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

### Armed Forces Day

By Masego Mollo: GCIS, Northern Cape



Military display at the stadium as part of career guidance.

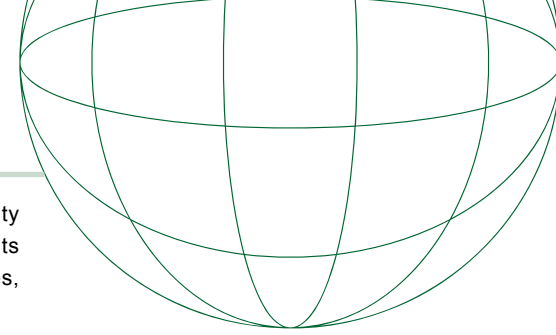
The Annual Arms Forces Day celebration was held in Kimberley on 21 February 2018 to coincide with the commemoration of the SS Mendi, which sank in the English Channel 106 ago. The event was aimed at bringing the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) closer to the people by showcasing various opportunities available in the defence force.



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The two-week programme exposed community members to a series of parades and community outreaches at schools, music concerts and an interface church prayer at various venues. Residents enjoyed a career guidance event hosted specifically for army-interested individuals, sporting activities, street parades and aircraft presentations.

The event saw a military parade and show of the SANDF equipment. President Cyril Ramaphosa, as the Commander-in-Chief officiated the event. An estimated 10 000 people per day attended the Fan Park at the AR Abass Stadium in Kimberley from 15 to 21 February 2018.



**Children posing with the members of SANDF.**



**Military display at the event.**



**Capability demonstrations to showcase the power of the SANDF.**



**Vanessa Peters said:**

"I attended most of the activities. I enjoyed seeing what happens when the army is away on the field, what they eat and how the navy is trained to swim. I was filled with so much compassion seeing all that. I appreciated the career guidance expo, such programmes can keep the youth sane and out of the streets."



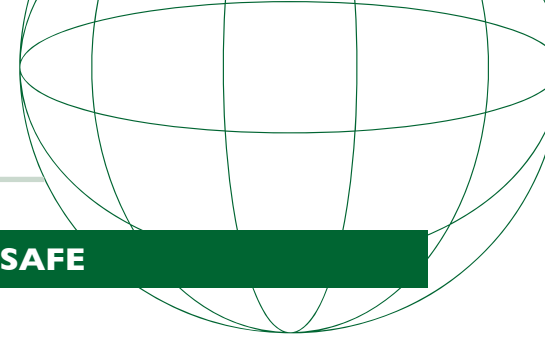
**Mervin Femmers said:**

"I saw a number of displays at the fan park, at AR Abass Stadium. I actually enjoyed sky diving and aircraft demonstrations. This was a great experience. A lot of young people were motivated to complete their studies and join the army."



**Tebogo Ibertus said:**

"I attended one of the events at the AR Abass Stadium. I loved the search and rescue demonstrations. I found all the presentations interesting. I definitely think that the forces events should be showcased annually and forever. We can now say that we know what these people do."



## OUTCOME 3: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE

### Dialogue to tackle crime

By Nonhlanhla Sithole: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



**Fikile Ndwandwe said:**

“Our criminal justice must do better to ensure that those who are arrested for crimes are kept in jail.”



**Sabelo Hlongwane said:**

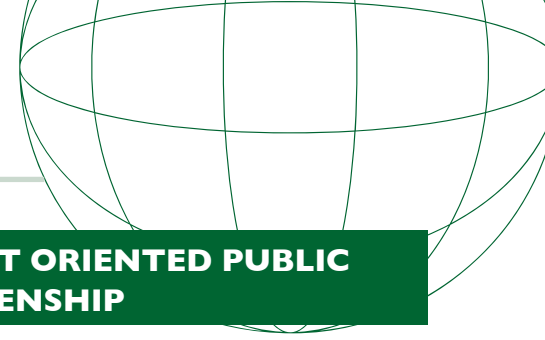
“I think there is a relationship between crime, substance abuse and unemployment. If a person is unemployed but abuses alcohol and other substances, he/she ends up resorting to crime. We need to address drug and substance abuse.”



