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OUTCOME 6: AN EFFICIENT, COMPETITIVE AND RESPONSIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.

Deputy Minister connects schools and a clinic to the Internet

By Nthabiseng Khotlele: GCIS, Head office

Communications Deputy Minister Pinky Kekana conducted an outreach programme in Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality on 8 and 9 April 2019. On 8 April, the Deputy Minister engaged the community of Petsana in Reitz through an Imbizo held at Petsana Stadium. She later visited three households connected to the Digital Terrestrial Television for inspection. During the Imbizo, community members had an opportunity to engage various entities under the Ministry of Communications, and also apply for free set-top boxes. As part of government's efforts to create jobs and develop skills, the Deputy Minister announced that 25 young people from Petsana will be trained on how to install set-top boxes.

On 9 April, the Deputy Minister and her team visited Qwaqwa where the Ministry and its entities – Broadband Infranco and State Information Technology Agency – provided free WiFi to Bluegumbosch Secondary School, Justice Lefuma Primary School and Bluegumbosch Clinic. The schools received a plasma television and five laptops each, while the clinic received a plasma television and two laptops.

The Deputy Minister encouraged learners to use the Internet to access information that will help them in their school work and to enhance their research skills. She urged the community to safeguard the infrastructure.

The Ministry, through its entities, promised to give bursaries to five matric 2019 top achievers at Bluegumbosch Secondary School.



Deputy Minister Kekana and her delegation inspecting the cyber lab at Bluegumbosch Secondary School.



Deputy Minister Kekana handing over laptops and a plasma TV to the management of Bluegumbosch Clinic.

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Deputy Minister Kekana addressing learners at Justice Lefuma Primary School.



Community members applying for set-top boxes.

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

Deputy Minister hands over wheelchairs

By George Moeketsi: GCIS, Gauteng



Alinah Mahlangu said:

“Thank you so much. May God be with you. I will use my wheelchair when I go to the clinic and when going to collect my social grant.”



Letta Khwinana said:

“I am very happy. May God bless you. I love you my children.”

On 16 April 2019, Justice and Correctional Services Deputy Minister Thabang Makwetla visited the community of Hammanskraal to hand over wheelchairs to 50 people living with disabilities. The wheelchairs were assembled by inmates from the Kgosi Mampuru the II Correctional Centre as part of their rehabilitation and reintegration programme.

“The handing over of these wheelchairs is thus part of many interventions by the department across the country. So far more than 2 000 wheelchairs have been handed over to the needy,” said the Deputy Minister. He added that the programme was aimed at making communities aware of efforts being made by his department to rehabilitate offenders.

One of the beneficiaries, Lucas Chauke, suffered a stroke six years ago. His wife, Maria Chauke, said she used to hire transport for R100 to take him to the clinic for his regular check-ups.

Inmates from the Kgosi Mampuru the II Correctional Centre entertained the community with musical items aimed at asking victims of crime to give them a second chance.



Recipients of the wheelchairs.

OUTCOME 13: A COMPREHENSIVE, RESPONSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM.

Awareness campaign on SASSA services

By Kholofelo Mabotja and Doctor Marebane: GCIS, Limpopo

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) in partnership with the Capricorn District Municipality and the Government Communication and Information System held an awareness campaign on 17 April 2019 in Botlokwa, Limpopo. The aim of the campaign was to highlight benefits of the new SASSA card and other services offered by the agency. This outreach was also used as a platform to sensitize the community about services rendered at the nearby Botlokwa Thusong Service Centre.

The community was advised not to use the card as security to get loans from money launderers or make false statements that the card was lost when, in actual fact, it is used as collateral when borrowing money. Capricorn District SASSA Manager, Ms Ingrid Mphela told the community that benefits of the new card include being able to purchase at all merchants that display the Visa sign, and free swipes, cash withdrawals and balance checks at merchants. The community was also informed about an option to have their money deposited directly into their bank accounts.

The manager also revealed that the agency has launched the Integrated Community Registration Outreach Programme (ICROP) to improve the lives of socially excluded people in rural and semi-urban areas. "ICROP is an outreach programme delivering social services through fully equipped mobile one-stop service units to promote development and reduce poverty," she said.



Motlalaohle Maomela said:

"I appreciated the information shared today on SASSA cards benefits, and I also know about the services offered at the Botlokwa Thusong Service Centre."



Mirenda Mootang said:

"Botlokwa Thusong Service Centre is convenient for me as it is closer to my home."



Officials distributing government publications during the event.