




# MY DISTRICT TODAY



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

### Taking services to the people

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The Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, the Department of Communications (DoC), the South African Social Security Agency and other stakeholders participated in an integrated service-delivery activity at Maphotla Village on 22 and 23 September. The activity was aimed at rendering government services and also taking information about services to community members.

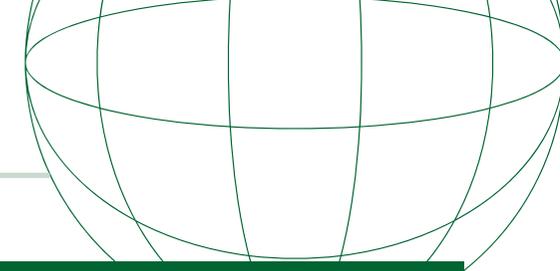
The event was well supported by representatives from several government departments and agencies. Community members had an opportunity to access services such as registration and renewal of social grants, registering on the job-seekers database, applying for identity documents, registering on the voters roll to take part in the elections, etc. Information on opportunities concerning development and empowerment was also shared.



Government officials rendering services to the public during the integrated mobile outreach at Maphotla Village in Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality.



**Mrs Jiyana said:** "We benefitted a lot from this event. We are happy that we managed to access different services offered by government. We used to have problems because we had to travel long distances to access government services and sometimes we had challenges with the transport fare. Siyabuswa is far from here and that is where most government offices are situated."



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

**KwaZulu-Natal Premier hands over houses to beneficiaries**

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On 5 September, KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Senzo Mchunu, celebrated his 100th day in office. As part of the celebrations, he visited the community of Groutville in KwaDukuza Local Municipality in Ilembe District Municipality and handed over two houses to beneficiaries.

Accompanying Premier Mchunu were the MEC for Human Settlements, Ravi Pillay and Mayor of KwaDukuza Local Municipality, Ricardo Mthembu. The beneficiaries who received houses were delighted to finally have their own homes.

The first beneficiary was an elderly couple from Mamembe, Groutville, Mr and Mrs Mbesi. They also received implements and seedlings for a small food garden. The second beneficiary was an elderly woman from Thembeni, Ntombi Gumede. The woman, together with her granddaughter, cried tears of joy after receiving a furnished house just next to the old, dilapidated structure they used to share. She was in total disbelief, asking officials if she must give back the house when the Premier leaves.



Premier Senzo Mchunu hands over house keys to Mr Mbesi.



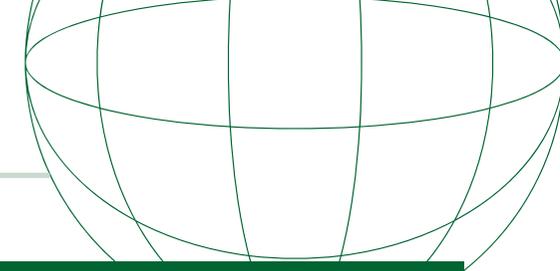
Premier Mchunu, Mayor Mthembu and MEC Pillay engage with Mr and Mrs Mbesi as media people and community members look on.



Mrs Mbesi receives implements for her food garden.



**Ntombi Gumede said:** “I moved in here from Mount Memoriah with my husband long time ago. My husband passed away and I have three grandchildren aged 14, 11 and five whom I take care of. I thought I would die without getting a proper home. I still can’t believe that I have my own home. I am very happy that I have a nice place for me and my grandchildren.”



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

### Deputy Minister visits Groot Marico

*By: Thoriso Virginia Tlham: DoC, North West*

The Deputy Minister of Energy, Thembu Majola, visited Groot Marico on 25 September 2014. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by the councillor of Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality and other stakeholders. Groot Marico is a newly established community in Ramotshere Moiloa Municipality. Deputy Minister Majola visited six of the newly built RDP houses and community members were given an opportunity to engage with their leaders.

