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PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

GCIS leads Workers' Rights talk show campaign

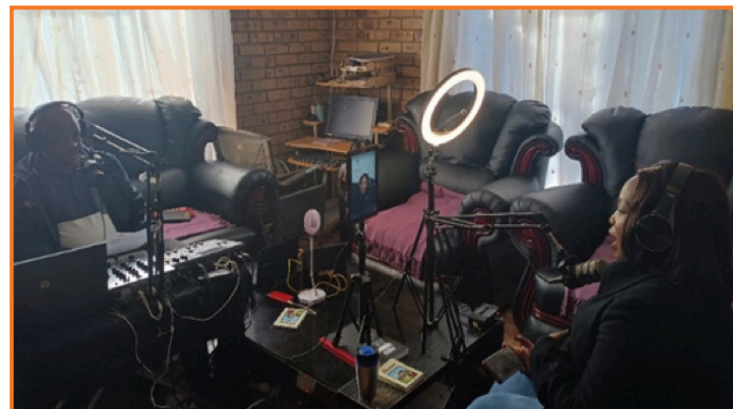
By Cholo Mothibi : GCIS, Free State

As part of celebrating Workers' Month in May, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) partnered with the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) to conduct a talk show on Free State FM on 19 May 2023. The talk show aimed to recognise workers' rights, and honour the daily sacrifices made by workers and labour movements.

The talk show primarily focused on sexual harassment in the workplace and started with Ms Cholo Mothibi from the GCIS explaining the purpose of Workers' Month. Ms Boitumelo Zwane from the CGE described how sexual harassment affects employees and where to report it.

According to her, sexual harassment in the workplace is rampant and most unemployed youth fall into its trap after being promised employment in exchange for sex.

She further explained that body shaming and touching another person in an uncomfortable way were other types of sexual harassment. She advised the listeners to report such kind of unwelcome behaviour to the relevant authorities, including the police.



Ms Zwane from the CGE being interviewed by Mr Patrick Tsolo of Free State FM during a Workers' Month talk show focusing on sexual harassment in the workplace.



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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Government prioritises health and children’s development

By Kaone Lekgetho: GCIS, North West

On 26 May 2023, Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe, who is also the District Development Model Champion for Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (BPDM), officially opened and handed over a clinic at Freedom Park and an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre at Platinum village to the North West Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Health Madoda Sambatha and North West MEC for Education Viola Motsumi respectively. Rustenburg Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Sheila Mabale-Huma, and BPDM Acting Mayor, Cllr Letlhogonolo Msoki, also attended the event.

“As a veteran of the mining sector what is important about this sector is not the money, it is the contribution we make in changing the sector for the better, so we are continuing here today to change the industry for the better. Instead of just taking the platinum and gold to sell it, we are now doing what we should have started doing many years ago of investing in communities,” said Minister Mantashe.

As part of its Social and Labour Plan, Impala Mine led and funded the construction of both the clinic and ECD centre.



Minister Mantashe opening and handing over the clinic at Freedom Park.



Flora Khoza said:

“I am happy that we now have a clinic and we will never suffer again. We are thankful to our government and Impala Mine.”

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Government makes a dream of owning a house come true

By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo

Human Settlements Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi and Deputy Minister Pam Tshwete – together with the Limpopo Member of the Executive Council for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs, Mr Basikopo Makamu, and Traditional Leader Hosi Mahumani – handed over houses to qualifying beneficiaries in Nkomo A village in the Mopani District Municipality on 25 May 2023. The visit culminated in an Imbizo focusing on service delivery, where the 10 destitute families who received houses were also provided with blankets and a double bed per house.

“If someone had told us we would be having a proper roof over our head we would have said only in our dreams. We admired other young people who came from good families with nice houses and clothing, and little did we know that we would own a house one day,” said siblings Tintswalo (24) and Tsakani Chauke (23), who were part of the 10 destitute families who received houses from government.

The siblings formed part of 13 family members who previously shared a one-room house and a kitchen made of corrugated iron. This child-headed family depends on the Child Support Grant as there is no one employed. Both their mother and father abandoned them.

