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Limpopo healthcare gets injection from Kumba

By J Motsomane: Thabazimbi Local Municipality

Government has agreed on 12 outcomes as key indicators for its Programme of Action for the 2010 – 2014 period. To achieve its objectives, each outcome area is linked to outputs that inform the activities that have to be undertaken.

For the health sector, the priority is to improve the health status of the community and so contribute to government's vision of a long and healthy life for all South Africans. This will only be possible by broadening and deepening the extent and scope of community involvement and social mobilisation in all aspects of health provision at local level.



Ms Dikeledi Magadzi, Limpopo MEC for Health and Social Development, (left), Councillor Patricia Mosito, Mayor of the Thabazimbi Municipality (right) and Cornelia Holtzhausen, General Manager of Kumba's Thabazimbi Mine (far right), at the official opening of the new Thabazimbi Wellness Centre.

On 11 February 2012, the Limpopo Provincial Department of Health, in collaboration with Anglo American's Kumba Iron Ore Limited opened a state-of-the-art wellness centre in Thabazimbi. The facility, which was opened by Ms Dikeledi Mulaudzi, Limpopo MEC for Health and Social Development, will benefit the mining community and residents of Thabazimbi.

The centre will provide services such as HIV and AIDS counselling and treatment, management of chronic conditions, cancer screening, disease management programmes, health monitoring such as blood pressure and testing for diabetes, nutritional guidance and various other wellness programmes.

Ms Magadzi lauded Kumba for this initiative. "We are grateful that Kumba's Thabazimbi mine has seen the need to invest in the health of its workers and the surrounding community."

Working together with the private sector to improve services was the way to go, she said. "We believe that working together with like-minded businesses of Thabazimbi mine's calibre we will deliver more services to our communities."

She said that the centre would teach people how to take care of their health.

Ms Cornelia Holtzhausen, General Manager of Kumba's Thabazimbi Mine, said the opening of the centre was an exciting development. "This means we can look forward to a healthy community and a population that will be able to get essential information on health issues."

The GCIS Waterberg district office in Limpopo, in collaboration with the Provincial Health and Social Development, will be embarking on an extensive community outreach programme that will target schools and families, aiming to promote a healthy lifestyle and prevent diseases through the wellness centre.



Ms Dikeledi Magadzi, Limpopo MEC for Health and Social Development, (left) and Cornelia Holtzhausen, General Manager of Kumba's Thabazimbi Mine, unlocks the door of the new Thabazimbi Wellness Centre.

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Unpacking the commitments made in the State of the Nation Address

The GCIS in collaboration with members of Cabinet is currently rolling-out post State of the Nation Address (SoNA) information seminars that aim to augment and delve into the SoNA commitments. The seminars constitute part of the broader Public Participation Programme that provides a unique opportunity for communities and principals to engage in unmediated and face-to-face platforms.

The first seminar was held on 1 March 2012, at the Oasis Hotel, Waterberg District Municipality in Limpopo where the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Richard Baloyi, was the keynote speaker. Minister Baloyi, described the SoNA as a living document that provides an update on progress and achievements of the previous year and at the same time gives direction on the Government's Programme of Action for the year ahead.

The Budget Speech that actualises government's commitments is aligned to the SoNA

The Minister further emphasised the need for all role players such as community members and leaders, and businesses to come participate in writing the South African story. The Minister also outlined the undertaking of a responsive and accountable local government as a sphere of government that responds to the needs of its people.

The Minister highlighted the importance of upholding one of the constitutional principles of cooperation between the three spheres of government. Equally important is for the story of South Africa to be written in unity as opposed to division.

Some of the attendees included district managers sector departments, executive and local mayors, educators, students, business people, traditional leaders, labour unions, ward committee members and the local media.

Attendees commended the GCIS for a job well done and appreciated the event, stating that it gave them the opportunity to understand the President's speech and its implications on their daily lives.



Ms Nebo Legoabe, GCIS DCEO: Government and Stakeholder Engagement Branch outlining the background and purpose of the seminar.

The Minister of Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Richard Baloyi and his entourage visited the GCIS Exhibition table during the Post SoNA

