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## OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP.

### Ekurhuleni Transport Month celebration

By Itumeleng Bogatsu: GCIS, Gauteng

October is Transport Month and seeks to raise awareness on the importance of transport in the economic growth and also encourage participation from civil society and business, including the provision of a safe and more affordable, accessible and reliable transport system in the country.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), Department of Transport, Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department (EMPD), Department of Social Development and other stakeholders conducted an open day on 5 October 2018 at the Tembisa Customer Care Centre as part of celebrating the month. The event was also used as a service-delivery outreach with the aim to bring government services and information closer to the people; educate members of the community about government programmes and services; register those who want to access social services and enabling documents such as birth certificates and identity documents; and to disseminate information through presentations, face-to-face interaction, exhibitions and information products.

During this month, the Department of Transport and its entities showcase transport infrastructure services in public transport and roads, aviation and maritime.

The City of Ekurhuleni has previously arranged extensive programmes to celebrate Transport Month, including free roadworthy tests for minibus taxis, buses and trucks in three of its testing stations in Brakpan, Boksburg and Kempton Park.



Community members listening to presentations during the event.

#### Mbulaheni Makhadi said:

"I am overwhelmed by the huge turnout today. I hope we will make this day a fruitful and memorable one. Thank you EMPD and GCIS for the event and all other supporting departments. Get more services on the premises and remember to be sensible drivers and pedestrians. Let our township live to our metro's slogan 'a place of peace'."



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"An effective and efficient transport system is a catalyst for sustainable economic growth. As such, the City of Ekurhuleni is geared up to promote safe, reliable, and cost-effective transport means. This event is just to kick-start the month-long Transport Month celebrations, and we are going to use road intersections and other public places to educate our community," said EMPD official Josias Masilela.

Every year during Transport Month, government also mobilises public and private sector participation in transport projects aimed at developing the country's economy and ensuring sustainable job creation.

#### Tebogo Molefe said:

"This is killing two birds with one stone. It is great to observe Transport Month and also having all these departments rendering services to community members. In Tembisa, we are the best in paying our services and it is only fair that all services are brought closer to you. I really wish our centre was big enough that we could house all these departments because the place is abuzz and the people are enjoying every moment."



► Community members receiving information materials at the event.



**Nicolas Baluku said:**

"Thank you for coming here guys. Today I am accessing government information from my area of residence. I know where your office is situated. I always come there and check the latest jobs in government and take Z83 forms to apply. I hope I will get a job soon."

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### Transport Month activation in Silverton

By Valencia Rachuene and Willy Phalane: GCIS, Head Office



► GCIS officials engaging with the public.



► Community members accessing information materials.

On 12 October 2018, Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) together with the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) held an activation at the Silverton train station.

October is Transport Month, so the aim of the activation was to communicate relevant messages, and other opportunities and services found in the Public Service. Officials from the two departments also engaged the public on government's anti-corruption campaign, encouraging community members to report acts of corruption to the relevant authorities.

Various government publications such as the *Vuk'uzenzele* newspaper, *Public Sector Manager* magazine, the Constitution, South

African National Road Agency Limited publications, National Energy Regulator of South Africa newsletter, anti-corruption leaflets and other government publications were distributed at the event. The dti shared the information about how it assists people to manage their credit. The department also communicated various grants/incentives that it offers to those who want to start or develop their own businesses in various sectors such as film, motor industry and investment sector.

Commuters received Z83 application forms to apply for jobs and internships that are published on *Vuk'uzenzele*.



**Pakisi said:**

"The opening of new Home Affairs offices is great news. This new office has enough sitting space while waiting for services. In the area of housing, we are happy to receive title deeds, but there is still more that needs to be done to address people's needs, particularly in the Pakisi farm. Government is working hard in Kokstad to satisfy our needs, seeing the President coming here for the first time is a signal of commitment from our government."



**Bangini Sibiya said:**

"I am happy that we are not going to stand in long queues at the Home Affairs anymore, and I am also happy that all those house owners now have proof of ownership. This means a lot to us. People of Koksatd are benefiting from government and we are still looking forward to other government services such as more houses."



