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PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mangaung stakeholder engagement on service delivery

By Cholo Mothibi: GCIS, Free State

Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister David Mahlobo and Transport Deputy Minister Dikeledi Magadzi visited the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality on 14 June 2021 – to strengthen efforts to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, gender-based violence and femicide, and address service delivery issues raised by various stakeholders.

The Head of Department for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in the province, Mr Duma Mokei, presented an overview on the state of Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality.

The Chief Director at the Department of Water and Sanitation, Dr Tseliso Ntli, presented on the departmental interventions on water challenge.

Reverend Mantoa Dichaba, who represented Mangaung stakeholders, presented on issues related to service delivery and was followed by community members who presented other challenges.

The Deputy Ministers responded to issues raised by the community and emphasised the need for a service delivery turn-around plan to address the challenges.

A follow up engagement will be held before 15 July 2021, to ensure that the municipality rectifies and addresses the service delivery challenges.

Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela and members of the executive committee in the province also attended the meeting.



Deputy Minister Mahlobo giving a speech on the District Development Model.



Community members presenting issues relating to service delivery.



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Online at:
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Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.
Via SMS by dialling *134*832#.
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Ugu District commemorates World Environmental Month

By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

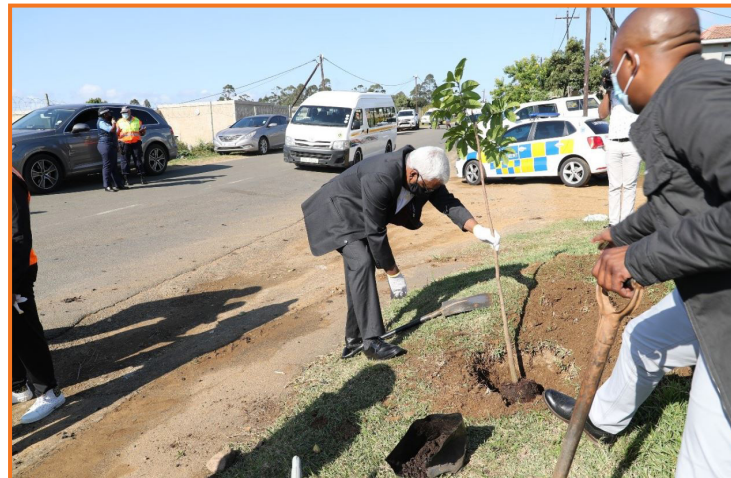
KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs MEC Ravi Pillay commemorated World Environmental Month with the community of KwaNzimakwe in the South Coast on 19 June 2021.

Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality officials, led by Mayor Nomusa Mqwebu, joined MEC Pillay to plant trees at KwaLatshoda Informal Settlement, to emphasise the need to conserve the environment.

The day started with a trip along the South Coast beaches, where MEC Pillay inspected the Sardine Festival led by the KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board. The event is celebrated annually as it is linked with the arrival of Sardines in the South Coast.

The MEC flew from Durban along the coast up to Port Edward as part of monitoring the Sardine Festival. "This event attracts tourists to our province and it is always exciting to see people enjoying themselves during this season," said MEC Pillay.

The visit ended with a community engagement session, where residents were taught about the importance of conserving the environment.



MEC Pillay planting trees in KwaLatshoda.



MEC Pillay and Ray Nkonyeni officials handing over garden tools and seedlings to the community of KwaNzimakwe.



Katlego Mathang said:

"I am happy that the deputy ministers are here to talk to us about how we can prevent bullying in our schools and ensure that every one of us is safe. It is important for every learner to attend this event in order to understand what bullying is."



Bokang Bereng said:

"I came here with little knowledge of what bullying is and after I visited various stalls, they explained to me that bullying is not only physical but it can take any form of abuse. I will share this information with my fellow learners when I return to school."

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Fighting violence and bullying in schools

By Pakeng Matsetse: GCIS, Gauteng



The deputy ministers and learners gesture demonstrating the Stop Bullying gesture.

The Department of Basic Education has launched a school violence prevention initiative under the theme, "School Safety – Violence and Bullying Prevention Initiatives". The initiative was launched at Tshepana Primary School in Orange Farm on 28 May 2021. It is aimed at raising awareness on the negative impact of bullying and violence in schools and mobilise learners, parents, teachers and key stakeholders to rally behind government efforts to ensure schools become safe places for learning.

The initiative was launched by Basic Education Deputy Minister, Dr Makgabo Reginah Mhaule, supported by Home Affairs Deputy Minister Njabulo Nzuza, Social Development Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, and Communications and Digital Technologies Deputy Minister Pinky Kekana.

Before addressing the learners, Dr Mhaule asked all to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Lufuno Mavhunga from Nzhelele in Limpopo, who committed suicide after a video of her being bullied by fellow pupils went viral.



Learners visiting the South African Police Service stall.

"If we continue to work as collective, we will begin to see change in the behaviour of learners in the form of improved performance, less drop outs, and reduced incidents of bullying and teenage pregnancy," said Dr Mhaule.

Deputy Minister Nzuza emphasised the fact that the initiative was a collective responsibility and everyone must play their part in ensuring that schools are safe for all.

Government took this initiative to respond swiftly to recurring incidents of bullying and violence by learners in and around schools, and revealed that that this would be an annual programme to continually raise awareness.



Constatine Sbaaga said:

"I am very positive about the vaccination and I think everybody in South Africa should be vaccinated so that we can stop the spread of the virus. As older people, we are vulnerable to the virus, so it is important for us to get vaccinated."



Maria Nkosi said:

"I am very happy today as I am going to be vaccinated and I thank government for prioritising the elderly as our immune systems are weak. I encourage others to come and get vaccinated."

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

COVID-19 information-sharing session

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga



Senior citizens waiting to register and receive the COVID-19 vaccine at Machadodorp Clinic.



An elderly lady receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at Machadodorp Clinic.

The Government Communication and information System in collaboration with the Mpumalanga Department of Health conducted an information-sharing session and loud hailing on 28 May 2021 – to encourage citizens aged 60 years and above to register and vaccinate at Machadodorp Clinic in Emakhazeni Local Municipality.

Community members came in numbers to register and receive the COVID-19 vaccine. They welcomed the programme and expressed appreciation on how effective it was.

During the event, community members were also informed about the importance of being vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus. Residents were also encouraged to continue wearing masks in public places, washing hands with soap or with hand sanitisers and keeping a safe social distance.