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PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Anti-corruption roadshow

By Rapelang Motlagomang : GCIS, North West

North West hosted the first provincial anti-corruption roadshow in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District municipality from 30 to 31 August 2023, aimed at raising awareness on anti-corruption and promoting the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2020 – 2030. The deputy chairperson of the National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council (NACAC), Nkosikazi Nomandla Mhlauli led the roadshow together with the Acting Premier of North West, Nono Maloyi. NACAC, which was appointed by the President in August 2022, is an advisory body on matters related to fighting corruption and the effective implementation of the anti-corruption strategy.

First day of the roadshow saw government departments, municipalities and the anti-corruption agencies engage on a community awareness motorcade in the City of Matlosana Local Municipality. Various spots were identified where the community was engaged on anti-corruption activities

and reporting platforms such as the hotline. The Special Investigating Unit and the Hawks were some of the leading agencies that presented to the community.

On the second day of the roadshow, the NACAC engaged the provincial government in a formal setting. The aim of the engagement was to get the provincial feedback on the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and plan for the national dialogue to be held later in the year. Provincial partnerships were also solicited to assist in the implementation of the strategy.

It is anticipated that other provinces across the country will follow with their anti-corruption activities.



Nkosikazi Nomandla Mhlauli engaging with the community in Klerksdorp.



Some of the delegates at the second day of the provincial anti-corruption roadshow.



Acting Premier Maloyi addressing the anti-corruption roadshow delegates.



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Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.
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PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Murraysburg embraces garlic business

By Monique Warden: GCIS, Western Cape

On 5 September 2023, the Government Communication and Information System visited Murraysburg Garlic (Pty) Ltd, which was born in 2017, when the first 1 000m2 was planted in the community through funds provided by the Newborn brothers in an endeavour for them to secure the future of employees who had been employed on the family farm for a long time. The project has five permanent employees, with 35 seasonal workers to assist with planting and ploughing throughout the year.

With a R 1.5 million cash injection from the Western Cape Department of Agriculture in 2021, Murraysburg Garlic (Pty) Ltd has just completed construction on a fully operation garlic processing plant that will open later in this month. The factory will allow the business to harvest, clean and crush garlic faster increasing their exports across South Africa and employing more seasonal workers from the community.

Garlic is a winter crop, taking 25 to 30 weeks to be matured for harvest. Garlic is frost resistant so it can grow in almost any climate but because of its cooler weathers the climate in the Karoo and the Bushveld are among the most

ideal. This is evident in the fact that from one piece of land, Murraysburg Garlic (Pty) Ltd now have several fields throughout the town to plant during the season.

Murraysburg Garlic (Pty) Ltd is a thriving business, their garlic can be found in local retail stores and they have some experimental garlic strains planted this year to check if they can expand to even more national and international markets.

Processing Manager, Martha Booysen who has been with the Newborn family for decades, highlighted that “This business is such a legacy for my family and me. It will be what I leave behind to them and I am very proud of this factory and the impact that it will have on Murraysburg.”



Some of the harvested garlic and more planted fields.



Booyesen standing in front of the various garlic plots planted in 2023.

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Anti-crime awareness through sports

By Moloko Segale: GCIS, Gauteng

Government has always prioritised tackling violence and preventing crime so that all people in South Africa feel free and safe. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) in partnership with South African Police Service (SAPS) continues to promote safety in schools. The SAPS ensures regular visibility in schools to address safety. Apart from visiting schools for face-to-face engagements with learners, there are other measures to increase awareness on prevention and addressing factors related to crime, and participation in sports is one of them.

On 1 September 2023, SAPS Cosmo City, South African National Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, Government Communication and Information System, Gauteng Department of Sports and Recreation, Gauteng Department of Community Safety, City of Joburg in collaboration with Cosmo FM and SASOL, and other organisations conducted Sports against Crime event at Cosmo Multi-Purpose Centre.

It sought to promote awareness on mental and physical health programmes to reduce bullying, gangsterism, aggression, improving resilience and preventing to scourge of substance abuse. These were key interventions by government and civil society structures to encourage learners to engage in sports to promote mental and physical wellness. Apart from that, sport is an excellent measure for acquisition of football technical skills and better way of living.

For a more proactive, purposeful and impactful awareness programme, an invitation was sent to all four local public high schools and they all formed part of the event.

The schools that participated were Far North Secondary School, Blue Eagle High School, Sgodiphola Secondary School, and Cosmo City 1 High School. The top-two schools that competed in the finals were Far North Secondary School and Blue Eagle, where Far North took the trophy home. Other activities of the day included women boxing and friendly football completion between SAPS and DBE officials.

Like any other social challenges, mental issues such as depression, stress and anxiety emanating from factors such as peer pressure, drugs, poverty, unemployment, have direct impact on learners and their families, and broader communities, therefore it is one the most critical elements to focus on, as one of government most crucial interventions.



Sgodiphola Secondary School and Blue Eagle High School getting ready for the first match.



Cabiso Ngcukana said:

“I am a learner at Blue Eagle High School and I am here to participate in a football competition. Sport keeps us busy and assists in taking our attention and focus from bad habits such as smoking, violence and gangsterism. I would like to thank the hosting departments and organisations for hosting us and wish this could be done regularly just to keep us busy.”



Lucky Mokoena said:

“I am learner at Sgodiphola Secondary School we are here to keep ourselves active through sports. I would like to thank the organising team by ensuring emergency services are on board to attend to injuries or any other medical needs. I would also like to thank all our supporters for being part of the event. These types of events have an impact on reducing drug usage and keeping us off the streets and through them we get encouragement and focus on the right things.”



Nicholas Bangane said:

“I am a learner at Far North Secondary School. We really appreciate this tournament . We had a beautiful experience, we enjoyed it as learners. At least we are off the streets and focusing on our own physical being. We need these types of events.”



Ofentse Mokawane said:

“I am a learner at Cosmo City Secondary 1. Today’s event helps us create relations with peers. It also assists with eliminating violence among learners. I wish we can have regular tournaments like this one.”

PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Senior managers graduate

By Lerato Setilo: GCIS, Free State

The Executive Development Programme (EDP) is an initiative for public sector managers at levels 13 to 14; it is designed to support the continuous professional development of senior managers with substantial leadership responsibilities. It is used to close identified personal development gaps for improved competence in the senior management as per the management competency framework; and to enhance the service ethos, values and capabilities required to build an ethical, dynamic and caring public service. It is against this background that the National School of Government (NSG) collaborated with the University of Free State (UFS) in offering this programme, which saw 25 of the 140 registered students graduate on 16 August 2023 at the UFS in Bloemfontein.

The Dean of Economic Management and Sciences, Professor Phillippe Burger welcomed everyone, especially the graduates who have made it through the tough time of COVID-19. Professor Burger encouraged the graduates to practise the Batho Pele principles as they conduct their work in the

Public Service. The main speaker at the graduation ceremony was the Minister of Public Service and Administration, Noxolo Kiviet. She first congratulated the graduates and indicated that they had reached a milestone in their careers and encouraged them to further their studies with the UFS.

Minister Kiviet indicated that the graduates have set a tone for many others, especially their peers and colleagues. She further said that the knowledge the graduates have gained will enable them as managers to contribute to making the Public Service free of maladministration and malfeasance. This ceremony was a first of its kind as these were the first group of students to graduate in this programme.



Professor Burger, Minister Kiviet and graduates of the EDP at the event.



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