Nongoma police officers and chairpersons of Community Policing Forum from their respective areas at the

The Government Communication and Information System and Nongoma South African Police Service (SAPS) in partnership with chairpersons of the Community Policing Forum (CPF) held a dialogue on 27 February 2018 at Nongoma police station. The objective of the dialogue was to generate solutions to address escalating criminal activities reported by the community during pre-State of the Nation Address mobilisation campaign.

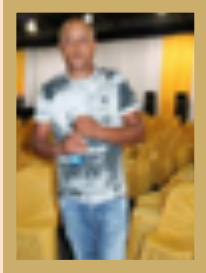
All CPF chairpersons in Nongoma presented a comprehensive report on criminal activities in their respective areas. They also informed the police about challenges that they encounter while working and also sought their assistance in resolving those challenges. Other additional stakeholders were identified to assist in working with crime-prevention structures in reducing crime in Nongoma. The meeting came up with strategies to deal with crime spots by developing an activity plan.



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### Free State State of the Province Address

By Mojalefa Senokoatsane: GCIS, Free State



**Silas Seswai said:**

“We are happy with the State of the Province Address as the Premier explained how the Free State government has invested in the education and development of young people.”



**Thato Miya said:**

“The Premier has done a lot for the citizens of the Free State especially when it comes to education.”

On 27 February 2018, the Premier of the Free State, Ace Magashule, delivered the State of the Province Address (SoPA) in Parys. The address was Premier Magashule’s last as the Premier of the Free State as he will be leaving this portfolio at the end of March 2018.

Premier Magashule outlined the achievements of the provincial government since 1994. The achievements spoke about included sending thousands of young people to various parts of the world to study medicine, engineering, information technology, agriculture and mining. He promised community members that the government of the Free State would build the state-of-the-art hospitals, industrial complexes, service-delivery hubs and recreational facilities such as stadiums.

In closing, Premier Magashule thanked the people of the Free State for supporting the government and also reminded them that through their participation, the provincial government was able to achieve many things in a short space of time. During the day, different sectors of government departments and entities, provided services through their respective exhibitions stalls.



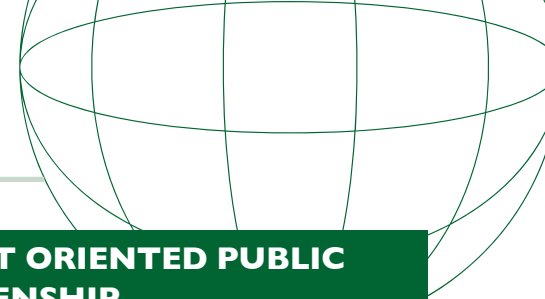
**Premier Ace Magashule addressing the audience.**



**Some of the attendees at the event.**



**Information stalls exhibiting various services at the event.**



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### Human rights lessons for community

By Doctor Marebane: GCIS, Limpopo



Community members at the event.

“All people are born free and equal in dignity and rights”. This was one of the key messages to traditional leaders during the public education on human rights at Moletsi Village on 6 March 2018. The event commemorated Human Rights Month and was hosted by the Human Rights Commission, South African Police Service, South African Social Security Agency, Government Communication and Information System, Commission for Gender Equality, National Prosecuting Authority, departments of social development, home affairs and justice and constitutional development .

An official from the Human Rights Commission’s Advise Law Centre spoke strongly against human trafficking and warned traditional leaders about this new trend in rural communities. He further urged the traditional leaders to educate villagers to respect and accept foreign nationals. His sentiments were shared by Tiane Mawila from the same structure, who said that elderly people are the most susceptible to abuse and have their rights trampled upon by people they trust.

Sam Mgiba from Thuthuzela Care Centre spoke strongly about relationships between parents and their children. He encouraged parents to openly speak about issues of sexuality with their children. Khensani Rikhotso from the Commission for Gender Equality said that government spends over R20 billion on sexual offences and urged communities to help fight the social ill. She also warned parents about stereotypical standpoints that certain tasks are meant for girls and others for boys.