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PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Live broadcast at Sol Plaatje University

By Mpho More: GCIS, Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in collaboration with the Sol Plaatje University, organised a tertiary-institution activation, which was followed by a live broadcast of the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) on 9 February 2023.

The live viewing of the SoNA was planned for students, to raise awareness and educate young people about the importance and purpose of the programme of government.

Students expressed their enthusiasm for this much-awaited event, as they were keen to learn of the changes and developments relating to specifically, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme and accommodation at institutions of higher learning.

The students expected President Cyril Ramaphosa to speak about government's plans to address the endless crime at tertiary institutions, youth unemployment as well as the increasing energy crisis, hindering the smooth process of their studies. These issues were indeed addressed by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Mayor of Sol Plaatje Local Municipality Kagiso Sonyoni encouraged the students to work hard and participate in the programmes of government to make the change they want to see in their country.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Nicole Morris, expressed her gratitude for the live viewing event and said it was an indication that government is going the extra mile to ensure that the public receives government information, aimed at improving their lives.



A GCIS official engaging students about the scheduled SoNA live-broadcast.



Dean of Student Affairs, Nicole Morris, addressing the students during the engagement session.



Mayor Kagiso Sonyoni engaging with the students.



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PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Information sharing session in Mafahlaneng

By Morena Motloun: GCIS, Free State

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in partnership with other government departments, institutions and community organisations, held an information sharing session in Mafahlaneng at Mafube Local Municipality on 22 February 2023.

The session communicated the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) and the stakeholders shared key information and answered questions from ordinary citizens on SoNA commitments and milestones.

Members of the communities spoke about what they think matters in terms of service delivery.

The Mayor of Mafube Local Municipality, Councillor Tlhoare Motsoeneng, attended the session to guide the proceedings of the day and encouraged stakeholders to strive to deliver quality, reliable and timeous services to the citizens in honour of the image of government as trusted by the public to do what is right for the community.



Scova Khambule during the session sharing information.



One of the community members, Thabiso Ntlatseng, engaging during the information session.



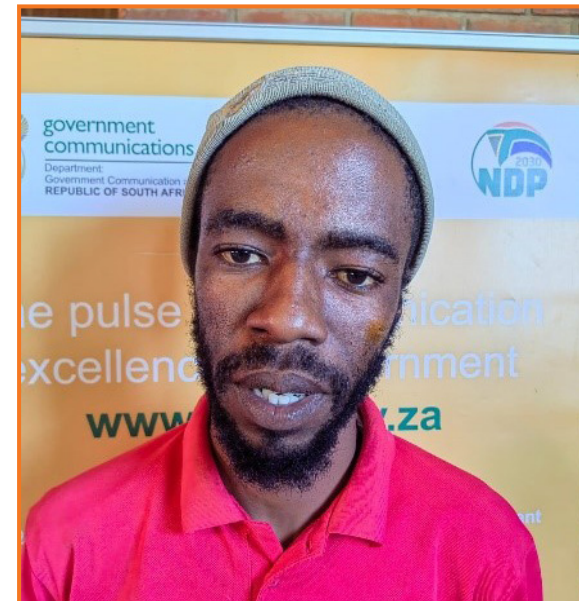
Itumeleng Monaune said:

“I think the session was necessary. We yearn for such platforms as the community but did not know who to approach to create it for us. I am glad that the GCIS reach out to our town and enabled us to exchange views with government. I learnt that we are led by government that creates possibilities for its citizens. We are honoured to have the GCIS and other organisations in our area to keep us informed about government plans for us the citizens.”



Radisebo Mokoena said:

“I think I have learnt that SoNA affects us all. I did not anticipate that we would be here engaging about direct impact of SoNA as ordinary citizens of Mafahlaneng. I have learnt that government is trying to keep us informed and engage the public on its interventions in terms of service delivery. We are satisfied by the presence of the GCIS and them sharing relevant information that will enable us to use to better our lives.”



