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

Promotion of indigenous languages

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PANSALB Provincial Manager Lufuno Ndlovu addressing the audience.



Learners who were in attendance.

The Pan South African Language Board (PANSALB) partnered with the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Government Communication and Information System, Department of Basic Education, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation and the Independent Electoral Commission to celebrate International Mother Language Day. The day was observed on 28 February 2019 at FC Dumat Hall, through an information session that was coupled with the presentation of awards to the 2018 Grade 12 learners who performed exceptionally well in their mother tongue. The learners were from all three districts.

The event inspired many learners, parents, educators and other stakeholders to embrace indigenous languages and also to preserve culture and heritage among communities. Information on the national symbols and the national flag was shared, and community members were encouraged to use their mother tongue and the importance of learning and using sign language in communities.

During his keynote address, the MMC for Finance, Councillor Henry Ngoma said, "Please make sure that you tell your own stories in your own language as failure to do so might lead to misrepresentation of the truth."



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Councillor Ngoma together with the PANSALB Provincial Manager and the Acting Executive Head of Languages, Lufuno Ndlovu, presented awards to deserving learners, which were mostly received by their educators and principals on their behalf.



Presentation of certificates to the top achiever in Xitsonga.



Thiane said:

"I am from Tshepang Secondary school. This award has brought me joy as it is an assurance that my hard work was not in vain because the learners I am representing here today managed to make me one of the proud teachers in Mpumalanga."



Lulama Mandlazi said:

"I was a Grade 12 learner at Mchaka Secondary School in 2018 and I was a top learner in Xitsonga. I am very happy to have achieved top marks in my mother language."



Thandiwe Bordman said:

“As supervisors, we have challenges every day. We request Premier Ntombela to visit us. However, today was very good and the cleaning was worth it.”



Luyanda Vice said:

“The certificate will assist us and the municipality to issue out fines and monitor non-compliance on matters of waste. The certificate is more important to the municipality than an individual as it will help the municipality to effectively enforce its by-laws.”

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

The cleaning campaign in Ladybrand

By Lehlohonolo Manoto: GCIS, Free State



CWP and EPWP members hard at work.



Volunteers of the Good Green Deeds campaign in Ladybrand.

About 1 000 volunteers participated in the Good Green Deeds campaign which was held at Ladybrand in the Mantsopa Local Municipality on 8 March 2019. Stakeholders that were present included the Community Work Programme (CWP), Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), various government departments and the Mantsopa Local Municipality. The initiative was born out of President Cyril Ramaphosa's 2019 State of the Nation Address.

The campaign sought to challenge citizens to continue with the spirit of 'Thuma Mina' and answer the call to stop littering and illegal dumping. The campaign achieved its purpose as all participants assembled at 07:00 for a briefing session before moving to the streets of Ward 3 in Manyatseng in the Mantsopa Local Municipality.

Attendees were urged to play their part to promote the use of rubbish bins to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover waste to keep South Africa clean. Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela told the audience that the campaign was actually an initiative of the former Minister of Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa, who has since passed on. This programme will contribute to the behavioural change of the citizens of South Africa.



Fatima Botha said:

"I am an inmate at Oudtshoorn Female Correctional Service. The customer service certificate will help me to get a job when I return to the outside world. The training will also help me in my daily life, on how to communicate better with others. Thank you government for the opportunity."



Collid Achari said:

"I have an N6 in Tourism Management, which I completed here at the Oudtshoorn Correctional Services. With the customer care course I have done through the Francois Ferreira Academy, I would like to open my own sandwich shop one day."

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

Inmates presented with skills certificates

By Jethro Grootboom: GCIS, Western Cape

The Southern Cape Correctional Facility, upheld the call by Justice and Correctional Services Minister Michael Masutha, who implored business people to help make easier, ex-offenders' path to social reintegration by giving them a second chance. The Minister is on a nationwide programme to evaluate compliance with departmental policies and to address service-delivery gaps. His visits aim to drum up support from the business community to offer employment to ex-offenders.

Since the adoption of the *White Paper on Correctional Services*, the aim is to help inmates to correct what they have done wrong. Part of the initiatives entail further education and training that will help them to find a job or start their own businesses after serving time.

The Francois Ferreira Academy, conducted a customer service training course to inmates in the Southern Cape Correctional Facilities, to help them with communication skills. The training was sponsored by Eskom and welcomed by the Oudtshoorn Municipal Mayor and the local Tourism Bureau.

A certificate ceremony was held at the Oudtshoorn Correctional Services Facility on 7 March 2019, for inmates who completed the customer care training course successfully. Inmates from as far as Hessequa, Prince Albert and Uniondale took part in the capacity-building training, and were very excited and thankful for this opportunity.



Jonathan Minnies said:

"I was born and bred in Oudtshoorn, and have been living in here my whole life. I grew up in this correctional facility. I understand that we did not have many rights before 1994, and have learnt about all our rights as human beings in this facility. I left school in Grade 3 and I passed Grade 11 in the correctional facility. This courses are a bonus to me and I thank everyone for this opportunity."



Tasneem Latif said:

"Let me say thanks to government for giving us inmates a better change that we can use to benefit ourselves when we return to the outside world."



Ricardo van der Ross said:

"I am from Beaufort West. The programme that we did here was very inspiring. I had never thought that I would be able to do such things. I was troublesome. I used to do burglary and robbery. I now realise that the things I did were very wrong. I would like to show the community that I am remorseful for the things I did to them, and win their respect back. This training certificate will assist me to get a decent job or even start my own business."

OUTCOME 7: VIBRANT, EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES AND FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL.

Colloquium on land reform and agriculture

By Itumeleng Bogatsu: GCIS, Gauteng



Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma delivering the keynote address.



Delegates who attended the colloquium.

In his recent State of the Nation Address, President Cyril Ramaphosa indicated that he had appointed Deputy President David Mabuza to lead the Inter-Ministerial Committee on land reform to fast-track land reform. He also appointed an advisory panel of experts headed by Dr Vuyo Mahlathi, to advise government on its land reform programme. The team is expected to table its report by the end of March 2019.

A colloquium on land reform and agriculture was held from 22 to 23 February at Saint George's Hotel and Conference Centre in Irene, Centurion. This was a second event to be held to address the issues of land reform. The Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma gave the keynote address.

"It was just two months ago in December that we met to unpack critical issues that relate to the motive question of land and inclusive growth. We emerged from the first colloquium with a general consensus that land, as well as its accompanying flora, fauna and water are at the centre of our collective growth and development as a nation. We are therefore impressed that in a short two months, the panel is now in a position to shape the details of the nature to be assumed by our land and agrarian reform," she said.

The Minister also indicated that young people must be recruited into the sector through increasing access to learning opportunities.

The first day of the colloquium focused on group discussions on different topics, which were; land and beneficiary selection, land identification and acquisition, models of agriculture land reform and financing, rural and urban land tenure, land administration and social aspects of climate change. These topics were led by Professor Ruth Hall, Mohammad Karaan, Wandile Sehlobo, Dr Thandi Ngcobo, Dr Maureen Tong and Thato Moagi. The second day was all about reporting back.