



Minister Gugile Nkwinti and Premier Supra Mahumapelo addressing the audience during title deeds hand-over ceremony.



Kgosi Moiloa, Premier Mahumapelo, Minister Nkwinti, Ngaka Modiri Molema Mayor Justice Makolomakwe and MEC Manketse Tihape receiving the cheques for Bahurutshe for the development of land and farming.

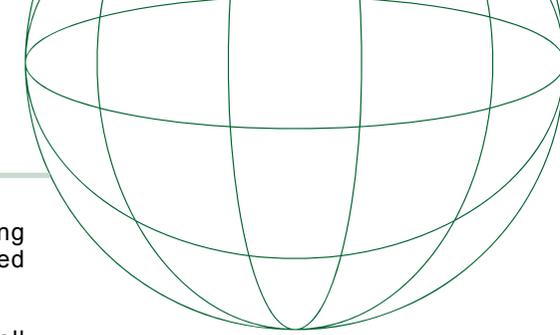
Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Gugile Nkwinti, handed over title deeds to five communities of Bahurutshe who were disposed of their land during the passing of the Development Trust and Land Act, 1936 (Act 18 of 1936). The event took place on 5 December 2016 at the Motsane Game Farm and Tweefontein Farm. The land is more than 54 000 hectares to benefit a total of 1 878 households. The Bahurutshe community to benefit are Bahurutshe boo Moiloa, Bahurutshe boo Sebogodi, Bahurutshe boo Mokgatla, Bahurutshe of Tshwane and Bahurutshe of Mokgatla.



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The Minister also launched the first pilot project of the policy framework on strengthening the relative's rights of people working in the land, 50/50 policy. Five farm workers benefited from the project policy

In his speech, the Minister commended the North West government for working very well and also praised the province for being the first to have an Agri-park project.

The 50/50 policy is the dream of our former President Nelson Mandela.

"Today as we commemorate his death, we also celebrate the legacy he negotiated for a very long time," said he Minister.

He also urged community members to be law-abiding citizens and not a conflict society by not listening to those who say they should occupy any open piece of land that they find.

Premier of North West, Supra Mahumapelo, said the activity of today is to ensure that the dignity of the people are restored by giving what belongs to them."

"We should ensure that people get their land back without any conflict," he said.

One of the farmworker who benefited from the 50/50 policy, Moremedi Molome, appreciated government for ensuring the implementation of the policy that made them to benefit and shape their future. He said farmworkers play a very important role in ensuring that the farms are productive.

"It is in the power of a hardworking and dedicated farmworker to ensure sustainable farming," he said.

The Bahurutshe also received cheques that amount to millions of rands to develop their land and farming activities.



Moremedi Molome said:

"I appreciate the opportunity, I worked in the farm for 16 years. I thank our government for shaping our future through this 50/50 policy and encourage them to assist other farmworkers like me."



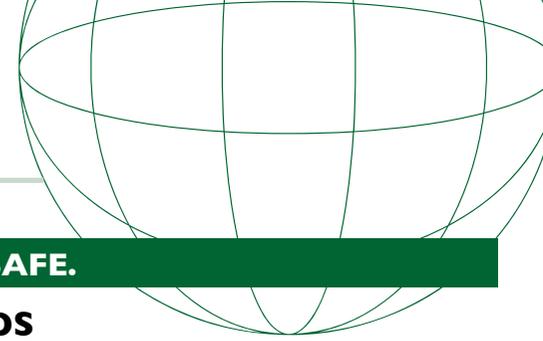
Loui Meyer said:

"When I first heard about the 50/50 policy I did not understand it, I only knew about 50/50 that involves a woman and a man in marriage, but later I realised is the policy to move South Africa forward let me agree to it. I am also a victim of apartheid who lost every property at Madikwe farm, my parents lost everything and since then I became involved in ensuring that I receive back what is lost, I lived here with Bahurutshe and I am also a Mohurutshe."



Chairperson of Bahurutshe bo Mokgatla said:

"We have been waiting for this day after 1998, it was not an easy process but today we are very happy that we received what we have been fighting for. Our parents who started this process are no more to witness this. I also appreciate the committee for its perseverance."



Falicia Banda said:

“It is good to see government out in our community today. This information is very much needed.”



Joseph Nombewe said:

“I think this is a good thing happening today, and I think our community is going to benefit from what is happening this morning.”



Jonathan Tobias said:

“I have been in Langebaan for seven years and I hope this can happen on a regular basis. I do hope to use these condoms in the near future.”

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

Government and community join hands to fight HIV and AIDS

By Gerzell Mathey: GCIS, Western Cape



Community development workers hand out promotional materials to the communities of Seaview and Diazville.



Members of the community receiving condoms from the team that was distributing.

Government Communication and Information System in partnership with community development workers (CDWs), Traffic Services, South African Police Service and members of the South African National Defence Force took to the streets in a bid to create awareness around HIV and AIDS under the banner: “It is in your hands to end HIV and TB”. The event took place in Seaview and Diazville Saldanha Bay on 2 December 2016.