Jerry Xaba said:

“This programme was delayed and overdue to this community. The GCIS could have organised this programme as early as last year because we do not have such special platforms opened for us by many departments of government that provides services around here. However, it was a very insightful session, necessary and very educational. We have learnt many things about what government has to offer against what we are receiving. I will impart the knowledge gained here with others who are not present.”



MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko said:

“We are localising health now, our work is going to be more on health facilities in the communities.”

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Observing the STIs/Condom Week

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

Gauteng Health and Wellness MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko embarked on the observation of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)/Condom Week at the Jabulane Dumani Clinic in Vooslorus, Ekurhuleni on 14 February 2023.

The STI/Condom Week, which is observed yearly from 14 to 21 February, aims to raise awareness of STIs and their impact on human health, the importance of condom usage, practising safer sex and reducing the spread of STIs, HIV and AIDS, and preventing unwanted pregnancy.

According to MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko, Gauteng Health is striving towards health services through working in community-based health facilities.

“As we observe the STI/Condom Week, we call on those who are sexually active to practise safer sex in making use of condoms to protect themselves against any sexually transmittable diseases and unwanted pregnancy,” said the MEC.

In South Africa, STIs remain a health challenge, even though most of the infections can be cured through adherence to safer sex. The fear of being stigmatised is one of the many reasons why people are reluctant to seek medical treatment for STIs.



Thabo Moloi and Sizwe Ndlovu said:

“We must encourage people to practice safer sex and regular doing health tests for STIs in order to avoid contracting HIV and AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases and to use condoms to avoid unwanted pregnancies.”



MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko addressing the community during the STIs/Condom Week activation.



Community members of Vooslorus who were in attendance.



Unam Ngcwangu said:

"We are inspired and motivated by the visit of the Deputy Ministers to our school. To see a young black person in the Presidency means that all of us as school learners present here have an opportunity to prosper. The ball is in our court to make it happen."

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Pre-SoNA and back-to-school campaign

By Sikelela Zokufa: GCIS, Western Cape

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Thembi Siweya, and Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Reginah Mhaule, conducted the oversight morning visit to Masibambane Secondary School in the Western Cape as part of the Pre-State of the Nation Address (SoNA) outreach activities on 8 February 2023.

The visit was undertaken within the context of the government-wide back-to-school campaign aimed at encouraging all stakeholders to participate in promoting the culture of teaching and learning at schools.

Part of the visit was to access the safety and security of learners at school premises, promote anti-bullying, access to education and the improved performance of the school.

The Deputy Ministers together with the Media Development and Diversity Agency, Cell C and Shoprite Supermarket donated stationery items such as laptops with free WiFi/data for 12 months, school bags, books, pens and rulers to enhance the process of learning on that day.

The Stakeholder Relations Manager of Cell C, Nadeem Devenhill, said their commitment to support the back-to-school campaign followed after the 2022 SoNA, when President Cyril Ramaphosa made a call for government and businesses to work together to change the lives of South Africans.

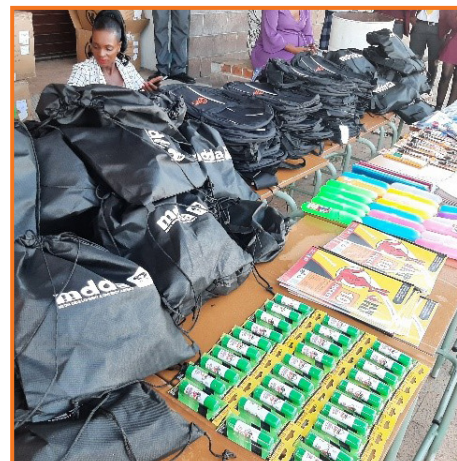
"It is my first time visiting this wonderful school with disciplined learners, I make a commitment to monitor and support this school to ensure it produces good results every year," said Deputy Minister Mhaule.

Deputy Minister Siweya emphasised to learners that she does not want to hear any more reports of drop outs, therefore all learners must complete their schooling.

She said that government with its partners is investing a lot in education and want the best results.



Patrick Matlokotsi addressing learners on career opportunities available within the department.



Some of the donated items.



Learners and teachers during a handover ceremony of different items at the school assembly.