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OUTCOME 5: A SKILLED AND CAPABLE WORKFORCE TO SUPPORT AN INCLUSIVE GROWTH PATH

Youth Career Expo in Hobhouse

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State



Hobhouse youth listening to a presentation before visiting exhibition stalls.

Thursday, 15 May was a special day for many unemployed youth in Hobhouse when they attended a career exhibition organised by the Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS).

The exhibition aimed at creating an awareness of career opportunities available for youth and also providing educational information about various industries, sectors and institutions that can enhance the youth's knowledge. It also aimed at guiding the youth in the right direction when making career choices.

Stakeholders who participated in the expo were: the departments of correctional services and social development; the Independent Police Investigative Directorate; the Legal Aid Board; the Free State Development Corporation, and the Motheo Further Education and Training (FET) College.



Stakeholders at the Expo.

Ntshie Phulenyane of Hobhouse was among those who benefitted from the successful expo. Phulenyane learned more about various government departments and their services, and said he at least knew which one of them to consult for specific inquiries.

Moipone Thepane echoed Phulenyane's words and said she appreciated the information she received from Motheo FET College. "I have been sitting at home without a job and career information since the day I completed my matric," said Thepane. "I'm looking forward to registering next month as an engineering student," she added.



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OUTCOME 1: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

Temogo Special School receives specialised computers

By Abigail Sejesho and Thloriso Tlhome: GCIS, North West

On behalf of Women, children and people with disabilities and the MTN Foundation the Deputy Minister of Women, children and people with disabilities, Hendrietta Bogapane-Zulu, handed over a specialised computer centre to the Temogo Special School in Mogwase in North West on 14 May 2014.

The school has more than 200 learners with intellectual disabilities. Schools with disabilities are commonly challenged by the lack of resources and infrastructure. The new computers will benefit the school because they have Neptune software that uses both visual and audio and will assist both learners and educators.

During the handing over, Deputy Minister Bogapane-Zulu, who is visually impaired and one of two ministers with a disability, advised the learners to use the computers to develop and advance their education. She also encouraged educators and parents to play their roles in helping learners to reach their full potential. Dr Mvula, representing the MEC of Education in the province, encouraged learners when he said, "Books are treasures used to enhance education." He concluded his speech on a high note emphasising that, "Readers are leaders."

One of the learners, Letlhogonolo Molepo, was happy about the new development in their school. "We are now going to experience how it feels to use a computer. Our performance is also going to improve. We will be able to leave the school empowered with computer skills."



Temogo Special School learners during the computer lab handover celebration on 14 May 2014.



The Deputy Minister of Women, children and people with disabilities, Hendrietta Bogapane-Zulu, Kgosi Pilane of the Bakgatla during the computer lab handover celebration on 14 May 2014.



A learner working on one of the computers that is equipped with Neptune software using audio and pictures.



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

Women’s Dialogue

By Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The South Durban Basin Area Based Management Team hosted a Women’s Dialogue from 14 to 16 May 2014 at the Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa. Facilitated by ZAZI Women (Know Yourself) the dialogue focussed on women’s rights and responsibilities; poverty; gender based violence; women’s health; and HIV and AIDS. Part of the programme included a training session. This empowered the women with skills, knowledge and manuals to support to other vulnerable women in their communities. Many women agreed that women frequently stay in abusive relationships because of financial dependence. They were encouraged to empower themselves and be self-sufficient and independent so that they are not financially dependent

on their partners. This will help to protect themselves against violence and abuse, assist other women and thereby end the cycle of abuse.

Three women who attended the dialogue and training were asked the following questions:

1. What did you think of the programme?
2. What did you learn?
3. How will it help you?



Asia Phiri from Clairwood, said:

“The ZAZI Women’s training taught me a lot and empowered me. Out there in the community women are faced with many challenges. It empowered me as a person so that I can go out into the community and empower other women. Many women struggle with issues such as being oppressed; not knowing their rights; not knowing how to exercise their rights; staying in relationships no matter what the relationship is because they are dependent on their partners. There was a session during the training that taught us that the Bill of Rights protects women’s rights. It also taught us that when women are abused they have a right to report it and lay a charge. When they get back together with their partners they must not withdraw the charge because it is a waste of the court’s time.”



Marriam Bennet from Wentworth said:

“It was a good experience to interact with other women. The programme was about knowing yourself and having self-confidence. I found it very educational and learnt a lot of things from the ZAZI Women and from others here that I did not know. We can go out into the community and speak to other women. ZAZI Women educated us so that we can help other women.”



