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PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Monitoring visit at Ugu District

By Mthunzi Mkhungo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



Ugu District leaders presenting COVID-19 report to Deputy Minister Buti Manamela.



Deputy Minister Manamela receiving the report from Ugu District leadership.

The Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Buti Manamela, visited the Ugu District Municipality on 17 July 2020, as part of the response to the Cabinet meeting of 27 May 2020, which allocated Ministers and Deputy Ministers as District Champions.

The intention of the visit was to strengthen efforts to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to enhance the response to gender-based violence (GBV).

Deputy Minister Manamela received presentations from Ugu District political leadership and government leaders where focus was mainly on tactics that have been used to fight COVID-19 and issues of GBV in the district.

The visit began at the Gamalakhe TVET College before proceeding to one of the rural schools located at Ward 29 of Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality, Bashise Primary School, where a number of COVID-19 cases had been reported.

The Deputy Minister and Ugu District leadership concluded their fruitful monitoring programme by visiting the South Coast Mall where an activation was conducted to educate patrons on the importance to abiding by lockdown regulations.



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PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Magareng community receives houses

By Moleboheng Maphutsi: GCIS, Northern Cape



Northern Cape Premier Zamani Saul providing one of the beneficiaries with documents.



The official handover of a house to a beneficiary.

Northern Cape Premier Zamani Saul, the MEC for Corporative Governance, Housing and Traditional Affairs (COGHTA), Bentley Vass, and other dignitaries officiated the handover of houses to 30 recipients in the Magareng Local Municipality on 1 July 2020.

The purpose of the programme was to showcase some of the interventions that would have a long lasting impact on disadvantaged families and communities. Held under the theme: "A modern growing and successful province", the programme is expected to serve as an integral part of government's commitment to provide people with decent and sustainable houses.

Premier Saul also emphasised the importance of meaningful partnerships and collaborations to ensure the success of such initiatives and how government can achieve more towards improving the lives of the people.

"Our partnership with Amandla Construction Company and our sister departments such as COGHSTA and Sports, Arts and Culture made this programme a success. It is through their tireless efforts that today we are handing over these houses to beneficiaries. We are bringing the dignity of our people back." said Premier Saul.

PRIORITY 4: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Community members receive food parcels

By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo



Mathume Mosogwane said:
"I am very grateful for what government has done for us."



MMC Orginia Mafele addressing beneficiaries during the handover of food parcels.



Beneficiaries of food parcels.

On 10 July 2020, Sekhukhune District Municipality in partnership with SBS Water Treatment Company donated food parcels to 50 destitute families in Makgwaabe village in the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.

The District Executive Mayor Councillor Stanley Ramaila approached a company called SBS to intervene, after realising that there is still a shortage of food parcels after many food parcels were distributed through the food bank in Jane Furse.

Representing the District Mayor during the distribution of the food parcels, Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC), Orginia Mafele, thanked the SBS for their generosity during this critical period. "I thank the directors of SBS for coming into our rescue," said MMC Mafele. She urged the recipients to value what has been provided to them because there are many families out there who are still struggling to put food on the table.

An official from SBS also thanked their partnership with Sekhukhune District Municipality in providing assistance to poor families. "We were very humbled when approached by the Executive Mayor about the well-being of his people in Sekhukhune during this COVID-19 period," said the official.

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Youth dialogue on violence and femicide

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State



A community member engaging in discussions.



Members of the panel who participated in the GBVF discussions.



Young people who attended the GBVF dialogue.



Government official Phoka Mofokeng outlining government campaign on GBVF.

As part of government's call to intensify its response to gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), the Government Communication and Information System hosted a GBVF youth dialogue in partnership with the Department of Social Development, Japie Lepele Foundation and the University of the Free State in Lusaka, QwaQwa on 21 July 2020.

The objective of the dialogue was to provide a platform for young people to share ideas on how GBVF can be prevented and also recommend interventions that they deem necessary to end the scourge. Young people were also encouraged to be change agents in their communities.

Patriarchy and poverty were highlighted as some of the factors that fuel GBVF. Young people agreed that more structures needed to be established in the community to ensure the sharing of information. Another recommendation was that mass mobilisation of people at grassroots level needs to be conducted with the aim to encourage them to love one another irrespective of their race, gender and financial background.

Young people emphasised that women need to report violence and abuse cases to authorities, and should seek help from non-governmental organisations, social workers and other agencies dealing with GBVF. They were confident that the fight to end GBVF would be won once people in the community unite. To report any suspected GBVF, child neglect or exploitation, please contact any of the following hotlines:

- SAPS Crime Stop: 08600 10 111
- SMS Crime Line: 32211
- Department of Social Development 24-hour Command Centre: 0800 428 428 (Toll-free)
- Callers can also request a social worker from the Command Centre to contact them by dialling *120*7867# (free) from any cell phone.
- Child Welfare South Africa: 0861 424453 / 011 452 4110