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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Service delivery open day expo

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

As part of Human Rights Month and the promotion of access to services, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), City of Ekurhuleni Customer Relations and various stakeholders hosted a Service Delivery Open Day Expo on 31 March 2023 in Tsakane, Ekurhuleni, Gauteng. The aim was to heighten awareness, promote government programme of action, educate community about government services and share information to empower community members.

Among the government departments and entities that were present to exhibit and share information were the GCIS, Gauteng Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; Department of Home Affairs, South African Social Security Agency, Eskom and City of Ekurhuleni departments such as Health, Human Settlement, Finance, Business Trading Licensing, City Planning and Police.

“We are hosting the open day in order to promote and educate the community of Tsakane and the surrounding area about government services offered in Tsakane Customer Care Centre and within the area at large,” said Rebotile Motaung, Manager at Tsakani Customer Care Centre.

“Through the open days, we partner with various sister departments to educate communities about their services and empower them with information,” she added.

The event provided community members with an opportunity to interface with government departments and institutions in order to promote and share information on how to access such services and programmes.



Government employees serving community members at various exhibition stalls.



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Lindi Skhosana said:

“It was a very informative open day. I wish more could be done to educate community members on different government services.”



Lydia Lechekoane said:

“Receiving information about different government services was very empowering and important.”

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Deputy President visits Jagersfontein

By Yanga Ngcukana: GCIS, Free State

On 9 May 2023, Deputy President Paul Mashatile visited Jagersfontein, Xhariep District in Free State. The outreach was a service delivery oversight aimed at rebuilding the area after it was swept away by a heavy sludge from a collapsed mine dam wall on 11 September 2022. At least one person died and many received medical attention after they were wounded when the incident occurred.

The Deputy President indicated that 65 new houses would be built while 78 would be renovated in the next six months, and that there was a mining company that will assist with the project. Three show houses that were built have been handed over to the beneficiaries.

Projects targeting youth employment and economic recovery in the area will be undertaken and the Deputy President indicated that the Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Fikile Majola and the Deputy

Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Parks Tau, will be responsible for such projects and they will draw a plan soon. Free State Premier Mxolisi Dukwana promised to intervene on the service-delivery challenges in the area, wastewater treatment and on the matter between the municipality and Bloem Water.

Government is continuing to provide psychosocial support for the victims through the Department of Social Development, Department of Health, South African Social Security Agency, and Department of Home Affairs.



Premier Mxolisi Dukwana said:

“The Provincial Government has since intervened in the water issue with Bloem Water.”



Deputy President Paul Mashatile said:

“We have potential business people that have showed interest in investing in the area on some projects.”



Deputy President Paul Mashatile interacting with community members.

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

War against violence and femicide

By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System supported the Gert Sibande District Municipality Executive Mayor Walter Mngomezulu as he led a campaign against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in Mkhondo Local Municipality on 21 April 2023.

The awareness session started with a successful 3km Street March Against GBVF and later moved to Sithuli Hleza Community Hall where an engagement session was held, addressing HIV and AIDS issues; high unemployment rate; substance abuse, family conflicts and financial management matters.

Executive Mayor Mngomezulu said, “We are aware of high cases of murder, rape and assault that are happening within different sections of Mkhondo and we condemn such acts and we need to work together to ensure that all cases are reported and perpetrators are dealt with accordingly.”

Statistics of HIV and AIDS infections were also shared and those living with the virus were encouraged to take antiretroviral treatment and not default as that is dangerous to their health.

The campaign and street march were supported by stakeholders such as the South African Police Service, Community Policing Forum, Pastors’ Forum, Department of Social Development, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, community development workers, Department of Health; Broad Reach and ANOVA-Men’s Health, community health workers, Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mkhondo Local Municipality, and community-based organisations.



Sonto Mkhwanazi said:

“We are here to support the fight against GBVF and as women we request other women to speak out. They must not keep quiet and report incidents of violence. You can tell your neighbour or a person that you trust. Do not keep quiet, so that the law can play its role.”



Susan Zondo said:

“I work mostly with people who take healthcare treatment and I encourage them to keep on taking it and never default. Sometimes we struggle in tracking and tracing those who default.”



Executive Mayors Walter Mngomezulu and Ngelosi Ndlovu leading the march.

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Freedom Day commemoration

By Rapelang Motlagomang: GCIS, North West

The City of Matlosana Local Municipality hosted the National Freedom Day celebrations on 27 April 2023. The event took place at the Manzilpark Stadium in Klerksdorp. Freedom Day is the commemoration of the first democratic elections held in South Africa on 27 April 1994.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, together with Deputy President Paul Mashatile and Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Zizi Kodwa, graced the event.

President Ramaphosa said that freedom could not be meaningful when South African homes and businesses are without electricity for several hours in the day.

“That is why we are using every means at our disposal to restore Eskom’s power stations and build new generating capacity as a matter of the greatest urgency.”

He further stated that freedom would not be meaningful when more than 10 million South Africans are out of work.

“That is why we need to pursue the far-reaching reforms we are undertaking to make our economy more competitive, more inclusive, and more attractive to investors,” added the President.

He also said that South Africans should think of the country as a large family.

“There are quarrels, disagreements and fights. There are seasons of plenty, but also times of scarcity. Sometimes things are good and other times, they are bad. But even when times are bad, a family pulls together,” he said,

The President later opened the new Jouberton Community Health Centre, which was built several years ago. North West MEC for Health, Madoda Sambatha, was also part of the opening. The clinic will serve the communities of Jouberton, Alabama, Jacaranda and Manzil Park in the City of Matlosana Local Municipality.



President Cyril Ramaphosa together with other government leaders officially opening the new Jouberton Community Health Centre.



Various government departments providing services to community members.