

## DID YOU KNOW?

July is Mandela Month and Mandela Day will be celebrated on 18 July. The objective of Mandela Day is to inspire individuals to take action to help change the world for the better, and in doing so build a global movement for good.



# MY DISTRICT TODAY

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## Outcome 5: Improved quality of basic education

### Youth Day celebrated

*By Doctor Marebane: GCIS Limpopo*

The youth around the Greater Tubatse Municipal area had a fun-filled day when they celebrated Youth Month at the 'Ntwampe Sports ground near Moroke on 26 June. The celebration coincided with the International Drug Abuse Day. The activities included fun games such as sack, cup, and tyre races.

The youth were encouraged to test for HIV and AIDS and other diseases. Lear Lehlalerwa from the Sekhukhune Municipality encouraged the youth to lead healthy lives. She encouraged them to get

involved in community activities and to stay away from alcohol and drugs.

The event was organised by the Zakheni Youth Development Centre. Moleseng Thobejane, one of the youth leaders, said that they were happy to have empowered the youth and are planning to host other youth-related events in future.

Playing was at the order of the day ... Let them play, after all, they are just children.



*The tyre race.*



*The art of balancing.*



*The sack race.*



*Tussle for the tennis ball.*



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*Ekurhuleni Mayor Mondli Ngungubele addressing the delegates at the Ekurhuleni Job Summit.*

**OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH.**

**Ekurhuleni hosts Job Summit**

*By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS Gauteng*



*From left: Programme Director Sbusiso Leope, City of Ekurhuleni Mayor Mondli Gungubele, Public Enterprise Deputy Minister Magwanishe and Member of Mayoral Committee for City Planning and Economic Development Mr Bennett Nikani.*



*Delegates at the Ekurhuleni Job Summit.*

As part of their Youth Month commemoration the City of Ekurhuleni hosted a three-day Ekurhuleni Job Summit, which started on 10 June 2013 in an effort to supply information on youth employment and skills development.

Forming part of the delegation were non-government organisations, the business sector and government departments.

In future the summit will be an annual platform to decrease the impact of unemployment and improve equality and skills development among the youth. The summit was also aimed at guiding the city about the youth's expectations to improve their lives. Xolani Nkosi from Thokoza Progressive Youth, who was also one of the delegation committee members, said that his expectations were the

establishment of a University of Technology in the Ekurhuleni that will ensure that the youth acquire skills that will assist them to get employment and also start their own businesses.

This expectation was answered when Mayor Mondli, announced the establishment of a University of Technology. He said, "Such a university would also make our jobs easier in terms of producing skilled youngsters who can respond to the needs of the businesses that exist in our area. We have just turned our focus to digitising the city and becoming Africa's first aerotropolis, so we must be prepared to serve existing companies and those that will be attracted by our new economic path with the necessary skills to business in our city," Gungubele explained.

The Deputy Minister for Public Enterprises, Bulelani Magwanishe emphasised the importance of entrepreneurship as another form of job creation and alleviating poverty, by saying "It is vital for government to encourage and support entrepreneurs as job creators. Supporting the small business sector is critical for addressing poverty. It also improves township economies and skills development."

Moses Gama from the Tsohang Youth Organisation appreciated the opportunities that were brought by the summit especially the Social Responsibility Programme that was presented by Emperors Palace. He said, "This is a great example of an effective partnership that I will use to enable effective contribution towards youth development."

**OUTCOME 3: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE**

**Youth encouraged to say no to drugs and alcohol abuse**

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS Northern Cape



During a door-to-door campaign, discussions around the youth and drug and alcohol abuse were held.



While distributing publications at the CPS pay-out point, members of the community were informed about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.



Mrs Lusse of Famsa explaining the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Colonel Mbalula and Constable Nelson of the SAPS, ready to address the community members during the community hall meeting.



Community members enjoying the articles published in Vuk'uzenzele.



A government official (left) handing out government publications and other important information to members of the community on their way to work.

Stakeholders came together under the leadership of Government Communications (GCIS) at a number of events to inform the Northern Cape youth about the challenges facing them.

