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## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Government prioritises anti-corruption at Musina Beitbridge

By Netshikweta Doctrine; GCIS, Limpopo

The Border Management and Immigration Anti-Corruption Forum (BMIACF) invited the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster to Musina Beitbridge Port of Entry on 11 November 2025, to raise awareness on the consequences of corruption to officials.

Ex-offenders were invited to the event to share their experiences on the consequences of committing corruption and fraud. They encouraged the officials to serve with dignity and never find themselves on the wrong side of the law, by doing the right thing always, even when no one was watching.

Commissioner of the Border Management Authority (BMA), Dr Michael Masiapato, indicated that the event's purpose was to address corrupt and fraudulent activities at the Beitbridge Port of Entry. "The widespread corruption triggered the formation of BMICF, which enables integrated border law enforcement and relevant stakeholders to have conversations about the consequences of corruption," he said. He further indicated that they were not going to have mercy on those found on the wrong side of the law.

The establishment of BMIACF will ensure that various institutions ensure consequence management for perpetrators. "Those who commit corruption are brazen and daring; therefore, we are working tirelessly to ensure that the rule of law prevails," said former Head of Special Investigating Unit (SIU) Adv. Andy Mothibi. He further stated that South Africa would be a corruption-free country.

Musina Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Nkhanedzeni Mawela, stated that corruption at the port of entry had a negative impact on developmental programmes of the municipality. He applauded the good work done by BMIACF. "Today I am so delighted that the Chairperson of BMIACF, who is the previous head of the SIU, said it loud and clear that they are going to clean all rotten tomatoes within government to ensure that South Africa is a corruption-free country. This will enable the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone to operate effectively and efficiently," he said.



Some of the stakeholders from the Security Cluster in attendance.



Participants during the Musina Beitbridge Anti-Corruption Awareness Campaign.



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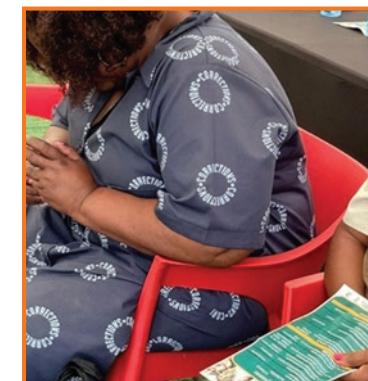
BMA Commissioner, Dr Michael Masiapato.



Former Head of the SIU, Adv. Andy Mothibi.



Musina Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Nkhanedzeni Mawela.



An ex-offender who shared her experience of being convicted of fraud and corruption.



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Ms Christina Morkel, Community Health Worker:  
"This is World AIDS Day. I am happy for the event to be held in Onseepkans, and I am happy for those who came from far to support us."



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Ms Pamela Gertse, community member:  
"I am not shy to say I am HIV positive, and I am grateful for the support I got."

## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### World AIDS Day commemoration held in Onseepkans

By Olebogeng Stephen Moseki and Tesah Gavhi; GCIS, Northern Cape

On 3 December 2025, the Khai Ma Local Municipality led by Mayor, Cllr Estella Cloete, hosted a successful World AIDS Day event in Onseepkans, under the theme: "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response". Collaborating with the Namakwa District Municipality and the Northern Cape Department of Health (NCDOH), the event featured a community walk led by Executive Mayor, Cllr Mervin Cloete, to honour those affected by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Key speakers emphasised the importance of treatment and fighting stigma. District Director for Namakwa in the NCDOH, Mr Daniel Grootboom, urged

those living with HIV to take the available treatments. One of the attendees, Ms Pamela Gertse, shared her personal journey, encouraging support and openness about the disease. Mayor Cloete highlighted the importance of a healthy lifestyle, commended the local AIDS Council's functionality, and called on families and churches to promote awareness. He concluded that the three practices that could effectively prevent HIV infection were marital fidelity, condom use or abstinence. The event underscored government's efforts to combat HIV and AIDS through collaboration and responsible behaviour.



