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

By Ephraim Malema: GCIS, North West

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What do you know about the upcoming State of the Nation Address?

“I read about the State of the Nation Address in the newspapers and people are also talking about it.”

Are the State of the Nation Address leaflets and other materials helpful? Why?

“Yes they are helpful. They inform us about everything that we need to know.”

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“Employment opportunities for people living in rural areas such as Lebotlwane.”

Are you planning to watch or to listen to this year’s State of the Nation Address? Why?

“Yes, I will watch the State of the Nation Address.”

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“I expect to see a peaceful event.”
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“Yes, I want to hear what government will do for us.”

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“I expect to see order and peace.”
Giyani community members have their say

By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo

Beauty Kanyamba said: "I would like to hear the President talk about free education at tertiary institutions." 

Sophy Mbombi said: "I would like the President to talk about funding for small business and also the creation of an enabling business environment for informal traders." 

Kholani Mabunda said: "I would be happy if the President can talk about how community projects will get training on how to operate businesses instead of getting money without proper training." 

Agnes Maluleke said: "I wish the President can talk about tar roads and water shortages around Giyani." 

Kedibone Ndlovu said: "I wish the President touches on issues of unemployment because I am a graduate but do not have a job." 

Ali Awete said: "I am grateful that government has made it easy for us to do business in South Africa, however, getting a work permit is still a challenge." 

John Makuva said: "I would like to hear the President talking about government’s plans to increase employment for people with disabilities, improved water supply and road access at Malonga village." 

Jeffrey Maluleke said: "I would appreciate if the President can talk about the construction of schools so we can also have a high school in our village. The issues of job creation and improved service delivery also need attention." 

Marry Nghonyama said: "The President should give an instruction that will stop illegal deductions from the accounts of people who receive social grants." 

Busisiwe Mdaka said: "I wish the President can address the shortage of medication at clinics and also the dilapidated infrastructure in schools."
Government officials partnered with other stakeholders to conduct an activation at the Verena Thusong Service Centre on 9 February 2016. The event was aimed at mobilising and encouraging community members to watch or listen to President Jacob Zuma’s State of the Nation Address. The community members were very happy and said they were looking forward to this great event.