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## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Khakhu Traditional Council promotes human rights

By Doctrine Netshikweta: GCIS, Limpopo



Human rights dialogue at Khakhu Traditional Authority.



A community member receiving information material on human rights issues.



Daba Avhatakali said: "As South Africans, we are under a constitutional democracy, which is underpinned by the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution. We are urged to respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights of people."

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with Khakhu Traditional Council, Department of Social Development, Department of Health, the Pastors Forum and Khakhu Victim Empowerment held a Human Rights Dialogue at Ha-Khakhu in Limpopo on 19 March 2021. The purpose of the dialogue was to share information on human rights while at the same time, educate the community members on how they can exercise their rights.

Vhakoma Vho-Nethononda Khakhu said the traditional council wants to be in forefront to ensure that people live in peace and harmony. "Going forward, any human rights violation within my jurisdiction will be considered a serious crime as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. All community members must treat one another with respect and dignity," he said.

He also noted some of the challenges with water supply in the community that government is currently attending to. The traditional leader emphasised the promotion of social cohesion and nation-building. Nelson Nevhutalu from the Pastors Forum indicated that as a faith-based organisation, they are assigned the responsibility to protect the nation through spreading the word of God.

Community members received information material such as the *Vuk'uzenzele* newspaper and the Constitution booklet to learn more about their human rights.



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**PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.**

**Monitoring of school sanitation infrastructure**

By Joy Themba: GCIS, Mpumalanga



MEC Bonakele Majuba and the school principal checking the ablution facilities at ES Malelele Secondary School.



MEC Bonakele Majuba and stakeholders checking taps.

Mpumalanga Education MEC Bonakele Majuba visited four schools in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on 23 March 2021, to monitor progress on sanitation projects. The projects include the construction of sanitation infrastructure for Saile Primary, E.S Malele Secondary, Kufakwezwe Secondary and Ntsie Primary schools.

The MEC was satisfied with the work done, which is the construction of ablution facilities, drilling of boreholes, and provision of water tanks and installation of hand washing fountains.

The Provincial Department of Education intends to completely eradicate, pit latrines in school within the 2021/22 financial year. Thus far, there are 189 projects that are underway in this financial year and every effort is being made to ensure that they are completed within the stipulated period.

The Principal of E.S Malele Secondary School, Salome Timba, could not hide her excitement for the school infrastructure improvement. "Today our school has 12 enviro-loos constructed. Our learners and teachers will no

longer stress on issues of safety and health. Our learners, teachers and the community at large can now focus on teaching and learning delivery," she said.

She added that the school and community at large appreciate what government has done for them. "We are now safe from cracked and dilapidated restrooms."

"The provision of ablution facilities is a human-right issue that was supposed to have been addressed long ago. I am satisfied with the progress made today; however, I expect that we work around the clock to deliver on this mandate. We must ensure that the pit latrines are eradicated within the stipulated time frames," said MEC Majuba.

The MEC also urged all role players to accelerate the process, where possible, to complete the projects. The Bushbuckridge Local Municipality promised to assist with water provision through water trucks to refill the tanks should the school be affected.

**PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.**

**Infrastructure projects to create more jobs**

*By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape*

Northern Cape Premier Zamani Saul together with his executive council, engaged in a meeting with a delegation from the Investment and Infrastructure Office in The Presidency, led by Kgosientsho Ramokgopa on 23 March 2021 in Port Nolloth, Richtersveld Local Municipality, in Namakwa District.

The meeting formed part of continued engagements with the Investment and Infrastructure Office/Infrastructure South Africa and the Northern Cape Provincial Government on infrastructure planning, management, and investment to ensure the coordination of key infrastructure investment projects in the province.

The key project in discussion during this engagement was the R13.2 billion Bogoebaai Port and Rail Infrastructure Project in the Namakwa District. This is a deep-water port development which will

have a dry bulk terminal for exports, liquid bulk terminal to handle various bulk liquid products and a multi-purpose container terminal.

The project is one of the biggest infrastructure projects in the province and is envisaged to create an estimated 20 000 jobs, which include construction, operational, and indirect and induced jobs.

The Investment and Infrastructure Office will work closely with the province to ensure that this project, together with other key strategic infrastructure ones such as the Small Harbour in Port Nolloth and the Green Hydrogen come to fruition to ensure job creation and the growth of gross domestic product within the Oceans Economy.



Kgosientsho Ramokgopa leading an engagement session between his office and the Northern Cape Provincial Government.



The delegation visited the areas in Boegoebaai on the West Coast where the development is planned.



Fishermen bring in their catch of snoek for the day at Bogoebaai Port.

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

### Human settlement engagement in Beaufort West

By Monique Warden: GCIS, Western Cape



Deputy Minister Tshwete with Beaufort West Mayor Noel Constable during a council meeting.



Community engagement on human settlement, water and sanitation in Kwa-Mandlenkosi.



Handover of food parcels to representatives of various organisations.

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation, Pamela Tshwete, engaged with the community of Beaufort West, Western Cape on human settlements related matters on 25 March 2021.

The Deputy Minister went to Plakkerskamp in Kwa-Mandlenkosi to look at the issue of bad roofing standards in the community and engaged with a group of stakeholders at the Youth Hub in Kwa-Mandlenkosi.

As the District Champion for the Central Karoo, Deputy Minister Tshwete committed to advocate for more funding to be made available so that more houses can be built, especially for military veterans and those in dire need across the Central Karoo.

The Deputy Minister and her team concluded the visit by handing over food parcels to the old-age home and non-governmental organisations.