Government concentrated on enlightening the youth of Prieska in the Siyathemba Municipality, about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Presenters educated the youth, children, learners and the unemployed about the downward spiral that drugs and alcohol cause in communities.

Officials of the departments of social development and health, the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Family and Marriage Society of SA (Famsa), the Hospice and Community Development Workers (CDWs) gathered at a road intersection in Prieska

where they shared information with people on their way to work during the early hours of 19 June.

Pedestrians and those travelling by car received government publications on substance abuse and were invited to a community meeting that took place later that day.

Information sharing sessions were held throughout the entire municipal area. Information material was distributed at a social grant pay points. Door-to-door and one-on-one discussions were held with people at their homes.

Stakeholders also presented information and afforded the public the opportunity to pose questions.

Some of the critical questions raised were:

“What can parents do to discipline their children? They appear to have more rights under the Constitution.”

“Our children do not have anything to do after school. Why can't government introduce projects to keep them busy?”

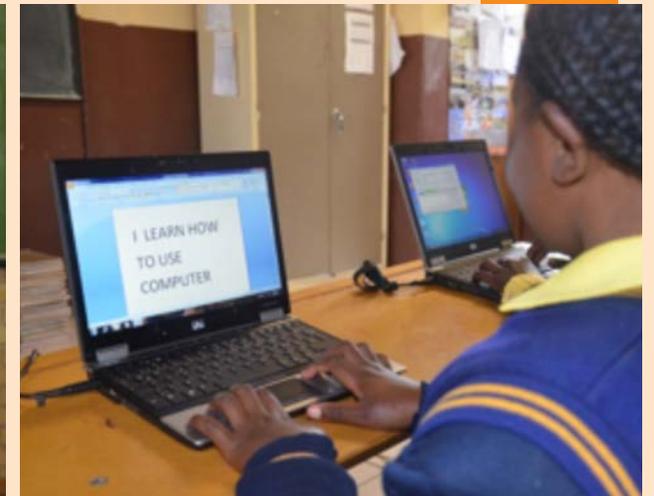
“Tavern and shebeen owners supply alcohol to under-age youth, as long as they can make money. Every second person in the community owns a tavern. Why is the law so lenient toward illegal trading in liquor?”

“Why can't government declare the sale and/or use of the Okah-pipe illegal?”

## OUTCOME I: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

### Nestlé Germany donates laptops to needy schools

By Doctor Marebane: GCIS Limpopo



*Marco Brass, the German volunteer with some of the jubilant learners who received donated laptops from Nestlé Germany.*



In an effort to uplift and support the standard of living in deep-rural and remote villages, German volunteers have secured 26 laptops for two schools and for Kgautswane Thusong Service Centre in Limpopo. The donation was received after the German volunteers who are based in the centre and assist in local schools, requested Nestlé Germany for assistance.

They then identified the Legoleng Primary School that received 10 laptops, the Maokeng High School received 10 and the Kgautswane Thusong Service Centre received six.

According to Marco Brass one of the German volunteers, they have signed a strict binding contract

with the recipients. The contract states that the laptops will only be used for educational purposes by educators, the German volunteers and learners; it is the responsibility of the principal to safeguard the laptops and should they get lost, the school will have to replace the laptops; when not in use they should be locked in the principal's strongroom; and should the above-mentioned rules be violated the donor will take the laptops back and give them to other schools.

Maokeng High School's Principal, Mr MP Nchabeleng was excited about the donation and said that the laptops came to the right place and at the right time. "We have just opened a new computer centre for our Grade 12 learners at the school and the laptops

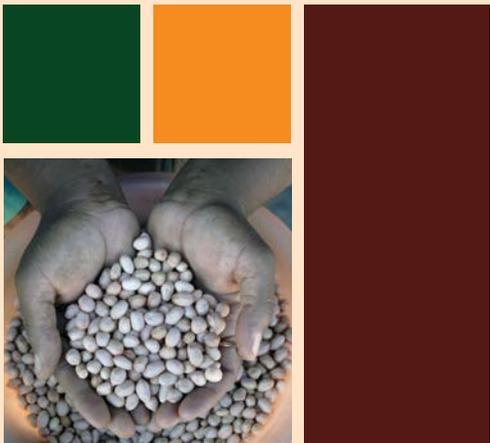
came just in time. These German volunteers have made a big difference at the school since they were deployed here. Last year they assisted in replacing 39 broken windowpanes and refurbished three classrooms. We would like to thank them for their benevolent effort and we hope the relationship will last forever," he said.

