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## PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### Queendustria Substation launch

By Sandiswa Mdingi: GCIS, Eastern Cape

During the winter season most businesses and residents in Queenstown, especially in the Ezibeleni area of the Chris Hani District, suffered a lot due to power outages due to old and failing power station that feed the area.

On 28 September 2021, Eastern Cape MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism Mlungisi Mvoko, launched the Queendustria Substation. The MEC was joined by the Deputy Mayor of Chris Hani District Municipality, Noncedo September, Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality Mayor Luleka Gubhula and CEO of the Eastern Cape Development Corporation, Ayanda Wakaba.

The launch took place at Queens Hotel in Queenstown, after a guided tour at Queendustria Substation and Ebden Substation. During the launch, new developments that will commence at Ebden Substation were announced.

The news was greatly welcomed by the business sector who were represented by Ken Clark, the owner of Twizza and Crickley Dairy.

MEC Mvoko concluded by saying that municipalities must work together with businesses to maintain infrastructure and develop the local economy.



MEC Mlungisi Mvoko and Mayor Noncedo September at the Queendustria Substation.



Local government leaders and stakeholders at the Queendustria Substation.



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Online at:  
<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>  
Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.  
Via SMS by dialling \*134\*832#.  
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Programme targets young men

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State

The Free State Office of the Premier represented by community development workers in partnership with the South African Business Coalition on Health & AIDS, launched the Adolescent Boys and Young Men Programme in Matwabeng on 23 September 2021.

Young boys between the ages of 10 to 18 years were mobilised across four different schools in the area of Matwabeng to form part of the launch.

The programme focused on issues of health and to build young men from an early age, thus trying to prevent them from making bad decisions. It was also aimed at equipping young boys with information.

Various departments and entities were invited to address issues that are rife in the community, which include: gender-based violence, HIV and AIDS, substance abuse, gangsterism, bullying, crime against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex plus community.

The key message that was emphasised by all presenters was that young boys should focus on education and should be in a position to determine their own future by making informed decisions.

In his message of support, the Executive Mayor of Setsoto Local Municipality, Mavaleliso Paka, committed that the municipality will support this kind of initiatives that inform and develop the community, and requested that this programme be rolled out to other towns within the municipality.

Mayor Paka emphasised that respect and good behaviour are key in building a strong foundation for young men.



Young boys who were in attendance.



Different stakeholders that were in attendance.



## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Dialogue to build a better South Africa

By Mlungisi Dlamini: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Department of Sports, Arts and Culture in partnership with Imbumba for Social Change Organisation and Ward 34 War Room held a heritage dialogue in Eastwood, Pietermaritzburg on 23 September 2021.

The session was mainly focused on using arts, culture, heritage and sports as an instrument of building a united South Africa.

The community saw the need to enhance unity and social cohesion after the civil unrest and racial tensions that took place in July 2021.

During the dialogue, the youth cited respect for one another, sharing with neighbours, understanding one another's cultures and caring for one another as some of the practices that can promote Ubuntu within communities.

The chairperson of UMgungundlovu Moral Regeneration Movement, Mzwandile Goge, said, "There is a need for the community to take a stand against racism and all forms of prejudices that undermine nation-building and social intergration."

The Department of Health was also present to create awareness about COVID-19 and available vaccination centres around Pietermaritzburg.



Mzwandile Goge addressing the audience.



Young people who participated in the community dialogue.

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Leaders urge residents to vaccinate

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with the Department of Health in the Namakwa District Municipality, coordinated several radio interviews to create awareness and sensitise residents about the Vooma Vaccination Weekend campaign on 1 October 2021.

The interviews were held at Radio NFM Stereo and Radio Kaboesna with the representatives from the Department of Health and religious leaders.

The leaders encouraged residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Reverend Eddie Swartbooi encouraged people to behave responsibly and do the right thing. "It does not matter which religious group you belong to, you still have to respect life and your loved ones. By getting vaccinated, you are not only protecting yourself, but also those near and dear to you," he said.

The coordinator of the Vooma Vaccination Weekend campaign in Namakwa, Howard Lottering, said it was significant for people to vaccinate, as this would contribute positively to the health of every South African.

The GCIS in Namakwa further strengthened the vaccination message through loud hailing, where community members were urged to visit vaccination sites.



Reverend Eddie Swartbooi motivating the residents of Namakwa to vaccinate against COVID-19.



Hazel Meissenheimer from the Department of Health during an interview at Radio NFM Stereo.