Sharon Rajman from Merebank said:

“The dialogue was exceptional and very, very good. The training was very informative. We can go out into the community and enlighten them and make them aware about violence against women; women’s rights – especially for women to know that they can say ‘no’”





OUTCOME 8: SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF HOUSEHOLD LIFE

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Date: 24 May 2014

Time: 09:00 am

**Venue: Union Buildings,
 Pretoria**



Together we move South Africa forward

MEC Sauls-August hands over houses

By Mzimasi Dyomfana: GCIS, Eastern Cape

It was a joyous moment in the Unit P area in Posdam, in East London when the MEC for Human Settlements, Helen Sauls-August and the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality officially handed over houses to beneficiaries, which included people with disabilities.

Residents could not stop chanting and singing, celebrating their new houses that were built by government.

“It has been terrible living in a shack especially during the winter and rainy seasons. However, today we are putting an end to that. In our new houses we will experience comfort like everybody else,” said Noludwe Nkanini a cheerful resident.

Addressing the community of Unit P, MEC Sauls-August said her department was committed to deliver quality houses to the people of the province.

“We are delivering what we promised because we prioritise people’s needs.”

Sauls-August urged the residents who have not yet benefited from low cost housing projects to be patient with government. “We are doing our best to serve everyone’s interest but that takes time. Therefore we urge you to be patient with us. Your house will come too.” Led by the MEC, political principals including the Ward Councillor Zameka Gajula and community members painted five houses.

Unit P Housing Project is one of the many successful projects implemented by the Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Human Settlements in partnership with Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality to ensure that the restoration of people’s dignity continues in the next 20 years of freedom.



Unit P housing development and MEC handing over one of the houses.





OUTCOME 1: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

Rural schools benefit from Executive Mayor's Imbizo

By Doctrine Netshikweta: GCIS, Limpopo

Learners and management of the Tswinga Primary School and Muvhava Secondary School in Limpopo, in the Vhembe District Municipality, were surprised and excited when Councillor (CIlr) Lukas Manyuha visited their schools and donated 20 pairs of shoes to each school. The shoes were given to needy learners.

The visit came during the Mayoral Imbizo. CIlr Manyuha indicated that the donation is aimed at boosting the morale of learners to sustain the district's culture of being the leaders in the province with their matric results.

"We are happy to see that our support in the culture of learning is bearing fruit. We are known to be the best producers of best matric results every year in the country and best of the best in the province. This motivates us to continuously give support to our future leaders," said Manyuha. Ray Financial Solution donated the shoes.

Thovhele Gole Mphaphuli, the local traditional leader who was among the delegation appreciated the good work done by the government and private sector to promote culture of learning.

"Indeed this is what government means by saying, 'Working together we can do more.' To me it shows development and progress in our democracy," said Khosi Mphaphuli. He urged educators push ahead to increase the matric pass rate. "I know that schools are producing 100% passes but this year, I challenge you to produce 100% distinctions," he said.

Lemas Financial Services' Relationship Consultant, Edward Netshiya, acknowledged the warm words from the chief during his remarks. He assured his support to schools as long learners are taking education seriously. "Our focus is to invest in the future leaders of the nation. The continuous progress in matric results motivates us and makes us take initiatives to support learners with any education needs they might have," he said. He concluded by urging other companies to invest their money in the future leaders of the nation.

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Thovhele Gole Mphaphuli (with blue jacket and tie) leading the hand-over ceremony with two of the needy learners, Madzie Thanzi, left and Tshishonga Thifhelimbilu.



South Africa ready for the Presidential Inauguration



Presidential INAUGURATION 2014

Date: 24 May 2014, **Time:** 09:00 am, **Venue:** Union Buildings, Pretoria

Together we move South Africa forward

- South Africa will tomorrow 24 May 2014 witness the inauguration of President-elect Jacob Zuma, who will be sworn in for a second term in office at the Nelson Mandela Amphitheatre, at the Union Buildings (Pretoria).
- The President will deliver his inaugural address to South Africans which will signal the beginning of his five-year administration.
- He will then, as early as in the first two days following, elect his new team of ministers.
- The State of the Nation Address in the new administration will follow in the week's thereafter, during which he is expected to set in motion the new government's programme for the next five years.
- With the country celebrating 20 years of democracy, tomorrow's inauguration represents a moment of historical significance.

