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PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Observing Nelson Mandela International Day

By Moloko Segale: GCIS, Gauteng

Deputy President Paul Mashatile, accompanied by Charlotte Mannya-Maxeke Institute led the Nelson Mandela International Day activities in Soweto on 18 July 2023. On this day annually, there are celebrations all over the world to honour the life and legacy of former President Nelson Mandela. This year's theme is: "Climate, Food and Solidarity".

The Government Communication and Information System, Gauteng Provincial Government, National Youth Development Agency and Clinix Health Group took part on the activities of the day. The programme started at Morris Isaacson Secondary school in Soweto, with a short address and handing over of gifts to the learners, followed by Deputy President Mashatile being part of planting additional beds of vegetables at the school. As part of starting a journey on food security, the Deputy President encouraged learners to maintain vegetable gardening to address issues related to poverty, unemployment and food security initiatives.

In honouring freedom fighters who fought for the Democracy of this country, the second event was followed by wreath laying at Tsietsi Mashinini statue at the June 16 Interpretation Centre in Central Jabavu, across the road from Morris Isaacson Secondary School. The Deputy President and his delegation then visited the Soweto Home for The Aged that is located in the vicinity to meet, greet, and hand over gifts to the elderly.

There was also a visit at Orlando West High School where the Deputy President addressed leaners and handed over school shoes before heading on for another wreath laying ceremony at Nelson Mandela's house within the vicinity. The last part of the programme of the day was wreath-laying ceremony at the Hector Pieterse Museum.

Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi, MEC for Sport Arts and Culture, Morakane Mosupye, MEC for Education, Matome Chiloane and other senior government officials supported the events.



Deputy President Paul Mashatile and Morris Isaacson High School learners planting additional vegetable beds at the school.



Laying of wreaths by Deputy President Paul Mashatile at the June 16 Interpretation Centre and Nelson Mandela Museum, respectively.



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PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Agency strengthens broadcasting

By Lerato Setilo: GCIS, Free State

On 10 July 2023, the Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Nomasonto Motaung, embarked on the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) Call for Grant Funding Applications Roadshow 2023 in Bloemfontein. The purpose of the roadshow aimed at providing clarity on the MDDA funding. This is because government is not happy about the status of community media in the Free State, where the majority of community radio stations are off air. On this note, the MDDA visited the Free State to address the issue.

MDDA Grant Funding Manager Siphokazi Mgudiwa presented on funding. She stated that grand funding for community print was opened for four provinces: North West, Northern Cape, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal. While grant funding for community radio was open for all provinces, the application process was opened from 5 June until the 17 July 2023.

Gavin Sadler from the Government Communication and Information System presented information on media buying, stakeholder participation opportunities, compliance, rates, and governmental campaigns. The South African Revenue Service presented information on tax compliance, education and service to clients. Sentech presented information on transmission while the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa dealt with compliance with the conditions of the licence.

“In the Free State, we are proud that the MDDA has provided support to local newspapers such as Phetoho News, and community radio stations such as QwaQwa and Setsoto community radio stations and Naledi FM. These projects are, however, only a small proportion of the projects we have supported across all nine provinces of South Africa since the MDDA funded its first project in 2004,” said the Deputy Minister.

She further stated that the MDDA has, through its various roles, functions, programmes and activities, helped to promote and implement media development and diversity for the benefit of all South Africans. Over the years, the MDDA has become a resource for the whole nation and acts as a catalyst for further media transformation such that all citizens are better informed and better able to exercise their democratic rights.

The main activity of the MDDA is grant funding, which means that it provides funds to assist in the establishment of community media, for example helping new radio and TV stations purchase equipment, or local newspapers cover their printing and distribution costs. The MDDA also supports the development of local media by providing training, assisting them to attract advertising, and getting discounted printing costs. For more information, the MDDA may be contacted via info@mdda.co.za and 011 643 1100.



Deputy Minister Nomasonto Motaung addressing the audience.



Stakeholders during the presentation.

