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

Mokopane community unites behind campaign to clean their area

By Maria Ramoshaba; GCIS, Limpopo

On 13 October 2026, the Government Communication and Information System partnered with Ward Committee members, Community Development Workers (CDWs), Mokopane Thuthuzela Care Centre and the Expanded Public Works Programme for a clean-up campaign in Mokopane.

The campaign aimed to clean the area through collection of litter and grass-cutting, while also responding to President Cyril Ramaphosa's call for communities to unite against gender-based violence and femicide. The Mogalakwena Local Municipality supported the initiative by providing refuse bags and assisting to collect litter across the area despite the extreme heat.

Residents highlighted the importance of keeping the environment clean and proper disposal of waste. They committed to continue maintaining cleanliness and using bins to prevent health risks. The initiative not only left the area cleaner but also strengthened community spirit and pride in the neighbourhood.

There was a call to action for residents to change their behaviour by using dustbins and not dumping litter all over. During a telephonic radio interview with Mokopane FM, Mr Frans Makhura, a CDW, emphasised, “Having a dustbin means nothing if we dump outside it. A dustbin only works when we use it. A clean street starts with us – we must keep our area clean, healthy and dignified."

The campaign will be followed by further education on proper waste disposal and environmental care.



The team worked together to clean the environment.

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Hessequa community celebrates opening of new Home Affairs office

By Jetrho Grootboom; GCIS, Western Cape

After 17 years of travelling more than 120 kilometres to access essential services from the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), the community of Hessequa Local Municipality celebrated a significant milestone with the official opening of a permanent DHA office at the Riversdale Thusong Service Centre on 2 November 2026.

The office was officially opened by Home Affairs Minister, Dr Leon Schreiber, alongside Hessequa Executive Mayor, Cllr Grant Riddles and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gerald Boezak. The achievement highlights the importance of collaboration between the three spheres of government. Mayor Riddles secured a council agreement which allowed the DHA to occupy the premises without paying rental or electricity costs, ensuring improved access to services for rural communities.

Minister Schreiber emphasised the importance of bringing government services closer to rural residents, acknowledging the challenges communities faced when travelling long distances to access essential services. The new office operates from Monday to Friday and provides services including Smart ID card and passport applications; as well as birth, marriage and death registrations.
The Minister also highlighted the department's digital transformation initiatives, including applications at participating banks, paperless self-service kiosks and courier delivery of identity documents and passports. This milestone represents more than the opening of an office – it restores convenience, dignity and accessibility to the people of Hessequa.

Through strong partnerships and people-centred service delivery, government continues to make meaningful progress in improving the lives of communities.





Minister Schreiber with Cllr Riddles during the official opening of DHA offices at the Riversdale Thusong Service Centre.







Minister Schreiber and Cllr Riddles with Smart ID recipients.

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ICROP forms partnerships with stakeholders to assist Norvalspont community access services

By Thenjiwe Konono; GCIS, Northern Cape

On 16 October 2026, the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) in collaboration with the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), Legal Aid South Africa, Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa, departments of Social Development and Home Affairs, Standard Bank, ABSA and FNB, facilitated the Integrated Community Registration Outreach Programme (ICROP) in Norvalspont under Umsobomvu Local Municipality, Pixley ka Seme District.

The programme aimed to bring essential government and financial services closer to communities, particularly those facing geographical and financial barriers to accessing services. Majority of government offices are situated in Colesberg, approximately 40 kilometres from Norvalspont, forcing residents to rely on hitchhiking or hiring private transport, which can be costly and make accessing essential services challenging. Through this collaborative initiative, participating stakeholders brought their services closer to residents, providing an opportunity to engage with relevant service providers within their community. The programme highlighted the importance of cooperation between government departments and financial institutions in addressing service delivery challenges.

The outreach demonstrated a commitment to improving access to essential services and reducing the burden of travelling long distances. Such initiatives remain important in promoting inclusive service delivery and ensuring that residents in rural communities access government assistance and information closer to home.



Norvalspont residents.



SASSA shared information about their services and on how the SASSA system works. They assisted participants to solve issues with their payments.



Legal Aid educated and offered their services to the community and assisted with enquiries.



GCIS distributed their provincial newspaper to keep communities informed.



Ms Nomfundo Kotsomela-Saul:
"I am very happy about this programme, that the services were brought closer to the people because in Norvalspont we have a transport issue, as we need to travel to get access to these services. This programme was able to give us the opportunity to access these services. We are very happy with the assistance and would like to encourage that there should be more of these service delivery programmes."

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GCIS and Nyandeni Local Municipality collaborate to promote the Love Your Street campaign

By Zama Giqi and Sthokozisi Tshazi; GCIS, Eastern Cape

On 13 October 2026, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in collaboration with Nyandeni Local Municipality, conducted the Love Your Street Cleanup campaign at Thabo Mbeki township in Libode. The initiative promotes environmental cleanliness, community participation and safer public spaces; while raising awareness on the importance of addressing gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) by protecting women and children.

The programme forms part of an intervention following an incident involving a 13-year-old child who went missing and was found in the bushes two days later. The incident highlighted the necessity of addressing neglected spaces and strengthening efforts to promote community safety.

The campaign brought together Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers, stakeholders and community members. They divided into groups to clean targeted areas including roadsides, dumping sites and areas covered by overgrown bushes. The collective effort encouraged teamwork and highlighted the responsibility communities shared in maintaining clean and safe surroundings.

The campaign also highlighted concerns around GBVF, particularly cases where victims were abandoned in bushes and dumping sites. Clearing overgrown vegetation and cleaning neglected spaces improved visibility and contributed to safer public spaces. Environmental clean-ups must, however, be accompanied by broader community efforts to prevent violence, report abuse and protect vulnerable people.

“This campaign is very helpful to us as community members of Thabo Mbeki township because it encourages us to keep our community clean at all times and helps us address safety concerns associated with dumping sites and overgrown bushes, which can be linked to incidents of GBVF,” said Ms Thandazile Ntlokwana.

Through the campaign, GCIS and the Nyandeni Local Municipality encouraged residents to play an active role in keeping their surroundings clean and promoting safer neighbourhoods. The initiative reinforced the message that building cleaner, healthier and safer communities required cooperation, awareness and collective action.



Various stakeholders, EPWP workers and community members about to start cleaning the streets of Thabo Mbeki township.



Residents work together to clean their streets during the campaign.



General workers from Nyandeni Local Municipality clean a dumping site at Thabo Mbeki township.



A number of general workers from Nyandeni Local Municipality clean up a dumping site.



A garbage truck provided by the Nyandeni Local Municipality collects all the waste gathered by participants.



Ms Thandazile Ntlokwana:
"We appreciate this Love Your Street Cleanup campaign; it reminds us to keep our communities clean and safe all the time."



Ms Nomalungelo Mbali:
"Keeping dumping sites clean and well maintained can also help reduce spaces where GBVF may occur."