**Thandekile Ndabangaye said:**

"I am very excited to be one of the housing programme beneficiaries here in Franklin, and also having new Home Affairs offices is a symbol that government continues to meet our demands. It is going to be easier now to visit the Home Affairs, as the issue of standing in long queues would be the thing of the past."

**OUTCOME 6: AN EFFICIENT, COMPETITIVE AND RESPONSIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.**

**President opens new Home Affairs office**

*By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal*



► **President Cyril Ramaphosa and Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba opening the Kokstad Home Affairs offices.**



► **President Cyril Ramaphosa engaging with Home Affairs officials.**



► **President Cyril Ramaphosa handing over title deeds to Franklin citizens during his visit in Kokstad.**

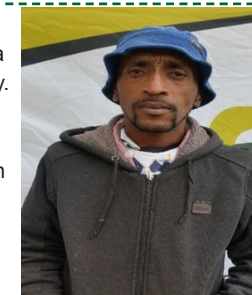
President Cyril Ramaphosa officially opened the new Home Affairs building located within the centre of Greater Kokstad on 3 October 2018.

Accompanied by the Minister of Home Affairs, Malusi Gigaba, the President engaged with the community of Kokstad who had visited Home Affairs for various services offered at the offices. During a walkabout, President Ramaphosa handed over identity smart cards to Silvia Yekani who is 94 years old and Jongabi Mngela who is 82 years old, and many other youth who were receiving their identity smart cards for the first time. The President spoke about the importance of putting people first and also good governance in all services that are provided by government at all institutions.

President Ramaphosa also handed over more than 400 housing title deeds to the Franklin community. He applauded all those beneficiaries who benefited from the housing programme and also promised that phase two of the housing project was in the pipeline. The President also urged community members to refrain from selling government houses, as the programme is intended for needy families.

**Solomzi Khamtshe said:**

"President Cyril Ramaphosa has done a beautiful thing to the Kokstad community. The new buildings are welcomed. We used to have challenges with the old Home Affairs building due to dilapidation and unacceptable environment, but this new building seems to be meeting all what the community needs. We are confident that even the staff that is going to work in these offices would be able to assist us without experiencing challenges. Government is moving with speed in the area of development in Kokstad. We have beautiful roads, now we are receiving newly built offices and people are getting their title deeds, this is amazing."





**Sibusise Duba said:**

"I am happy that we are the first-prize winners for constructing a moving, non-sinking ship. I have learnt a lot from the process of constructing our ship, including team work."



**Prince Motau said:**

"I am very happy that the Department of Transport decided to come and teach us about various careers and opportunities available in the maritime sector."



**Siphelele Manana said:**

"I am happy to be exposed to careers and opportunities in the maritime sector. To be part of the team of learners who constructed a non-sinking ship will be a life-long experience and motivation in my career and I thank the Department of Transport for the exposure regarding opportunities in the maritime Industry."

## OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

### Learners explore maritime industry careers

*By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga*

The Department of Transport led the a two-day activation in Badplaas at Vygeboom Dam on 28 September 2018. The event sought to expose learners from Mpumalanga to careers and opportunities in the maritime industry, as part of the World Maritime Day celebration.

Learners from various schools were informed and exposed to water activities such as swimming, diving, water rescue, the importance of safety on water and other maritime careers. After the water activities at Vygeboom Dam, the formal event took place at Badplaas Resort, where the Deputy Minister of Transport, Sindisiwe Chikunga, delivered a keynote address. The Deputy Minister encouraged and motivated learners to consider pursuing careers in the maritime industry. She also indicated that learners who work hard and excel in their studies would receive bursaries from the Department of Transport.

The MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport in Mpumalanga, Gillion Mashego, delivered a message of support. He committed that his department would provide radio slots through which stakeholders working on the maritime industry will get a platform to inform the broader community of Mpumalanga about careers and opportunities available in the industry.

Learners also participated in the maritime awareness school competition



► Some of the learners who were in attendance.



► Learners listening to presentations.



► Learners visiting exhibition stalls for information on the maritime industry.

by building their own ships, singing, dancing and poetry, and the winning schools were awarded trophies and certificates.

Nompumelelo Khumalo from Zinikeleni Secondary School said, "Our ship won us the first prize, a trophy and a certificate but we also established partnerships with stakeholders who will support our school in order for us to realise our dreams. Through the partnerships, many learners will also benefit."