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OUTCOME 14: A DIVERSE, SOCIALLY COHESIVE SOCIETY WITH A COMMON NATIONAL IDENTITY.

Pre-SoNA engagement sessions

By Moleboheng Maphutsi, GCIS Northern Cape



Government officials interacting with community members.

Northern Cape Government Communications and Information System officials embarked on various programmes such as streets intersections, taxi rank activations and door-to-door campaigns to mobilise community members, political principals, civil servants, business people and other stakeholders to watch and listen to the President State of the Nation Address (SoNA) administration on 20 June 2019 at 19:00. The outreach was intended to promote public participation in the democratic processes of the country by engaging various government programmes, especially commitments during the SoNA.

Different stakeholders such as traffic officials, government departments and community development workers participated in the community activations throughout the province and interviewed the public about their aspirations, looking at the needs that are currently faced by South Africans, particularly the youth. Government officials interviewed some of the members of the public and also shared SoNA leaflets with them.



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Mariska Malapu said:

“Yes, I will be watching the SoNA. The issues that I would like the President to address is unemployment. I wish the unemployment figure could be reduced. More job opportunities, not only for a certain few but for everyone in South Africa. Youth in the community should get fair and equal opportunities, opportunities should not only be afforded to outsiders, basically people from other provinces or communities.”



Marita Lakamies said:

“Yes, I will be watching the SoNA. I would like the President to talk about youth unemployment. The youths are currently unemployed and as a result they are involved in criminal activities. Secondly, easier admission to universities because it is currently difficult for the youth to obtain admission. It is a struggle for those who do wish to further their studies. Moreover, skills development programmes for the youth in order for them to be empowered and gain financial independence. Lastly, more job creation in order to root out poverty and to give the youth a better direction in life.”



Roseline Morolong said:

“I will definitely watch the SoNA. The issues that I am currently faced with and wish the President to address are unemployment, support for the youth who completed their matric and also financial assistance for those who want to further their education. Furthermore, water and sanitation, and housing are a huge concern in our communities. I hope these issues are prioritised and addressed during the President’s presentation.”



Rorisang Leeuw said:

“Today’s event was very informative as I also learnt how non-governmental organisations work and assist people who use drugs.”



Jacqueline Winkel said:

“I am very happy about the event because it taught me not to get involved in substance abuse.”

OUTCOME 2: A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS.

Substance abuse awareness dialogue

By Cholo Mothibi: GCIS, Free State



Young people of Jacobsdal who attended the dialogue.



Niel Kritzinder addressing the audience.

As part of celebrating Youth Month under the theme: “25 Year of Democracy: A celebration of youth activism”, the Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the South African Police Service and other stakeholders conducted a substance abuse awareness dialogue in Jacobsdal on 14 June 2019. The session was a reaction to incidents of substance abuse by young people, which leads to crime. The event started at the local school hall where young people carried placards condemning alcohol and substance abuse.

Stakeholders such as the Department of Education, Department of Health, Road Accident Fund and non-government organisations around Jacobsdal were part of the event. Niel Kritzinder from the Department of Education, who is also a life coach, stated that the youths should not let their current situation determine their destination. He also urged them not to be influenced by peer pressure but rather abstain from using alcohol and other harmful substances. Lennox Ndlovu, an ex-alcohol addict gave a testimony to the youth and strongly advised youth not to take drugs as they would get addicted and steal just to satisfy their addiction.



Maureen Mabasa said:

“Community members need to engage in cooperatives such as retail, purchasing, social, consumer, credit unions and production.”



Ouma Mazibuko said:

“I always ensure that I design clothes according to the season. As you can see, this is a winter tracksuit. I live by the slogan: ‘Wake up and do it for yourself’.”

OUTCOME 6: AN EFFICIENT, COMPETITIVE AND RESPONSIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.

Cooperatives Indaba in Daveyton

By Itumeleng Bogatsu: GCIS, Gauteng



People who were in attendance.



Exhibition of the work done by some cooperatives.

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with the Department of Social Development hosted a Cooperatives Indaba on 12 June 2019 in Daveyton. The event targeted small businesses and also those who want to be entrepreneurs. Cooperatives are essential for the enhancement of positive development in the community. The primary objectives of the session was to improve support for cooperatives and to provide a platform where they engage with relevant stakeholders to respond to their challenges.

Cooperatives that participated in the event also had the opportunity to exhibit their products and services where people were able to also buy some goods and products. To start a cooperative one has to establish a steering committee where you need to have a group of people who represent the business's potential members; carry out a feasibility study, draft articles of incorporation and by-laws, create a business plan and recruit more members then secure financing and also launch the business. People who need to register their cooperatives can visit the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission or visit their website on <https://eservices.cipc.co.za/> for more information.

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

Community dialogue on Youth Month

By Reki Skosana: GCIS, Mpumalanga



Sbusiso Sibanyoni said:

“As young people, we were encouraged to open our businesses in order to create jobs. Information on accessing funds was shared with everybody who attended. We are grateful because we received a lot of information on various opportunities available in government for youth development.”



Shelly Kabini said:

“Today we received a lot of information from the event that was conducted and I am glad to be one of the young people who attended and got assisted with information.”



Makhosazana Skhosana said:

“This event was beneficial to us. We received lot of information we were looking for.”



Youth visiting information stalls to access information.



Stakeholders engaging with young people.

The Government Communication and Information System partnered with the South African Police Service, Department of Justice and Correctional Services, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority, National Youth Development Agency, Department of Environmental Affairs, Mpumalanga Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation, National Development Agency, South African Revenue Service and community-based organisations in conducting a community dialogue to address issues affecting young people in the area. The dialogue, which was done as part of commemorating Youth Month was held at Maphotla Library on 12 June 2019.

Young people who are unemployed managed to access government opportunities that would assist them to access and create their own jobs. Young people showed interest in the information that was availed and displayed by various stakeholders at their respective stalls, as they interacted with all stakeholders to gather information.