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## PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Government takes services to the community

By Lecrecia Prins; GCIS, Northern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in Paballelo, ZF Mgcawu District Municipality, joined the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) during their Integrated Community Registration Outreach Programme (ICROP) held on Tuesday, 25 March 2025.

Through ICROP, government took services to the citizens of Paballelo on Tuesday, 25 March 2025. SASSA regularly hosts such outreaches across the ZF Mgcawu District to reach residents who reside far away from government services and those that are unable to travel long distances to access those services.

During the programme, communities got the opportunity to access services on their doorstep. Residents who were affected by recent floods, were

directed to the relevant departments to get assistance, while new mothers applied for child support grants.

Unemployed residents applied for the Social Relief of Distress grant, others used the healthcare facilities brought by the Department of Health (DoH), while others were educated on how to care for trees and plants and to save water by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). Residents welcomed free legal assistance from the Legal Aid team.

The event was attended by different stakeholders including the departments of Correctional Services, Social Development, Health, South African Human Rights Commission, Legal Aid and local banks.



Community members attending the official opening of the Paballelo Outreach Programme.



The DFFE conducting educational talks with residents.



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The DoH rendering services to community members, including testing and counselling.



EasyPay assisting social grants beneficiaries to open bank accounts.



A GCIS official sharing information on gender-based violence and femicide.

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**Pastor Godfrey Rantao said:**  
 “I thank the efforts that government has made in the lives of people to bring services closer. As it is Freedom Month, we celebrate the fact that the rights of people are prioritised. This is what democracy has brought into our lives, the right to basic services, of which health is one.”



**Pastor Bongani Matjila said:**  
 “I am happy that the clinic is creating awareness about the services they render, but my request to the management of the clinic is to look into adding more services. Our people are in need of health services and cannot afford to travel to Leratong or Dr Yusuf Dadoo hospitals, because the local clinic does not have those services. Another one is the issue of long queues that should be looked into. People cannot be waiting six hours in a day to access health services.”

**Rietvallei Clinic hosts successful Open Day**  
 By Tshidi Mokoka; GCIS, Gauteng

The Rietvallei Clinic, in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) and local stakeholders, hosted an Open Day in Rietvallei Extension 2 on 9 April 2025. The event aimed to promote access to health services and provide information on services offered by various stakeholders.

The clinic's Operational Manager, Ms Nkhensani Masonto, encouraged the community to take care of the clinic and emphasised that access to healthcare was a basic human right. “It is important for the clinic to hold programmes like these so that people get to know who we are and the many services we offer here. The government has ensured that services are brought closer to you, and it is one of the rights of people to have access to health,” she said.

Other highlights from the event included presentations on important topics such as tuberculosis, nutrition and food safety, the latter which was relevant following the recent food poisoning incidents in Gauteng. The Public Protector South Africa (PPSA), Bethany House and the Teddy Bear Clinic were also on hand to provide information on their services. By bringing these groups together, the event helped ensure that the community had a one-stop opportunity to learn more about government and also access vital services.



Mr Titus Sebesho and Ms Maureen Mabasa from the PPSA engaging community members on the services they render.



Ms Tshidi Mokoka from the Government Communication and Information System, together with Mr Michael Bogogolela from CoGTA and Mr Titus Sebesho from the PPSA, distributing government information to members of the Rietvallei community.

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**Learners' right to dignity restored**

*By Morena Motloung; GCIS, Free State*

Human Rights Month 2025 was a memorable one for learners at the Falesizwe, Tsebo Ulwazi, Mfundo-Thuto secondary schools and Poelano Primary School in Namahadi under the Mafube Local Municipality, as non-governmental organisation (NGO), Lapeng Ekhaya Foundation, collaborated with Orea Holdings to mobilise and donate learner support material and 150 pairs of quality school shoes.

The founder and chairperson of Lapeng Ekhaya Foundation, Ms Catherine Kok, was born and raised in Namahadi. She derives motivation from her passion for supporting disadvantaged communities. "Our

township is not rich, we come from difficult backgrounds. I grew up struggling, but I was motivated to see my parents making ends meet from almost nothing as farm labourers. I do not have much to offer to everyone, but I always knew I was going to start the Lapeng Ekhaya Foundation from almost nothing like my parents, and today I am happy that they have a different meaning of what human rights are," she said.



The founder of the Lapeng Ekhaya Foundation, Ms Kok, with learners from Mfundo-Thuto Secondary School in Namahadi, Mafube Local Municipality.



Ms Kok receiving a gesture of appreciation from learners at Poelano Primary School in Namahadi for a donation of shoes as a restoration of their right to dignity.



Ms Precious Mangena from Orea Holdings, explaining their involvement and partnership with the Lapeng Ekhaya Foundation in support of the community.



Mr Teboho Motaung, Principal of Mfundo-Thuto Secondary School, is joined by class representatives to receive donations from the two NGOs.

## PRIORITY I: DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

### Government's contribution to local businesses bears fruit

By Maria Ramoshaba; GCIS, Limpopo

On 5 March 2025, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) working with Waterberg Stereo community radio station, profiled two young businesspeople from the Thabazimbi Local Municipality who benefitted from government support through business grants from the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency (SEDFA) and National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

Ms Leah Masemane, an unemployed youth from Northam, attended an information session that changed her life for the better. The business management training offered by SEDFA provided her with finance, business management and leadership skills to manage her car wash in Northam. She received R100 000 from SEDFA and the South African Youth Organisation for Business assisted her to buy equipment and start-up capital for her business, where she now employs four people.

The NYDA supported Ms Patricia Mokwena to start a catering company through a R50 000 grant. She was able to procure branding material, business cards and flyers to position the business, which led to her being chosen for a two-year catering contract from Transnet. Her long-term plan is to commercialise her business.

Mr Richard Makhubele from SEDFA explained that as a state-owned enterprise, they merged with the Small Enterprise Finance Agency to provide financial support from R100 to R5,5 million to businesses, depending on the type of business, co-operative or entity. Community members were encouraged to access the SEDFA website ([www.sedfa.org.za](http://www.sedfa.org.za)) for information regarding business applications, registrations, management and funding opportunities.



Ms Mokwena explains how she was supported by the NYDA to create job opportunities for other young people.



Ms Masemane shares her achievements while Mr Makhubele from SEDFA outlines the process for financial support.



Ms Maria Ramoshaba from the GCIS, with the radio presenters and the Station Manager of Waterberg Stereo, Mr Kobus Swanepoel, and the two beneficiaries.