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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Minister engages stakeholders in tourism

By Tebogo Monyoo: GCIS, Northern Cape

Tourism Minister Lindiwe Sisulu visited the John Taolo Gaetsewe District in the Northern Cape on 25 March 2022, as part of the Ministerial Stakeholder Engagement sessions.

The Minister engaged with women in the tourism business, in Kuruman, and encouraged them to grab the opportunities in the industry.

"The tourism industry is alive with so many possibilities and it is for this reason that it contributes sufficiently to the Gross Domestic Product of this country," Minister Sisulu said.

She stated that the revised COVID-19 regulations were highly welcomed as they addressed the challenges that travellers and the industry experienced and would make the country more accessible and attractive to tourists.

Speaking on behalf of the industry, the Chairperson of the John Taolo Gaetsewe Women in Tourism, Mpho Molema, said the Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises must be strengthened and government needs to play a deliberate role in creating successful platforms for women in this sector.

During her visit, Minister Sisulu also met with the family of the late traditional healer, prophet and cultural historian, Credo Mutwa, represented by his wife, Virginia Mutwa.

The Minister assured the family that her department would collaborate with local authorities and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture to ensure that the memory of Mutwa is preserved.



Some of the women in the tourism industry at the event.



Minister Lindiwe Sisulu engaging with Virginia Mutwa.



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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Mpumalanga e-learning programme launch

By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga

Mpumalanga Premier Refilwe Mtsweni-Tsipane led the launch of the Provincial E-Learning Programme at Ubuhlebusile Secondary School, in Mkhondo Local Municipality, Gert Sibande District on 5 April 2022.

The Premier was accompanied by the Education MEC Bonakele Majuba and other dignitaries.

Delivering his message, MEC Majuba said, "It has been our goal and intent to move towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) in our delivery of teaching and learning in the place of the rising sun, Mpumalanga. In pursuit of this goal, please receive these tablets which must serve as a resource to empower you with your educational content and are meant to enrich your studies. Use it maximally to close content gaps and to enhance your learning process to enable you to compete fairly with your counterparts throughout the world."

The Mpumalanga Department of Education is pleased to bridge the technological divide by distributing tablets to Grade12 learners throughout the province.

Premier Mtsweni-Tsipane said that the provincial Department of Education would deploy 6 700 laptops for educators and 55 000 educational tablets for learners in its first phase.

"The roll-out of these devices is for Grade12 learners in Quintiles 1, 2, and 3 schools throughout the province. Each learner will also receive free data every month to enable easy access to the e-learning content," said the Premier.

The tablets are intended to equip learners with the necessary tools for learning. This provides the learners with an opportunity to connect to the digital future as we are in the era of the 4IR. The educators and learners from various schools were appreciative of the devices handed to them.



Premier Refilwe Mtsweni-Tsipane with MEC Bonakele Majuba during the handover of tablets to learners.



Sibusiso Nkosi said:

"I am very happy about the launch of the e-learning as it will assist me to communicate with my school mates via WhatsApp group regarding our school work. All my textbooks and study guides are on the gadget, and it will also assist me to be able to apply for university admission."



Naledi Mazibuko said:

"I am very grateful as I am currently doing Grade 12 and this tool will assist me a lot as it contains all my books. This will give me an opportunity to study more and pass my Grade 12 with high marks."

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Fight against Tuberculosis continues

By Tshidi Mokoka: GCIS, Gauteng

World Tuberculosis Day (TB) Day is an annual event observed on 24 March to raise public awareness and efforts made to treat and prevent the disease.

This year's event was commemorated under the theme: "Invest in action to end TB now! Get Screened. End stigma. Save lives."

Mogale City commemorated the day at the Munsieville Sports Complex to encourage the community to test for TB and continue using the local health facilities to screen and get more education about the disease.

Speaking at the event, TB clinical coordinator in the Mogale City Sub-District Health Services, Valencia Ndlovu, said that Munsieville remains one of the areas in Mogale City with a high number of TB cases in the West Rand District.

"Immediately you know you have TB, it is important to take the medication given and not to default. Many people die because they do not follow the course of medication given and it is so unnecessary because TB can be cured," Ndlovu said.

She further informed the community that the Department of Health has ensured that there are officials who are put in communities to do house visits where they educate people and ensure that people who have TB do take the medication that they have been given from the clinic.



