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

Mbombela women unite in moving South Africa forward

By *Livhuwani Todani and Owethu Mthethwa: GCIS, Mpumalanga*



Women showcasing their designer clothes in Brown Street.



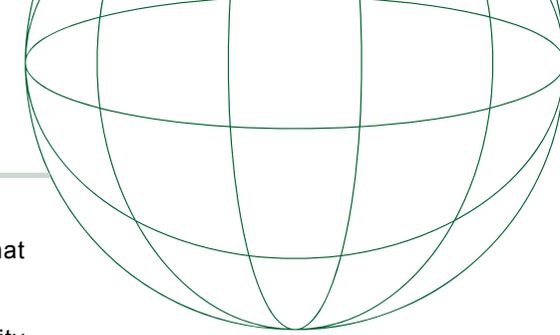
Food and fashion demonstrated at the event.

Women in Mbombela City commemorated Women's Month in style when they held the "Dhuku" Street Awareness Campaign on 27 August 2016. The campaign was aimed at demonstrating the significance of a proud African woman wearing a *dhuku* (head wrap) and the sacred relationship she has with it. "Some think wearing a *dhuku* represents slavery but an African woman wears the *dhuku* as a queen would wear her crown," said Thandeka Shiba, one of the organisers of the event.



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The Dhuku on Brown Street was also done to showcase African women: who they are and what they stand for.

The event provided crafters, artists, fashion designers and businesspeople with an opportunity to market their businesses and create a market for their own businesses. Women were able to share ideas on how to grow their businesses and also shared information on how to register them.

During the campaign, sanitary towels were donated by those who attended the event and those who were passing by. Money raised from the stalls will also be used towards purchasing dignitary packs for schoolgirls from Phakani village.



Women wearing *dhuku* showcasing their goods as part of Women's Month.



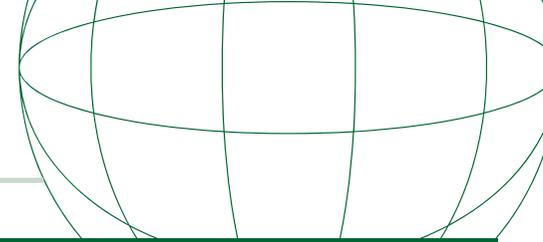
Bajabulile Malope said:
"I heard about the Dhuku on Brown Street on Ligwalagwala FM. People used to say a *dhuku* represents slavery but for me it represents a proudly African woman. That is why I came to support the event as part of Women's Month."



Thandeka Shiba said:
"It is a great platform for African women to celebrate their Africanism and educate one another on various issues affecting them and also encourage women empowerment."



Rose Schaik said:
"It is a good initiative and a great platform for young women to showcase their skills, talents and businesses to one another."



Siphon Hlakudi said:

“We are very happy to celebrate our Great King. We want to preserve his legacy. I love Bapedi tradition and culture and I will continue doing so without fear.”



Makola Simon said:

“I am here to join the Bapedi nation in the annual commemoration ceremony of the warrior King Sekhukhune 1. It is my wish that this occasion receive the same recognition and support by government like many others in the country.”

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Sekhukhune District celebrates Sekhukhune Day

By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo



King KK Sekhukhune being interviewed by the media during Sekhukhune Day commemoration.



King KK Sekhukhune speaking during Sekhukhune Day event at Mohlaletse.



Part of the traditional leadership at the event.

Sekhukhune District once again demonstrated its commitment to the founding values of the country’s constitutional democracy by the commemoration of King Sekhukhune 1. The event was held at Mohlaletse village, Maroteng in the newly established municipality of Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse on 13 August 2016.