Nkomo A village is situated in Ward 26 in the Mopani District of the Greater Giyani Local Municipality, under Hosi Mahumani. According to Thulani Shiviti, who is the Administrator: Human Settlements at the municipality, the 225 houses allocated to the Greater Giyani area for the 2022/23 financial year

were distributed at Nkomo A, Nkomo C, Bongwane, N’wa Khuwani, Matsotosela, N’wa Dzekudzeku, Zamani, Zava, Munghonghoma and Kheyi. The municipality prides itself with a good track record regarding the timeous completion of allocated housing projects.

In her address, Minister Kubayi told the community members that government’s priority is to change the lives of all South Africans for the better. “We have deliberately prioritised child-headed homes and the elderly, who in most cases are caregivers to grandchildren, in the provision of homes so that we can improve the educational, health and socio-economic odds of these young members of our communities,” she said.

In his weekly ‘From the Desk of the President’ letter on 5 June 2023, President Cyril Ramaphosa wrote: “Local government provides the infrastructure and services that help improve people’s livelihoods. All spheres of government must therefore work together to ensure that municipalities are able to fulfil their responsibilities. The people of South Africa expect and are entitled to local governments that are there to serve them and uphold their right to dignity. All spheres of government are committed to play their part to make this a reality.”



Siblings Tintswalo and Tsakani Chauke standing next to the old corrugated-iron kitchen and the new house they received from government.

PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Launch of Youth Month

By Moloko Segale: GCIS, Gauteng

As part of Youth Month commemoration and awareness, Government Communications (GCIS) joined the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA); Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities; Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, and youth organisations to launch Youth Month, at Uncle Tom's Hall in Orlando West, Soweto on 1 June 2023.

The launch formed part of activities to commemorate and promote Youth Month by presenting opportunities available to young people through services and dialogues to celebrate young people. The activation also sought to present real-time opportunities available to young people by forging multisectoral partnerships for youth development available within government and the private sector.

The commemoration kicked off with a wreath-laying ceremony by Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Sport, Arts and Culture Deputy Minister Nocawe Mafu and Free State Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms Limakatso Mahasa. NYDA Board Executive Chairperson, Ms Asanda Luwaca, local councillor (Cllr), Mr Lefa Molise, representatives from the provincial government, local leaders and youth organisations, were also present.

During a media briefing that took place after wreath-laying ceremony, Minister Dlamini Zuma said “government will always strive to raise funds and assist youth-led projects but it is the responsibility of youth to ensure that such projects are maintained and taken good care of, for their efficiency and sustainability”.

After presentations by different youth organisations, including the NYDA, a panel discussion took place, led by Ms Sthandiwe Msomi. Panel members included Minister Dlamini Zuma, NYDA Board member Mr Thulisa Ndlela, BBC Youth Chairperson Luvuyo Manyi and Emadwaleni Secondary School learner Ayabonga Buthelezi. The discussions focused on measures that could be taken to improve the economy through youth empowerment. The Youth Month 2023 theme is “Accelerating collaborations and opportunities to improve the lives of the youth”.



Minister Dlamini Zuma, Deputy Minister Mafu and MEC Mahasa laying wreaths at the Hector Pieterse Monument in Orlando West, Soweto.



Community members of Ward 39 and surrounding areas listening to panel discussions during the dialogue.



Ncebo Zungu said:

"I am one of the residents of Ward 39 under Cllr Molise. I am a young farmer and the name of my project is Embheka Mixed Farming. I am leading two farming projects, one at Emadwaleni Secondary School and the other at Shomang Primary School. We are already producing red cabbage, lettuce, spinach, mustard, potatoes and recently managed to plant fruit trees and have already supplied City Deep Market and selling to the local community. We also would love Vuk'uzenzele Team to come and cover our project in one of their upcoming editions."



Tumelo Magwagwa said:

"I am a resident of Ward 39, Orlando West in Soweto. I would really like government to intervene by assisting us and encouraging us in developing ourselves through community projects, so that we can start with positive mode and stop doubting our abilities as youth". I would like to thank the NYDA for this wonderful event and would like to emphasise that in future we would like to see more youth mobilised for these event so that they do not miss out on opportunities."