Executive Mayor, Cllr Cloete addressing the community of Onseepkans.



Cllr Johnny Bock (Speaker of Khai Ma Municipality), Mayor Cloete and Dominee Swartbooi leading the walk.



Mayor Cloete addressing the community.



**Paramount Chief of the Khoisan, Ms Jean Choudree:**

“Many people in Wentworth are incorrectly classified as Coloured when they are actually Khoisan. The rights of the Khoisan have been violated due to a lack of resources to promote the culture, especially the language. The language is not taught in schools; people have to attend private classes to learn it, but a lack of resources is a challenge.”

## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Strengthening democracy by promoting Khoisan culture

By Vasanthi Naidoo; GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The community of Wentworth engaged in robust discussion with officials from the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), Public Protector South Africa (PPSA) and the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) on 25 November 2025. The community, riddled with many issues of access to suitable housing, overcrowded homes, drug and alcohol abuse, and gang violence, welcomed this public education activity. Officials from the Chapter 9 institutions listened to how marginalised the community felt by government. In turn, the organisations informed them of their mandate and services, complaints and investigation procedures and types of complaints they could investigate.

The CGE and the SAHRC committed to follow up on an existing complaint that was referred by the SAHRC to the Equality Court, involving the extraction

of gender-based violence and femicide victims. Due to the court case, the organisation had to terminate their extraction services. The CGE and SAHRC will jointly review the case to find alternative solutions to enable the organisation to resume its services. Classification and recognition of the Khoisan ethnicity and culture was another burning issue discussed during the engagement. Many individuals, classified as Coloured, stated that they were actually Khoisan and wanted to be recognised as such. They lamented that Khoisan culture, especially the language, was not receiving sufficient attention from the government.

The session concluded with a proposal for a subsequent engagement with the Chapter 9 institutions' Legal units. Complaint forms were distributed to individuals who wished to register their dissatisfaction.



Officials from the SAHRC, PPSA and the CGE engaging the community.



Community members attended the programme in numbers and asked questions.

## PRIORITY 1: DRIVING INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

### Government empowers young farmers in the Free State

By Yanga Ngcukana; GCIS, Free State

The South African government has intensified efforts to empower the youth and promote sustainable farming. The Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development made a significant contribution to the livelihood of 31-year-old farmer, Mr Ongama Molo, by donating agricultural equipment worth approximately R1.5 million to support crop production.

Mr Molo, who hails from Bethulie in the Xhariep District, is a beneficiary of the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme. Through this initiative, he received a brand new tractor, planting equipment and four water harvesting tanks. The department is also repairing a borehole on his farm to ensure reliable irrigation for the 3.5 hectares of land under cultivation.

The farm specialises in producing vegetables such as cabbage, spinach, beetroot and potatoes. It also boasts fruit trees including oranges, grapes, apricots, nuts, tangerines and peaches that provide

seasonal income. In addition, one hectare is dedicated to lucerne, harvested every six weeks and supplied to the local market.

This farming journey began in 2021, when Mr Molo's late mother invested her last savings to purchase the land, determined to build a lasting family legacy. Following her passing in 2023, he formally took over operations and has since driven the farm forward with passion and resilience.

"Since receiving this donation in February 2025, we welcome it, and it has already transformed the way we work. The tractor is invaluable for planting and the equipment has boosted seedling production. We are truly grateful," he said. His dedication was further recognised at the Provincial Awards hosted by Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Agriculture, Ms Elzabe Rockman, in October 2025, where he received a Recognition Award for soil production.



The brand new Landini tractor donated by the department.



The Molo brothers posing in front of the agricultural machinery donated to them.



Lucerne harvested at the farm.



The Molo brothers posing with departmental officials during the Agricultural Awards hosted by MEC Rockman.



Fresh produce from the farm ready for the local market.