Groot Marico is an underprivileged community that depends mainly on nearby farms for employment opportunities. About 900 of the RDP houses have access to electricity, which was installed in the 2010/2011 financial year. During the walkabout, each home owner was presented with a solar energy jar that can last for up to eight hours when used. Meikie Motimedi was the first recipient of the solar energy jar and she said, "I am happy about the house. Life was difficult before as we used to live in a shack."

Residents raised concerns over the gravel road but were given hope by the Deputy Minister who stressed that there were other developments that would still be undertaken since the community was still new. "We need to start somewhere. This is the price of development and it demonstrates that work is continuing," said the Deputy Minister.



**Tebogo Phege said:** "We are happy to have received this house. There used to be seven of us living in a shack."



**Lebogang Batshegi said:** "The house is in good condition, we thank government for this initiative."



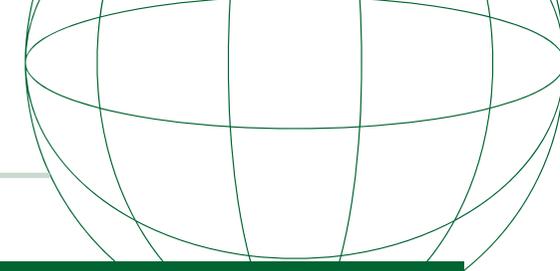
Deputy Minister Thembu Majola arrives at Groot Marico.



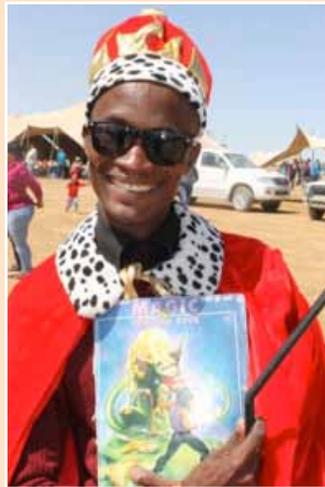
A newly built RDP house at Groot Marico.



Deputy Minister Majola shows an elderly beneficiary, Meikie Motimedi, how to use the solar energy jar.



**Betta Steyn said:** “We are selling products such as cupcakes and pancakes. It is a nice opportunity for us. Although it is windy, the community is here in large numbers to support the celebration.”



**Edwin Tsiolo said:** “We are performing at most corporate events in the province and benefit financially, just like today. Our academy started in 2010 and was funded by the Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism. I now have my own Magic Academy and I want to go mobile to reach all areas.”

## OUTCOME 10: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE WELL PROTECTED AND CONTINUALLY ENHANCED

### World Tourism Day boosts local small medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs)

*By: Wally Cloete: DoC, Northern Cape*

The Minister of Tourism, Derek Hanekom, addressed the community of Mier in Hakskeenpan as part of the World Tourism Day celebration. The event, which took place on 27 September, coincided with the Speedweek held in Hakskeenpan. The place has been identified to host the 2015/16 land speed record competition.

“We are convinced that tourism can contribute a great deal in addressing the triple challenges identified by the National Development Plan: poverty, unemployment and inequality. As a sector, we need to continue to work together to support emerging tourism SMMEs, which will ultimately create employment opportunities in the sector and that will contribute towards transforming the lives of our people and communities,” said Minister Hanekom.

Food stalls, children’s entertainment park, cultural and musical performances formed part of the festive atmosphere. Traditional Nama Dancers, Boeta Gammie from Calvinia and the Magic Academy from Galeshewe in Kimberley, entertained the crowd. The skate park also created the opportunity for children in the area to learn skating skills and to become world-class performers.

Children showed their craft skills and were requested to build wire cars for which prizes were awarded.

The community was educated on the Bloodhound Project with a mini rocket display. Music filled the air deep into the night and a laser display with fireworks lowered the curtains on a very successful celebration that will be talked about for many years to come, especially in a small remote community such as Mier.



Community members queuing at the entrance to receive vouchers and T-shirts.



Children from the area waiting to enter their creative cars into the competition during the World Tourism Day 2014 celebration.



Small business owners selling food to community members.