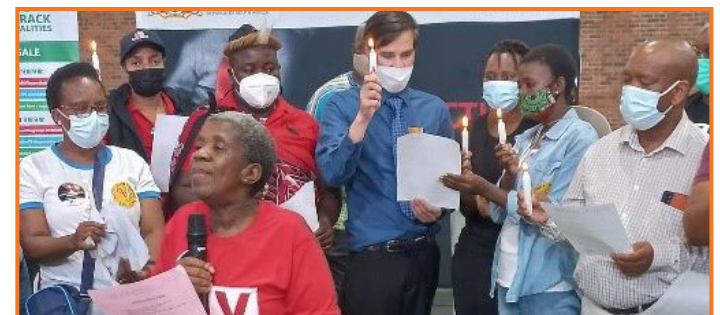
Ronnie Tshabalala addressing community members.

"It is imperative that community members work in partnership with these officials to make sure people who might have the disease are visited to ensure they do not default. Defaulting on medication can lead to a deadly version of TB called MDR-TB or XDR-TB that can result in death," said Ndlovu.

A candlelight ceremony was held together with the Mogale City Executive Mayor, Councillor Tyrone Gray, to remember those living with TB and HIV and AIDS.

"Getting the message through to people that TB can be cured is very important. Some people might not want to share their status for fear of being ostracised by family or communities they live in and stop taking medication. Not taking your medication can result in death," said Councillor Gray.

Patrick Morebodi, a community development worker, said, "We attend these types of programmes because we too are empowered to go out to communities and educate them on messages about TB that were shared. It also helps us be knowledgeable when we meet such cases during our door-to-door activities to refer people who might be seeking assistance to the correct health facilities in Mogale City."



A candlelight ceremony to remember those living with TB and HIV and AIDS.



Councillor Lesego Lekoto said:

"Our message to the community from the municipality is that TB can be cured. We just need people to get tested, comply and take treatment and never default. We are all in this together to stop the spread of TB."



Boitumelo Pitso said:

"My mission as a TB survivor is to educate people about TB and encourage them to screen and test. Many people still think that TB is a death sentence, so it is up to us who have survived it to work with health officials to show people that it can be cured and there is indeed life after TB."

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Monitoring the centre for abuse victims

By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thembu Siweya, and Limpopo Social Development MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale paid a visit to Lafata Drop-In Centre in Madeira Village, Maruleng Local Municipality, on 28 March 2022.

The visit was part of the broader drive to raise awareness campaign against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) and to provide support to institutions that cares for the victim of abuse, and mobilise society to work together with the government to end GBVF.

Lafata Drop-In Centre was established in 2002 by 10 women of Madeira village.

The establishment of the organisation was motivated by the increasing number of orphans and vulnerable children in the community and the high rate of poverty in Madeira village.

Since its establishment, the centre has been offering psychosocial support services, a social behaviour change programme, assistance with school work, and the provision of nutritious meals.

Additionally, activities such as beadwork, poultry, confectionery and farming take place at the centre.

There are currently 110 children benefiting from the centre, with 17 of them being teenage girls who are experiencing different challenges that need extra support.

The Deputy Minister appreciated the good work displayed by the centre since its establishment to and also acknowledged their resilience throughout the COVID-19 phase.

“As government, we really appreciate the helping hand you are offering to these vulnerable groups in our society, the government cannot do it alone, therefore, it is important to have partnerships with the sole purpose of uplifting one another,” said Deputy Minister Siweya.

She also took reaffirmed community members about government’s commitment to the fight against GBVF.

One of the key priorities of the government is to strengthen efforts to deal with criminality and secure justice for victims of crime, therefore improved relations and coordination between local police and residents are crucial to build safer communities.

In her response, the Center Manager of Lafata Drop-In Centre, Linah Segoka, appealed to the government to do more for centers like hers explaining to the visitors that, the struggle of taking care of the most vulnerable people with little resources makes the task difficult.

She further thanked the Deputy Minister for the donations of sanitary packs, sanitisers, masks, and other basic necessities.

The programme ended at Maruleng community radio station where community members were engaged in discussing government programmes and interventions on GBVF.



The handing over of sanitary packs, sanitisers, masks, and other basic necessities.



Deputy Minister Thembu Siweya talking about government programmes at Maruleng community radio station.