Addressing attendees on behalf of Limpopo Premier Stanley Mathabatha, Economic Development, Environment and Tourism MEC Seaparo Sekoati assured the community of Sekhukhune that Limpopo Provincial Government is supportive of the important ceremony for what it means to the people of Sekhukhune and for the iconic stature of King Sekhukhune as one of the pre-colonial leaders. “The Premier also requested that I should convey his appreciation to the leadership kingdom of Bapedi Nation under the leadership of Kgoshikgolo KK Sekhukhune for keeping the memory of our founding father alive,” said MEC Sekoati.

The MEC also said the commemoration event was the first public platform that the Limpopo Provincial Government hosted to thank all the residents of Sekhukhune who took time to vote in the recent local government elections and keeping the country’s democracy alive.

In response and appreciation of the continual support to the historic event, King KK Sekhukhune applauded the courage and resilience of King Sekhukhune 1 against the injustices of oppression. He advised that the challenge for the younger generation is to interact with this rich history.



Grade 11 learners attending the media and communication literacy workshop.

OUTCOME I: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION.

Learners benefit from media literacy workshop

By Ndyabo Kopo: GCIS, Eastern Cape



Learners listening to presentations by various stakeholders at the event.

Government Communication and Information System in partnership with community development workers organised a media and training workshop as part of the Women's Month programme in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the women's march to the Union Buildings. The event took place in Mount Frere on 30 August 2016.

"I have always had a passion for journalism but I did not have in-depth knowledge about the profession. Today I have learned a lot about journalism and the fact that I can have my own publication if I want to," said Luvo Sobuza. She was one of the learners who attended the media and communication literacy workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to assist young people to be critical consumers and producers of media as well as to stimulate interest in media and communications as a field of study.

Learners were taken through the role of print and electronic media in South Africa. Andile Nomabhunga, the owner and founder of *Informer Local Newspaper* presented the role of the print media in South Africa and also explained all the process involved in the production of a newspaper, including career opportunities such as, graphic design, research, journalism, sales marketing, etc.

Sinegugu Shibase, Programme Manager at the Alfred Nzo District Municipality, presented how community radio works and also career opportunities within radio, such as news editor, sales manager, technician, radio presenters, journalists, etc. The learners also had an opportunity to be addressed by the reigning Communicator of The Year in the Alfred Nzo District, Khobotso Lebenya. Khobotso was recognised by the Alfred Nzo District Municipality in its annual Communicators and Media Awards, which recognise the work of communicators and local media houses.

"The work of a government communicator needs people who are humble, dedicated, flexible and those who are there to serve their communities," said Khobotso, who also shared with the learners how her work as government communicator entails.

"I was not aware of the different careers within radio as presented here and I think that was very interesting for me and there are many careers within radio to consider," said Nkosikhona Mhlolelwa from St George's Senior Secondary School.



Godfrey Dlamini said:

“This camp is very important for the youth. It has educated us to be discipline and that we should take South Africa to the next level.”



Ophemetse Mokgoje said:

“I have received more than I expected. I have learned about how to start a business and where I can obtain relevant information.”

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Youth camp addresses social challenges

By Abigail Batala: GCIS, North West



Young people listening attentively to different speakers.



Kagisho Meremetsi from the GCIS presenting on the status of youth.

The North West Office of the Premier Youth Entrepreneurship Services Directorate hosted a successful youth camp on 12 August 2016 at the South African Infantry in Mahikeng. The camp was aimed at creating a platform for unemployed youth to connect with public and private institutions, be exposed to developmental opportunities seeking to address issues of unemployment, entrepreneurship opportunities, access to education, training and encouraging healthy living among young people focusing on crime, drugs, alcohol and substance abuse. Various stakeholders that participated in the camp included the North West Development Corporation, Small Enterprise Development Agency; National Youth Development Agency; South African Social Security Agency; North West Gambling Board; Industrial Development Corporation; Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development; Local Government and Human Settlements; Government Communication and information System (GCIS) and the Office of the Premier. The stakeholders presented on opportunities that are available such as jobs, skills or business development opportunities.

The camp reached young people from different villages, township and small dorpias in addressing the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality that are affecting young people.