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PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Campaign for safer holiday season

By Mbuyiseli Bogwana: GCIS, Western Cape

Khayelitsha has been affected by high incidents of gender-based violence, cases of extortion and violent crimes, including gangsterism.

The safety of Khayelitsha has been compromised by many factors, including alcohol and drug abuse.

On 23 October 2021, Police Minister Bheki Cele, supported by the Western Cape Community Safety MEC Albert Fritz launched the provincial safer festive season operation at Khayelitsha.

The province received new vehicles, additional police personnel and a new police station plan, which will have a positive impact on the fight against crime.

Khayelitsha's long demand of another police station to service the rea of Makhaza was granted with a mobile station, with 30 police personnel to alleviate the backlog of police service from Harare Police Station. The station is part of the top 30 hotspot policing precinct with a high rate of crime.

"We are doing everything to ensure that you have every equipment to fight criminals," said Minister Cele.



Some of the cars that will help in combating crime in Khayelitsha.



attendance.









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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.



Ndithini Tyhido said:

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"I am happy that a permanent station is expected to be built early next year. There will be no need for Makhaza residents to spend their money in order to report crime cases to Harare. This is a huge benefit for the people of Makhaza."



Lunga Guza said:

"We appreciate the work done by the police in combating crime, and we would be happy if Lingelethu West Police Station can be upgraded to be a fully-fledged station. The improvement of the station infrastructure will capacitate the police personnel in the war against crime."



Yonela Ndabambi said:

"I am very proud member of Neighbourhood Watch, providing volunteer services to ensure that Khayelitsha is safe. We wish that the Minister will consider offering stipend for us to support our families."







Michelle Lucas said:

"The City of Tshwane has a specific unit to support SMMEs within the city, and we want them to register with our office. We will be able to provide financial and non-financial support. That way, we can ensure their sustainability and economic growth."



Eddie De Waal said:

"On behalf of local enterprises, I want to express our sincere gratitude to the City of Tshwane and its partners for bringing this valuable information to us. We have been challenged to get well organised and put our houses in order and we will do so."

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION

Small business empowerment session

By Robbie Senoelo: GCIS, Gauteng

As part of government's effort to encourage and stimulate economic recovery following the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Tshwane's Local Economic Development Division in partnership with the Government Communication and Information System, Small Enterprise Development Agency, National Youth Development Agency, Productivity SA, National Credit Regulator and Gauteng Department of Economic Development held a business information sharing session with local entrepreneurs in Eersterust, on 22 October 2021.

Information aimed at assisting prospective and existing business people to either start or sustain their businesses in order to grow the economy, create jobs and alleviate poverty was shared through exhibitions, presentations, face-to-face interactions and the distribution of information products.

Various stakeholder spoke about services that they provide to Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

Ward Councillor Benjamin Lawrence said local government is always willing and ready to assist small enterprises.

"The only way that government can assist small businesses is if they are compliant, have sound business plans and good marketing strategies. We are here today to offer support and assistance to local SMMEs and link them to relevant entities," he said.

The programme was also used to create awareness about the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out programme where people were encouraged to get vaccinated.



Dikgang Legoale from the Gauteng Economic Development making a presentation.



Local and aspiring entrepreneurs listening to various presentations.





PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Matric learners sign good conduct pledge

By Vuyisile Cindi: Mpumalanga, GCIS

Mpumalanga Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane together the MEC for Education Bonakele Majuba visited Balfour Combined School in Dipaleseng Local Municipality, on 22 October 2021, to observe the signing of the pledge of good conduct by Grade 12 learners in the municipality.

This was part of the endeavour by the Department of Education to entrench ethical conduct during the final matric examination, which commenced on 27 October 2021.

All Grade 12 learners of the neighbouring school convened at Balfour Combined School for this activation.

Tshepeha Secondary School, Setsheng Secondary School, Isifiso Sethu, and Nthoroane Secondary School learners attended the ceremony. This is the biggest number of attendance compared to the previous years.

There are 69 260 learners that have been registered for 2021 Grade 12 examination in 560 examination centres within the province.

The Mpumalanga Department of Education intends to have an incident-free examination and to improve the quality of results. This has been a norm since 2010.



Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane and MEC Bonakele Majuba observe as Ntombifuthi Mokoena signs the code of good conduct pledge.



Learner representatives from schools in Dipaleseng sign the code of good conduct for the 2021 matric examination.





PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Human trafficking and violence awareness campaign

By Lecrecia Prins: GCIS, Northern Cape

Social Development Minister Lindiwe Zulu, together with Northern Cape Social Development MEC Nontobeko Vilakazi, embarked on an anti-human trafficking and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign in Upington, on 21 October 2021.

The aim of the campaign was to create awareness about human trafficking in Upington and the surrounding areas. It was done in collaboration with the law-enforcement agencies such as the South African Police Service, the Hawks and the Commission for Gender Equality.

Minister Zulu said she wanted young girls to be conscious about the truth of human trafficking.

"Our call to our communities is to be aware. Parents should know where their children are at all times. They should ensure that they know that there is an issue such as human trafficking," she said.

The Minister further stated that it was also important for residents to know about GBV. She said stakeholders had to work with communities to end violence against women and children.

"We are here as the three spheres of government and non-governmental organisations to work together and prevent GBV by speaking to our communities and families. We have to work together to end violence in South Africa, in particular, violence against women and children. We need to continue to make noise, house to house, street to street, to end the violence."

Minister Zulu concluded by saying that the Department of Social Development will not rest until it ends the scourge of GBV and femicide, and until all South Africans feel safe.