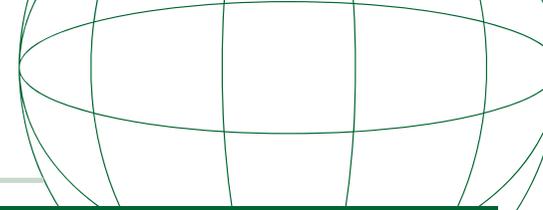
Regional Manager for the CDWs, Christopher Crotz, said, “We need to spread the message of prevention throughout the West Coast Region and not just in the Seaview and Diazville communities. Our people are suffering in silence and this is the only way we can reach them, door-to-door one on one.”

The campaign started in Seaview community situated in Langebaan before moving to Diazville in Saldanha Bay.

The campaign is aimed at putting the spotlight on the youth of South Africa in the hope of encouraging them to get tested at least once a year and ensuring that they protect themselves and their partners. Government has also launched a new public section brand of female and male condoms called MAX, which are available in a range of flavours.

Captain Chaplain Tshabalala from the South African army opened the morning proceedings with encouragement. Both communities were receptive to the outreach campaign and accepted the informational material presented to them.

South Africa has so far made tremendous strides in treating the number of people living with HIV. The country has the largest anti-retroviral programme in the world, with 3.4 million people on treatment in 2015.



Theresa said:

“Government must start considering locals for business opportunities. The community needs government’s help in order to flourish.”



Leeroy Elnor said:

“I am an engineer by trade and very recently became a local businessman. We need opportunities to help us realize our dreams.”



Melanie Arendse said:

“The concern is that local businesses are dying especially female-owned business because they are not getting government contracts, which are being given to outside businesses.”

OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT , EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATED PUBLIC SERVICES AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP.

Minister reaches out to community members

By Gerzell Mathey: GCIS, Western Cape



Minister Patel addressing community members.



Patric Lekabane, Morgan De Beer, Minister Ebrahim Petel, Verna Asia, Benedicta Mahlangu.



Some of the community members at the event.

Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel hosted an Imbizo in Diazville Saldanaha Bay in the Western Cape. The aim of the Imbizo was to encourage entrepreneurship and for it to be stimulated through infrastructure development.

The session was attended by local business operators, representatives from labour unions and officials from both the provincial and local government. Also in attendance were officials from development finance institutions such as the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and Small Finance Enterprise (Sefa).

Community members raised concerns over lack of job opportunities and economic infrastructure. They did however, acknowledge that the SBIDZ-LC has been very vocal in support of local entrepreneurs. The entrepreneurs stated that their biggest worry was that government contracts are given to outsiders or bigger businesses, thus putting strain on the local economy, creating scarcity for local entrepreneurs and eventually putting them out of business.

Minister Patel said that he needed the help of the community to ensure that services and information is delivered but that local entrepreneurs have to do their part. He also mentioned that January 2017 would be the start of getting entrepreneurs registered into the central database of government.

Minister Patel said that his department and government will ensure that the Saldanha Bay Community on the West Coast flourishes once more.



Motsamai Lechuti said:

“I came here today to hear and find out how the issues of racism and nation-building would be tackled. The chief’s speech on learning to do things for ourselves as Africans and not forgetting where we come from inspired me.”



Naledi Lekobo said:

“I attended the event because I wanted to know what reconciliation and social cohesion meant. I was touched and hurt by the fact that the Khoisan are not acknowledged and are excluded in many decision-making processes.”



Bonginkosi Mthlane said:

“I attended the event so that I could participate in the discussion and also market my services. I learned that as a nation, we should not adopt the ideology of other nations. We used to be a civilised nation but now we do not get along as a people. It is about time that we unite, support each other and do things for ourselves.”

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

Dialogue to foster social cohesion

By Masego Motshidisi, GCIS Northern Cape



Chief Glen Taaibosch, Dr Nehana, Advocate Siphon Mantula, Bonakelo Jacobs, Judge Yvonne Mokgoro and Dr William Langeveld.



Community members at the event.



Attendees receiving information material.



Galactic Arts exhibiting their products and services.

A community dialogue to commemorate Reconciliation Month was held in Kimberley at the Mayibuye Multipurpose Centre on 13 December 2016.

Aimed at bridging the gap towards a non-racial society, the conversation unpacked the extent to which reconciliation events reached the Khoi and San communities.

The panel, consisting of former Constitutional Court Judge, Yvonne Mokgoro, Advocate Siphon Mantula, Gauteng Khoi and San leader Chief Glen Taaibosch, and Dr William Langeveld spoke of the need for society to unite, work together and become self-reliant.

Advocate Mantula said people need to think about how they can contribute to nation-building. He said they had to let go of name-calling and also end racism.

Chief Taaibosch said they had a right to demand, fight and claim their land back. He further said government’s involvement was essential for social cohesion to be strong. Questions and comments raised by citizens ranged from religious differences, language barriers and the need for economic transformation.