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PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

War against violence and femicide

By Mbuyiseli Boqwana: GCIS, Western Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with Nonceba Family Counselling Centre hosted the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) sectoral stakeholder engagement on 29 April 2022, as part of profiling the programmes and services rendered by the centre and other organisations in the Cape Town Metro.

Nonceba Family Counselling Centre presented its counselling services to survivors of gender-based violence, provision of shelter for abused women and children, with programmes on skills training, such as sewing and plumbing for mothers, to help them to be able to take care of themselves when they leave the shelter.

Ward development forum members called on stakeholders to also reach out to informal settlement communities to provide services and run programmes targeted at vulnerable people.

The session also discussed the role of street committees, community policing forums, civic organisations and the community at large as renewed viable partnerships in the fight against GBVF in South Africa.

The GCIS has recommitted itself to continue providing communication support to awareness and education campaigns around GBVF.



Stakeholders who attended the engagement session.



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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Community encouraged to start vegetable gardens

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State

The Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality through its Agricultural and Rural Development Unit established a vegetable garden at the municipality's headquarters, Free State, after realising inadequate access to food and tremendous pressure on the livelihoods of households caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The unit worked so hard to develop the garden, watering the plants in order to produce the output. Vulnerable members of the community were identified to be the beneficiaries and some of the vegetables were donated and delivered to Limakatso Disabled Centre in Intabazwe, Harrismith on 18 March 2022. Again, on this day, the Agricultural and Rural Development Unit observed Farmers' Day in Paul Roux.

The municipality encourages households to start their own gardens, as there has been an increase in the cost of living.

Various stakeholders from the agricultural sector such as OVK and the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, and the South African Police Service were invited to present their services to the farming community.

The presentations covered topics such as animal health, production plans, animal identification mark, application for brand marks and procedures for opening stock theft cases, land application and financial support.



Vegetables donated to Limakatso Disabled Centre in Intabazwe.



Animal identification mark demonstration.

PRIORITY 1: BUILDING A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Forum to strengthen intergovernmental relations

By Maria Ramoshaba: GCIS, Limpopo

Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Basikopo Makamu launched the Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR) Forum in Waterberg District Municipality on 22 April 2022.

The IGR Framework, 2005 (Act 13 of 2005) stipulates that there should be a district intergovernmental forum to promote and facilitate intergovernmental relations between the district and the local municipalities in the district.

The Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Councillor Ngoako Tauetswala, said the IGR Forum is an important vehicle to ensure improved coordination of service delivery and implementation of the District Development Model (DDM) in partnership with other stakeholders.

In his keynote address, MEC Makamu emphasised the need for local government to have a healthy financial outlook and provide basic services to community members.

The MEC instructed all Mayors to prioritise attending quarterly meetings to enable them to better the lives of the people they serve.

He further indicated that the DDM and the IGR are closely linked as they are about the improvement of integrated service delivery through one plan, and one budget, and the forum plays a supporting role in the success of the model.

MEC Makamu also congratulated the Waterberg District Municipality for obtaining a clean audit for the 2020/21 financial year and informed the Waterberg District Executive Mayor, Councillor Morris Mataboge to put more focus on Bela Bela Local Municipality to move out of disclaimer.

All Mayors who were in attendance such as the Mayor of Thabazimbi, Councillor Tokkie Swanepoel, Mayor of Lephalale, Councillor Alpheus Thulare, Mayor of Modimolle-Mookgophong, Councillor Marlene Van Staden and Mayor of Bela Bela, Councillor Gloria Seleka, signed a pledge that they will attend the meetings and the forum will be functional.



MEC Basikopo Makamu addressing the audience.



Mayors at the IGR Forum launch.

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Support for flood victims

By Lehlohonolo March: Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, North West

The community of Deelpan in the Tswaing Local Municipality of Ngaka Modiri Molema District is one of the communities severely affected by the floods in the country.

The Executive Mayor of the District, Councillor Khumalo Molefe and other stakeholders visited the area on 27 April 2022 and spent Freedom Day in the community.

The day started off in high spirits as the people of Deelpan were excited to receive and host the delegation that intervened under the auspices of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in line with Section 54 (b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act 57 of 2002).

The section states that the district municipality is primarily responsible for the coordination and management of local disasters that occur in the area of its jurisdiction.

Following the heavy rainfall over the past four months, the low lying Deelpan is susceptible to flooding.

The constant rainfall over a long period of time caused flooding, which displaced about 400 families. These families are temporarily housed in community centres and local churches.

The North West Provincial Government, through the South African Social Security Agency, Departments of Social Development, Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, in partnership with other formations such as the Gift of the Givers, Red Cross, Ngaka Modiri Molema Bikers, Naledi Ya Meso non-profit organisation, PLS Construction, Aobakwe Consulting, NWK, Mahikeng Econ Building, and Mmabatho Palms, among others, intervened and offered food parcels, toiletries, sanitation products and blankets.

The district municipality also welcomed the intervention of the South African National Defence Force to render a mop-up service and extend a helping hand in an effort to restore the dignity of families under distress in Deelpan and surrounding villages.

In his remarks, Mayor Molefe emphasised that government shall continue to assist and also thanked those who heeded the call for support.

He further called on all good samaritans to assist in restoring the lives of flood victims.

The Mayor also cautioned community members, especially those living in low-lying areas to take extra caution. "Never try to walk, swim or drive through flooded areas," he said.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has since declared a national state of disaster to respond to widespread flooding that has affected communities in North West, Northern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, and the Eastern Cape.



Mayor Khumalo Molefe with stakeholders assessing the damage.



Government departments and other social partners providing relief services to community members.