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## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Programme monitors school functionality

By Lindokuhle Chiliza: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The school functionality monitoring programme was held in Maphumulo in KwaZulu-Natal on 7 February 2022.

This programme, which forms part of the back to school campaign, focused on particular issues of readiness such as provision of educators, floor space, safety, social ills, discipline and children from child headed homes.

Delegates from the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature monitored the schools, to ensure that the provincial schooling system is ready to start 2022 academic year; to address functionality challenges facing the schooling system; to ensure that the schooling system is ready to co-exist with the COVID-19

pandemic; to ensure that independent schools comply to norms and standards as prescribed by the Department of Basic Education; and to address challenges facing poor performing schools.

The delegates were joined by Local Mayor of Ndwedwe as well as District Champion MEC of ILembe Peggy Nkonyeni.



Members of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature along with MEC Peggy Nkonyeni at Amaphuphesizwe Secondary School.



MEC Peggy Nkonyeni interacting with members of School Governing Body and unions.



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Online at:  
<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>  
Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.  
Via SMS by dialling \*134\*832#.  
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

**PRIORITY I: BUILDING A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.**

**State of the Nation Address discussion**

*By Rapelang Motlagomang: GCIS, North West*

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) together with the JB Marks Local Municipality partnered to deliver the live viewing of the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) to the community of the municipality.

Aganang FM, a community radio station in Potchefstroom hosted the live viewing and the panel discussion of the SoNA on 10 February 2022.

Various stakeholders who are directly involved and responsible for the service delivery in the JB Marks Local Municipality were part of the discussions.

The Mayor of JB Marks, Councillor Gaba Thithiba ka Qhele, was present at the live viewing together with the Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) on Finance, Community Services and Infrastructure.

The SoNA panel discussion started immediately after the speech by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

During the panel discussion, the Mayor and the MMCs took the opportunity to localise the SoNA to the people of the municipality and highlighted some of the projects that the municipality have undertaken that are related to what the President had indicated.

They also reflected on the planned projects that will take place within the municipality.

The Mayor thanked the GCIS and all parties that made the viewing and the panel discussion possible.



JB Marks Local Municipality leaders at the event.

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### School receives tablets to support learning

By Doctrine Netshikweta: GCIS, Limpopo

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thembu Siweya, together with Telkom and Muvex, an information and communications technology company, undertook a back-to-school campaign to Mushaathoni Secondary School in Vhembe District, on 24 January 2022.

The school received tablets and sanitary towels from Telkom and Muvex.

Addressing the school, Deputy Minister Siweya urged the school management to ensure that the community they build is full of responsibility and accountability.

“As the school management, you have got a role not only limited to the passing of learners but also to ensure that all learners have responsibilities

of taking care of school as they are tomorrow’s leaders and parents. Let us make sure that our learners will be true leaders full of responsibility,” said Siweya.

One of the Grade 12 learners, Nesane Mpho, said the visit and donations to their school has inspired them to work hard to improve the matric results at the school, district and the province.

He further sent gratitude Muvex for giving them educational tablets having lessons videos, books, study guides and previous question papers.



**Khuliso Muvhango said:**

“Charity begins at home. As a former student from Mushaathoni Secondary School, my dream became true when I donated these tablets to my former school with the aim to improve the quality of results. They will help the learners with educators’ videos, prescribed books, study guides and previous question papers. I am confident that they will help improve education.”



**Shumani Ravhuanzwo (Vhembe West District Director) said:**

“COVID-19 disrupted our performance as a district. The motivation from The Presidency offered to my district will bring back what Vhembe District is known for. As a district, we are known for producing quality and progressive matric results for quite a long time. The Deputy Minister’s educational motivation and educational donations from the private sector is a sign for us to reclaim our passing rate position.”



Deputy Minister Thembu Siweya addressing the audience.



Nesane Mpho receiving a tablet from the Managing Director of Muvex, Khuliso Muvhango.

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

### Community participates in live viewing of speech

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS Northern, Cape

Stakeholders in the Namakwa District came in their numbers to provide government services at the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) 2022 live-viewing event in Spoegrivier, on 10 February 2022.

The event, held in collaboration with the Government Communication and Information System, Kamiesberg Local and Namakwa District municipality, saw stakeholders from all spheres of government interacting with residents on their available services, prior to the broadcast of President Cyril Ramaphosa's address.

Present at the event were departments of Social Development, Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, South African Police Service, Small Enterprise Development Agency and the Independent Electoral Commission, among others.

The Department of Basic Education, together with the district municipality, handed over packages filled with school necessities for underprivileged learners.

The Department of Home Affairs distributed identity documents and birth certificates to recipients, while the Thuthuzela Care Centre marketed its services and explained the processes to be followed when seeking protection from abusive family members.

Residents indicated that they were happy to see so many departments at once.

Some raised concerns about the shortage of water in the district, connectivity challenges affecting landlines and cellphones, and poor health services, which they felt the municipality needed to address speedily.



The Executive Mayor of Namakwa District, Mervyn Cloete, welcoming the community members of Spoegrivier.



Community members lining up to receive services from the Department of Social Development.



**Hermanus Pemedie said:**

“I feel privileged to have been part of this great event in Spoegrivier. It was great to see so many departments here, ready to deliver services to the people.”



**Catheryn Bok said:**

“The event during the day was great. The fact that the big screen is in town is making everybody inquisitive. That is good because there are so many departments that are delivering services.”



**Mercia Boois said:**

“It is good to see so many departments together in one place. The fact that so many people turned up to come and watch the speech is a first for our town. I think it is a great initiative.”