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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Bulk water supply project launch

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Deputy Minister David Mahlobo with the Mayors of Gert Sibande District and Msukaligwa Local Municipality during the launch.

The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, David Mahlobo, and the Executive Mayors of Gert Sibande District and Msukaligwa local municipalities respectively, visited Warburton village in Msukaligwa Local Municipality on 16 March 2021. The outreach was aimed at launching a massive upgrade of the Bulk Supply Water Infrastructure Project. The project seeks to empower local businesses, create job opportunities and improve the economy.

The main objectives of the project is to meet the current water demand, increase pipe sizes and provide water from sustaining water source, from the turbinate dam in Msukaligwa. It will also increase water purification plant and enable all the communities of Lothair Warburton, Breyten, Chrissiessmeer



Gert Sibande District Mayor Muzi Chirwa addressing community members during the project launch.

and surrounding villages to receive water in their respective homes.

The project is for the duration of three years, and more than 20 000 households will benefit from the water scheme. Contractors have been assigned to also consider two water pump to speed up the water supply process during the construction of the infrastructure.

The Gert Sibande District Municipality will be the implementer of this massive project and a service provider has been contracted to get the ball rolling.



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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

MEC visits district health facilities

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Northern Cape Health MEC Maruping Lekwene together with healthcare workers conducting a walkabout in a healthcare facility.



MEC Maruping Lekwene engaging with a community member.

Northern Cape Health MEC Maruping Lekwene, embarked on an oversight and monitoring visit to various health facilities in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District on 11 March 2021. He conducted his front line service delivery assessments at Logobate, Gadiboe, Tsineng, Penryn and Bankhara-Bodulong healthcare facilities in Kuruman.

The visits coincided with MEC Maruping's health strategy to improve service delivery in the healthcare sector. The strategy made provision for the monitoring of cleanliness, medication stock levels, availability of medical equipment and the physical state of the facilities.

The MEC acknowledged the municipalities and mining companies for their contribution in the fight against the scourge of COVID-19 in the Northern Cape. He further commended them for rallying all the necessary resources to intensify the provision of proficient and satisfactory services for communities.

John Taolo Gaetsewe District received 11 clinical outreach vehicles, six new ambulances and medical equipment. The Department of Health has also empowered the community by filling 43 clinical posts, consisting of doctors, nurses and allied health personnel.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Vaccine monitoring in Frere Hospital

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Deputy Minister Thambi Siweya during an engagement with Frere Hospital management.

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thambi Siweya, undertook a monitoring visit to a COVID-19 vaccination site at Frere Hospital in East London on 12 March 2021.

Deputy Minister Siweya visited the vaccination centre to assess the progress of the implementation of the vaccine roll-out programme. During the site visit, the Deputy Minister, accompanied by the Eastern Cape Health MEC Nomakhosazana Meth and several provincial leaders, had an engagement with the Frere Hospital management, which has 81 years in existence since 1940.

The Acting Hospital CEO, Dr James Thomas, presented the COVID-19 compliance report and critical challenges that the hospital faces. The vaccination site manager, Dr Harsha Lochan, presented the progress report and issues of the site.

“We would appreciate if the hospital would get a separate building to use for vaccinating purposes only,



Deputy Minister Thambi Siweya, MEC Nomakhosazana Meth and Dr Harsha Lochan during the walkabout inspection.

especially if we are getting staff from outside our own institution. The space in the basement, which is currently being used as the vaccination site, will not be enough,” said Dr Lochan.

Deputy Minister Siweya, MEC Meth, Executive Deputy Mayor of Buffalo City, Helen Neale-May, and the delegation did a walkabout inspection on the hospital premises and facilities. The Deputy Minister said she was satisfied with compliance to COVID-19 regulations and health protocols at the hospital.

“Our observation is that there is a high demand in doses, and we are really happy that the province and hospital have a tangible work plan,” said Deputy Minister Siweya.

“We are happy with our status of readiness for the rolling out of the vaccine, as a province. Work is going well in our eight sites that we have established including this particular one. We have also picked up a positive response from our people, they are now registering in numbers,” added MEC Meth.

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

Water projects monitoring

By Ephraim Malema: GCIS, North West



Minister Gwede Mantashe, Deputy Minister David Mahlobo and other government leaders at the Brits Water Treatment Plant.

The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Gwede Mantashe, attended the District Development Model (DDM) meeting with the three spheres of government and its stakeholders in Brits, North West on 13 March 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to find a lasting solution to the water and sanitation challenges in Madibeng Local Municipality and Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality.

The meeting was intended to enhance and facilitate collaboration at all executive and administrative levels. Minister Mantashe expressed the importance of monitoring water projects within municipalities.

“It is important to monitor these water projects so that they can be successful and I want a solution to the water challenges in these municipalities. Those who are involved in these water projects must be

held to account. We cannot allow the people to suffer because of project managers who do not take their jobs seriously,” Minister Mantashe said.

The DDM is an operational model for improving cooperative governance aimed at building a capable, ethical developmental state. The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, David Mahlobo, North West Premier Job Mokgoro, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC Mmoloki Cwaili, Member of Parliament China Dodovu and the Mayors of Madibeng and Kgetlengrivier local municipalities.

The delegation also visited the Brits Water Treatment Plant to assess the progress of the water project.