



MYDISTRICTTODAY



**STAY
SAFE**

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS

Issue no. 43: November 2021

CONTACT DETAILS OF THE GCIS PROVINCIAL OFFICES

For more information about similar programmes that are run across the country, contact one of the following provincial offices:

EASTERN CAPE

Ndlelantle Pinyana
043 722 2602 or 076 142 8606
ndlelantle@gcis.gov.za

FREE STATE

Yolisa Blom
051 448 4506 or 072 130 9893
yolisa@gcis.gov.za

GAUTENG

Peter Gumede
011 331 0164 or 083 570 8080
peterg@gcis.gov.za

KWAZULU-NATAL

Ndala Mngadi
031 301 6787 or 082 877 9420
ndala@gcis.gov.za

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Business information session for youth

By Reki Skosana: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) partnered with Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Department of Small Business Development, Mpumalanga Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation, South African Revenue Service and Maphotla Youth Centre to conduct an information-sharing session at Maphotla Library on 13 October 2021.

The event focused on empowering young people in business with information on various opportunities available in government that might assist them to establish and expand their businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Various service providers outlined opportunities available within their organisations and ways of accessing them, while the GCIS shared information on Women Economic Assembly.

Information on adherence to COVID-19 protocols was also emphasised for successful economic recovery. Government information products were distributed among the attendees.



Attendees listening to stakeholders at the event.



**government
communications**

Department:
Government Communication and Information System
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



LIMPOPO

Thanyani Ravhura
015 291 4689 or 082 421 3461
thanyani@gcis.gov.za

MPUMALANGA

Jerry Nkosi
013 753 2397 or 082 316 5295
Jerry@gcis.gov.za

NORTH WEST

Boitumelo Mosadi
018 381 7071 or 073 245 0906
boitumelom@gcis.gov.za

NORTHERN CAPE

Ofentse Moeti
053 832 1378/9 or 084 390 4330
Ofentse@gcis.gov.za

WESTERN CAPE

Geraldine Thopps
021 418 0533/2307 or 081 281 2200
Geraldine@gcis.gov.za

COVID-19 vaccine registration details for 12-year-olds and above:

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.



Ernest Ntuli said:

"The session was great. I received a lot of information that is going to benefit my business and my other establishments, more especially information related to government services."



Charlotte Aphane said:

"Today's session was good for us as young women is business. I felt motivated when they mentioned that we must do all we can to stand for ourselves as women."



Maria Khoe said:

"The registration was quick and I was also provided with information about digital migration."

PRIORITY PRIORITY 4: CONSOLIDATING THE SOCIAL WAGE THROUGH RELIABLE AND QUALITY BASIC SERVICES.

South Africa moves to digital television

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

During the 2021 State of the Nation Address, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that South Africa must complete the broadcast digital migration by 31 March 2022, for all households to move to digital television.

South Africa is committed to fulfil the international treaty obligation to switch from analogue to digital television broadcasting, as agreed with the international telecommunications union.

The old analogue television signal will soon be switched off in all provinces in the country. Households that have already migrated to the digital system will not be affected by the analogue switch-off.

Government has been providing free set-top boxes and installation to households with a monthly income of not more than R3 500. The registration, which began after 31 October 2021 will only be connected within three to six months after the switch-off.

The Department of Communications and Digital Technologies in partnership with the South African Post Office hosted an outreach programme on 26 October 2021, to mobilise the community of Seretse, Boshof in Lejweleputswa District, to register to receive subsidised set-top boxes from government at their nearest post office.

The Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa also attended the event to deal with connectivity challenges from those who were already connected.

Citizens who still use aerial/antenna mounted on a pole to watch television and those who do not have set-top box or smart television set, should find themselves a set-top-box or a smart television to be able to receive digital television.

Benefits of digital migration include: efficient use of spectrum, improved quality, improve media quality of service, and it grants South Africans a developmental opportunity.

Digital television will offer citizens, improved free-to-air services, and more channels.



Boshof community members registering for free set-top boxes.

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Government engages farmworkers on farm evictions

By Louis Botha: GCIS, Western Cape

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Mcebisi Skwatsha, addressed farmworkers on support opportunities available to them following threads of job losses and possible evictions in the Villiersdorp area on 17 October 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected various sectors of the South African economy.

The agricultural sector, which provides job opportunities to one of the most vulnerable groups of the labour force, farmworkers, was hard-hit by restrictions on international exports. This resulted in farms not being profitable and job opportunities being under threat.

Farmworker unions extended an invitation to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development following complaints received from farmworkers facing job losses and evictions.

The area, Vyeboom, which falls under the Theewaterskloof Local Municipality, is among the farming areas with high numbers of evictions.

Deputy Minister Skwatsha explained that the Extension of Security of Tenure Act, 1997 (Act 62 of 1997) is to facilitate legally secure tenure for people living on land that belongs to someone else in rural and peri-urban areas.

He further explained that the Act regulates the conditions upon which these tenure rights may be exercised and where the rights of persons who reside on land may be terminated.

The Act addresses issues long-term for occupiers, the conditions to reside on land, the conditions and certain circumstances that can lead to termination of right of residence, and lastly the condition and circumstances under which people can be evicted from land.

The District Director of the Overberg and Cape Winelands District, Esmerelda Reid said the challenge facing the department is that some farmworkers do not report these eviction cases to their offices. She encouraged them to contact the department on such issues.



Deputy Minister Mcebisi Skwatsha addressing farmworkers in Villiersdorp.



Farmworkers in Villiersdorp area engaging with Deputy Minister Mcebisi Skwatsha.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Imbizo addresses crime

By Patrick Mchunu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Police Minister Bheki Cele and South African Police Service (SAPS) senior leaders provided the community with a platform to discuss and engage them on various issues concerning crime. The Imbizo was held in Nyezane under Inkosilangalibalele Municipality on 22 October 2021.

Issues discussed include stock theft, murder, robbery and other crimes plaguing this community. Community members were afforded an opportunity to raise their concerns on crime.

Minister Cele told them he had brought in new management for the Amangwe SAPS to improve the way they work with the community. He further said he hoped that all perpetrators would be brought to book soon and that order would be restored in the area.

The Minister also said that many suspects have been arrested in the area, and he urged the community to work with the police.

Minister Cele was accompanied by the Uthukela District Mayor, Simphiwe Mazibuko, Inkosi Mazibuko, Mayor of Inkosilangalibalele Municipality Councillor Jabulile Mbhele and SAPS leaders.



Police Minister Bheki Cele addressing the community of Nyezane.



The community of Nyezane during the crime prevention Imbizo.