PRIORITY 1: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Mandela Month celebration

By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo

Limpopo hosted multiple Mandela Day celebration events where a number of political principals were seen criss-crossing the entire province doing their 67 minutes in honour of former President Nelson Mandela's call upon people to donate their time and make a difference in their communities. The Minister in The Presidency, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, together with Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motswaledi, Deputy Minister of Health, Sibongiseni Dhlomo, Acting Premier Seaparo Sekoati, MEC for Health, Phophi Ramathuba, participated in the Limpopo Central Hospital sod turning event, the envisaged hospital will host a team of diverse specialists who will provide tailored medical care for the community of Limpopo. These initiatives seek to close a gap that currently forces people to move out of the province in search of advanced medical care.

In another event, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Blade Nzimande, handed over a house built by Mopani TVET College in an event held at Maphokwane High School in Mashishimale. The house was built for an 87-year-old blind woman who was living with an 87 mentally challenged person who later passed on before the house was completed. The family was sharing an old dilapidated one-room house with five grandchildren. The celebrations continued in other parts of the province where different MECs and Mayors played their part.

Various departments and parastatals that render services at Mokwakwaila Thusong Service Centre in Northampton Primary School planted 1 200 different types of vegetables by the school garden hosted an outstanding Mandela Day event. These gestures sought to provide the much-needed support after the tragedy that befell learners, teachers and parents of Northampton Primary School. On 22 April 2023, one of the school buses ferrying pupils from a sport trip lost control and caused an accident where one learner died while others got injured and taken to hospital. A member of the School Governing Body lost her life in hospital two month after the accident. Some of the learners are still using walking aids.

"The school suffered severe loss, most of our pupils are from extremely poor background to an extent that their parents could not afford to visit admitted children in hospital, and it became the responsibility of the school to pay for their travelling. The school also had to assist in the burial of the two people who died as a result of the accident, furthermore, other pupils needed counselling and home visits, all these costed the school," said the principal.



School principal said:

"These humanitarian acts came at the right time as we are still grieving as the school. We humbly appeal to any good Samaritan for any kind of donation; the school suffered tremendously unless we get support, many lives will continue to be affected."



School Governing Body representative said:

"The school had purchased 2 000 vegetable plants which were supposed to be planted. Unfortunately, all plants died due to lack of time to plant. We thank Mokwakwaila Thusong Service Centre for this initiative."



Stakeholders and community members doing gardening at Ga-Mokwakwaila.



Gomolemo Tagane said:

“As a ward councillor responsible for Tsineng, I am very happy that government departments came to this area to provide services and information to our communities. I hope that our residents will use the information as an empowerment tool.”



Motlogelwa Molaolwe said:

“As the Department of Agriculture, our interest is to ensure food security and empower the previously disadvantaged individuals to enter the sector and grow the economy.”

PRIORITY 1: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Integrated Community Registration and Outreach Programme

By *Tebogo Monyo: GCIS, Northern Cape*

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) led an Integrated Community Registration and Outreach Programme (ICROP) at the Tsineng Community Hall, in the Joe Morolong Local Municipality on 13 July 2023. The event sought to bring services closer to the people in remote areas.

SASSA received support from the Joe Morolong Local Municipality, represented by Ward Councillor Gomolemo Tagane, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), Departments of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, Social Development and the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality to render services and disseminate information to the Tsineng community and surrounding areas. The event focused on government’s Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP) and saw stakeholders speaking about it.

The Department of Agriculture presented on its role in supporting the youth and women with an interest in agriculture and food security. Motlogelwa Molaolwe, representing the department said their Youth in Agriculture and

Rural Development, and Women in Agriculture and Rural Development programmes seek to promote and improve the active participation of youth and women. He encouraged the attendees to form cooperatives that can make an impact in the agricultural space and help the country ensure food security for the citizens.

Tebogo Monyo, the Regional Communication Coordinator from the GCIS, presented on the role of the GCIS and its core mandate of ensuring an informed citizenry and supporting the ERRP as part of its key programmes. The day was concluded through the provision of a variety of services by SASSA, including the application of grants and updating of information of beneficiaries on the system.



Tsineng community members participating in the dialogue about economic opportunities.



Sannah Lekalake explaining SASSA's different grants and application processes.