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## PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Embracing and promoting healthy lifestyle

By Khanyiso Seyisi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Ray Nkonyeni Municipality commemorated Youth Month in style, through hosting a sports tournament at the Ugu Sport and Leisure Centre, Port Shepstone.

The games were aimed at reviving and unearthing the talent of young people who were drawn from various wards of Ray Nkonyeni Municipality. In addition, they were meant to promote social cohesion, healthy lifestyle and social interactions among young people, stakeholders and the municipality.

Credit to the success of these games was due to the huge effort of the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality Youth Development Office with the partnership of Sports Confederation, Ugu South African Football Association, Sport Association, Youth Council and the Youth Forum.

The activities were graced by the presence of various stakeholders such as Vodacom, Lifeline South Africa, Highway Motors, National Youth Development Agency, Government Communication and Information System, Fire and Rescue Services, South African Police Service, Independent Electoral Commission, Department of Health, Vodacom SA, Bonitas, Old Mutual, Tracy Cosmetics and Jhpiego.

Young people gathered and competed in sporting codes such as soccer and netball. Winners received trophies and medals in a ceremony officiated by Ray Nkonyeni Municipality Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sbusiso Shange. The winners were Cluster 2 for both soccer and netball. Then in soccer, the runners-up were Cluster 7 while in netball, Cluster 1 got the runners-up accolade.



Netball teams battling it out at the event.



Cluster 2 Football Club scooped the overall winners' trophy and medals for the soccer instalment.



Soccer teams participating in the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality Fun and Games Sport event.



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Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

**PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

**Youth taking care of their health**

*By Tshidi Mokoka and Keoagile Rakgang : GCIS, Gauteng*

The month of June was recognised as Youth Month to give recognition to the youth that fought for equal rights for all South Africans. This year’s Youth Month was celebrated under the theme: “Accelerating youth economic emancipation for a sustainable future” and one of its key message to achieve this is to ensure that stakeholders work together to address socio economic challenges faced by the youth. In addressing this matter, the Merafong Sub-District Health Department conducted a community outreach on 14 June 2023 at Khutsong, targeting the youth. The purpose of the activation was to create awareness on the importance of healthy lifestyle and its advantage of improved mental well-being.

Research indicates that the youth are reluctant to take care of their health, especially their mental one. Government encourages all stakeholders to assist in creating a healthy environment for sustaining a healthy mental health of the youth. During the outreach, health officials encouraged the youth to make use of local health facilities to test for illnesses and seek help when they feel their mental health is spiralling out of control.

Fiba Legae from Merafong Health said, “We are encouraging them (the youth) to exercise regularly, eat properly and maintain healthy sleep habits. It is important that we bring services closer to them because many young people never visit clinics or hospitals. By the time they present themselves at our facilities, the illness might be too severe to be treated”.

Health services such as birth control and flu vaccine injections were provided for the community. Government information contained in the latest copy of Vuk’uzenzele was also distributed and the youth were encouraged to download the Vuk’uzenzele App to look for programmes that they can use to improve their lives.



Health officials engaging with the youth and also administering the flu vaccine.



Tshidi Mokoka and Keoagile Rakgang distributing government information to the youth of Khutsong.



**Moleboheng Nkoi said:**

“I am glad that the Department of Health is bringing this mobile clinic closer to us here in Khutsong. Sometimes as the youth, we never go to clinics to access the services that we need and this leads to us engaging in things that are detrimental to our health.”



**Mbali Somdaka said:**

“I have always wanted to take the flu vaccine but did not know where to go because clinics are very far from us. I am very happy that I was informed about the mobile clinic because I was very worried that I would not be able to take the flu vaccine.”

## PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Tackling Gender-Based Violence a priority

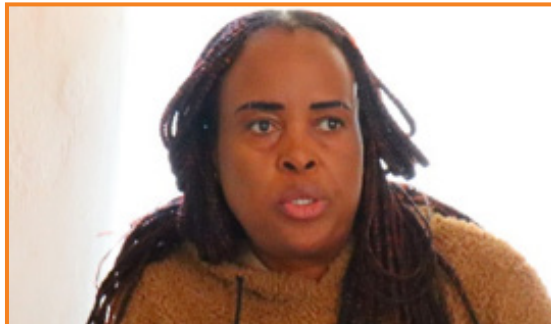
By Yanga Ngcukana: GCIS, Free State

The Commission for Gender Equality together with the Government Communication and Information System, and other stakeholders of the Justice Cluster embarked on a roadshow. The roadshow was conducted at the two local municipalities in the Xhariep District to remind and educate the community about gender-based issues. The processes from laying a charge at the police station to the release of the perpetrator by Correctional Centre on parole were also addressed.

The roadshow started at Oppermansdorp on 7 June 2023 and also at Edenburg and Petrusburg on 15 and 21 June, respectively. The South African Police Service (SAPS), Thuthuzela Care Centre, Department of Health's Forensic Unit, Correctional Services Parole Board, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Legal Aid South Africa, community structures, and local non-government organisations. They gave context regarding their individual roles on the justice system and rendered some advice to the people.

The community members were afforded an opportunity to raise their challenges experienced when opening a case with the local police. One of the concerns was how the investigation is conducted and the amount of time that one has to wait for the DNA results. The team was able to respond to the questions to the satisfaction of the community members. Xoliswa Mona, a resident, said community members must avail themselves for structures such as the community policing forum and youth desk, as those structures are helping in the fight against crime.

The local municipalities committed to play its role in creating a friendly environment that is conducive to its people, including children. Street lights that are faulty and old buildings were to be given attention to minimise the risk of crime taking place in such areas.



Xoliswa Mona said:

“The formation and training of youth and community structures may assist in the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide. That is welcomed.”



Mmone Ntlatseng said:

“As Legal Aid South Africa, we are representing the victims of all crimes, including Gender-Based Violence. Information sharing sessions like this one are important for our communities and for us to understand the roles of other stakeholders.”



A member of the SAPS engaging with members of the public.

## PRIORITY 1: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Relief for small business owners

By Mpho More: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Northern Cape Provincial Government's Youth Day commemorative event was held at the AR Abass Stadium in Kimberley on 16 June 2023. Held under the theme: "Accelerating youth economic emancipation for a sustainable future", many aspirant youngsters who wanted to listen to the message of the day attended the event. The youth-centred event was hosted in celebration of the 47th anniversary of the 1976 Youth Uprising.

Keynote speaker, Premier Zamani Saul, said everyone was indebted to the 1976 generation that fought for the freedom and liberation of all South Africans. He said it was their responsibility, as government, to build and nurture the existing young talent in the province.

Premier Saul donated over R1 million to young people in the small business and arts industries. He donated R100 000 to each of the artists that performed on the day, whereas R20 000 was handed over to 40 Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises across the province.

Through the Ministry of Youth, Women, People living with Disabilities, Communication and e-Government, Premier Saul said they would ensure that young people are empowered to grow the economy of the province.



Government department and agencies which exhibited their products and services during the event.



Some of the youth in attendance.



The provincial government handing over cheques to support small businesses.



Koketso Modupe said:

"I received R20 000 to grow my business. The donation will help me purchase stock and help me promote my business."



Kealeboga Hoti said:

"I received R20 000 and I will use it to sustain my business. I am producing Bio-Diesel and will use the money to purchase raw material."