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

Water is a scarce resource

By Yanga Ngcukana: GCIS, Free State

Water is a human right and everyone has the responsibility to safeguard the excess use of water or leakages that are wasting clean water.

People need to protect the municipal water infrastructure in order to have safe tap water in their areas. In most areas, copper pipes that deliver water to taps inside the yards are being stolen.

The Government Communication and Information System, Department of Water and Sanitation, Coca Cola, and Bloem Water embarked on the street and door-to-door activation in Gariepdam in the Xhariep District Municipality, on 15 March 2022, to interact with the community members about human rights and Water Week, which was observed from 20 to 26 March.

The community of Gariepdam was also requested to protect the pipes and copper material against thieves, and to report any crime to the police, thus safeguarding their neighbourhood and infrastructure.

The Department of Water and Sanitation donated flow bins to the community when the area had water challenges a few months back. The recipients of the flow bins reminded the team about the donation and they expressed their gratitude to government.

Citizens are reminded that South Africa is a water-scarce country; hence, it is important to protect water infrastructure to save water. Water leaks should also be reported to the municipality.



Distribution of pamphlets to community members.



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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 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Oversight visit to development project

By Zukiswa Mqumbisa and Noyise Khwahla: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Minister in The Presidency, Mondli Gungubele, joined the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia De Lille, on an oversight visit to the N2 Nodal Development project in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Gqeberha, on 8 March 2022.

The N2 Nodal Development project is identified as a strategic area for the social and economic upliftment of the region and surrounding areas.

Speaking at one of the N2 Nodal Development project sites, west of Gqeberha, Minister Gungubele said this project will stimulate the economy and create jobs for locals.

“The Baywest Mall has already created 6 900 jobs in construction and 2800 people work there now,” the Minister said.

This project is an integral part of the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa in October 2020, in which infrastructure development was identified as the “flywheel to economic growth”.

The oversight visit formed part of Minister De Lille’s duties to monitor the progress of the 62 projects which were gazetted as Strategic Integrated Projects as part of the Infrastructure Investment Plan, which was approved by Cabinet on 27 May 2020.

The N2 Nodal project is a uniquely diverse and well-structured infrastructure project that includes residential, large-scale retail, light industrial and warehousing developments, which will create the much-needed employment opportunities.

Also in attendance were Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Noxolo Kiviet, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Pamela Tshwete, and the Executive Mayor of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eugene Johnson.

The delegation on the oversight visit also included the Deputy Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay Buyelwa Mafaya, various mayoral committee members, city officials, and the Ward 19 Councillor Margaret Andrade.



Minister Patricia De Lille and other government leaders in Gqeberha.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Teenage pregnancy Imbizo

By Lindokuhle Chiliza: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

She Conquers is a national campaign that seeks to improve the lives of adolescent girls and young women in South Africa. It provides them with resources that they need to lead a happy, healthy and successful life.

This means that they should be educated, healthy and safe from violence. When girls gain knowledge, they get the chance to become independent and this gives them more ways to transform their communities and break the cycle of poverty.

Maphumulo Sub-District in KwaZulu-Natal has been identified as a local municipality with the highest number of teenage pregnancies within the iLembe District, with girls as young as 12 years old getting pregnant.

The Department of Health invited Operation Sukuma Sakhe and community role players for an Imbizo in Maphumulo, on 22 February 2022, to discuss this issue and identify solutions that may help curb this scourge.

The aim of the young women's dialogue was to educate adolescent girls on how they can help to reduce the rate of HIV and AIDS infections, teenage pregnancy and women abuse while empowering themselves.

Some of the issues that were discussed included HIV and AIDS infections, unwanted pregnancy, sexual and gender-based violence, and the high drop-out rate from school by pregnant girls.

Government has been strengthening its resources to tackle teenage pregnancy.

The Department of Social Development has commenced with the discussions around the country to strengthen the existing child protection system, thus preventing teenage pregnancy.

In February 2022, the Department of Basic Education launched the Policy on the Prevention and Management of Learner Pregnancy in Schools.

The policy provides guidance on the reduction of unintended pregnancies, management of their pre-and post-natal consequences, limitation of associated stigma and discrimination against affected learners and, importantly, retention and re-enrolment of affected learners.

The public can access the policy on the Department of Basic Education website: <https://www.education.gov.za/Resources/Policies.aspx>.



Stakeholders and officials from different sectors at the Imbizo.

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Exxaro Coal Mine invests in South Africa

By Doctor Marebane: GCIS, Limpopo

Exxaro Coal Mine, in partnership with the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) held a media tour at the Exxaro Mine in Lephalale, Limpopo, on 17 and 18 March 2022, respectively.

The tour was held in preparation for the fourth South African Investment Conference (SAIC), which was held on 24 March 2022.

The Executive Head of Stakeholder Affairs, Mzisa Mthenjane, outlined the roles and background of Exxaro Coal Mine in Lephalale.

“Exxaro is one of South Africa’s largest and foremost black empowered and diversified resources companies with strong organic prospects in coal and acquisitive growth prospects in energy and minerals,” he said.

Johan Meyer from Exxaro said that they are committed to growing South Africa in line with the President’s call to “grow South Africa together”.

“[A total of] R20 billion has been set aside to grow our projects in both Limpopo and Mpumalanga. We are resilient and we will succeed. We are very happy that during the execution of these projects, there was zero harm to our workers and stakeholders. Exxaro is committed to making a positive impact on South Africa and the economy,” said Meyer.

He also introduced Grootegeluk Coal Mine, which is said to produce over 30 million tons of coal per annum and employs more than 3 500 people.

It is the largest supplier of coal to Eskom and Mittal and is also the world’s largest coal beneficiation operating a single open pit mineable reserve of more than 30 years.

On behalf of the GCIS, Limpopo Provincial Director Thanyani Ravhura said, “We are honoured to be hosted by Exxaro on this media programme. The SAIC, headed by President Cyril Ramaphosa, is indeed yielding positive results for government.”

The fourth SAIC was held as part of government’s investment drive to attract R1.2 trillion over five years.

Since the first conference in 2018, South Africa has attracted R770 billion in commitments across a wide range of economic sectors.

During the fourth conference, 80 investment pledges – totalling R332 billion, were unveiled, meaning with investments from the previous instalment of the event, the drive had reached R1.14 trillion.

The conference complements government’s Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan, which

supports the economic recovery towards growth and a rebound in employment through structural reforms and investment in infrastructure.

Exxaro is an important partner, one of the key mining companies that pledged investments at the 2019 SAIC. The committed R20 billion is towards building and expanding the thermal coal production portfolio in the short to mid-term future.

The profiling of the Exxaro Mine during this media tour demonstrated the public-private partnership and showcased the visual investments of the Lephalale Grootegeluk operation.



Part of the media team that participated in the Exxaro Coal Mine tour.



Presentation by Exxaro on its operations and investment in South Africa.