The donation was also welcomed by the learners who some of them said they had never worked on a computer before and said they were excited to have computers and promised to take care of them.

## OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

### Metro Youth Dialogue, Look Out Hill, Khayelitsha, 29 June 2013

By Sikelela Zokufa: GCIS Western Cape



It was a momentous day for young people to discuss the Youth Employment Accord on 29 June 2013, at Look Out Hill, Khayelitsha, when the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in collaboration with the South African Youth Council (SAYC), organised the Metro Youth Dialogue as part of the closing of the Youth Month activities.

The audience included institutions of higher learning, high school learners and youth groups from different areas of the Metro.

The SAYC presented the Youth Employment Accord. The dialogue assisted in unpacking the benefits, which are installed in the Accord.

The issue of combating crime was the second point of discussion as the Metro is also affected by gang-related crime.

Siyabulela of the Cape Town University of Technology emphasised that young people should go to school in order to understand the social challenges and to be able to face them creatively and become independent.

Andiswa Tinto of Gugulethu and Mzantsi of Young Woman in Business encouraged the young people to participate in short courses, attend workshops and business seminars as they offer a lot of knowledge and experience.

Participants in the dialogue declared that, as the youth from the Metro, they analysed and understood factors that underpin crime and unemployment.

They also noted that challenges of crime and unemployment mostly affect young people that are living in areas that are economically marginalised. These young people include Africans, coloureds and Indians. They further declared that:

- A task team must be established to prepare for a summit that will look at opportunities to unlock economical opportunities.
- Youth civic organisations must create youth profiles within their communities to understand the challenges young people are faced with.
- The GCIS and SAYC must invite institutions that can unlock these economic opportunities.

## OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT, ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP

### The youth must seize opportunities presented by government

By Thenjiwe Konono: GCIS Northern Cape



Young people attending the event.



The Manager in the Mayor's office introducing officials and stakeholders.



The audience listening attentively to the various presentations given by the departments on career opportunities available at the different institutions.



Community members enjoying the articles published in Vuk'uzenzele.



Representatives of the departments of labour, agriculture, land reform, correctional services, the GCIS, tourism, economic development, and home affairs; Stats SA, the NYDA youth advisory centre and loveLife waiting to present career opportunities that available.



One of the representatives of Correctional Services conducting a presentation on opportunities available for young people in his department. He also warned the youth about drugs abuse and told them about life in prison.

In June, Government Communications (GCIS) and its stakeholders held a motivational clinic to mark National Youth Month, which was aimed at commemorating the role played by the Class of 1976 in the struggle for liberation.

The departments of labour, agriculture, education, tourism, economic development, correctional services and home affairs; Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) came together to conduct presentations on opportunities that would develop young people in all spheres of life.

The event was celebrated in line with the theme

*Working together for youth development and a drug free South Africa.*

Mayor Siphon Sithonga of the Emthanjeni Municipality delivered the inspiring and informative keynote address.

His speech concentrated on uplifting the youth by emphasising how important it is to grasp every opportunity whenever it comes their way. Sithonga gave insight on the history of the country.

He pointed out the differences between the 1976-generation and today's young leaders, by calling them "Born frees."

He further identified the 1913 Land Act as one of the core and current issues the youth should look into.

He encouraged the youth to pay attention to opportunities stakeholders will present, as they would assist in fighting unemployment, inequalities and other social challenges. The mayor's plea to everyone was to stay away from drugs and other substances.

He linked his message to the one presented by the Department of Correctional Services on the statistics of young people imprisoned due to drug abuse.

The affair concluded with exhibitions with loads of information and opportunities