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OUTCOME 9: RESPONSIVE, ACCOUNTABLE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM

MEC reaches out to community members

By Tabita Ngqunge: GCIS, Eastern Cape



MEC Fikile Xasa, Mayor Samkelo Janda, senior government officials and traditional leaders addressing community members.



Community members who were in attendance.

The MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) in the Eastern Cape, Fikile Xasa, visited Upper Mncwasa Administrative area in Elliotdale on 19 March 2018 to listen to the concerns and grievances of the community. The community members of this area did not participate in the voter-registration process, which took place on 10 and 11 March 2018, due to the non-provision of electricity in the area. The community also threatened not to take part in the 2019 elections if their grievances are not addressed.

The community complained that since 2013 they have been waiting for the area to be electrified hence, they resorted to protest actions. MEC Xasa said, "The provision of electricity to our people is a government programme and that is not debatable. As a caring government, it is our responsibility to put people first, listen to their concerns and provide feedback within agreed timelines."

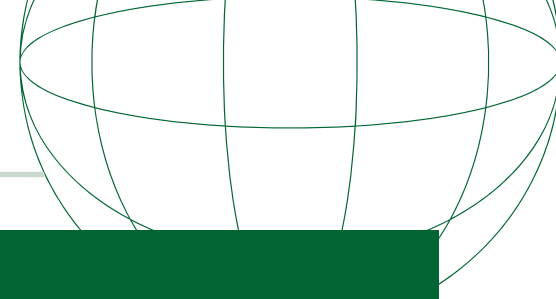
He also promised to return to Ward 17 in Elliotdale, Mbhashe Local Municipality in two months' time to provide feedback on the provision of electricity in the area. He added that he would consult relevant stakeholders including the Department of Energy and Provincial Treasury to secure budget. MEC Xasa was accompanied by the Executive Mayor of Mbhashe Local Municipality, Councillor Samkelo Janda, supported by other government officials.



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OUTCOME 14: A DIVERSE, SOCIALLY COHESIVE SOCIETY WITH A COMMON NATIONAL IDENTITY

Remembering Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

By Karabo Diale, Kenalemang Nonxoloba and Xolani Mndaweni: GCIS, North West



Dimakatso Modikele said:
“She loved the young and old, *Muphutha setshaba* (Mother of the Nation). May her soul rest in peace.”



Matsatsi Malatjie said:
“It is a very sad moment for South Africa. We are mourning the death of the Mother of the Nation. She was very brave. She was not afraid to approach the architects of apartheid head on. Women and men of South Africa must follow in her footsteps.”



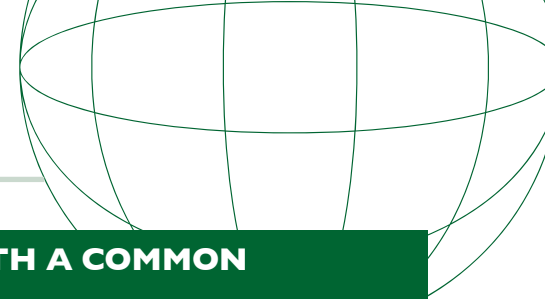
Caroline Kau said:
“I thank Mama Winnie for her selfless life as today my children are able to fight for what they believe in.”



Mavis Malapile said:
“Mama Winnie was a real woman of integrity, she was beautiful and had a good dress sense.”



Thandeka Makhate said:
“We were inspired by Mama Winnie’s courage. She was the first woman leader I knew. May her soul rest in peace.”



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Nombulelo Mbhelebo said:

“I have lost a mother, as I was taught by her to be an activist during 1976 in Cape Town. I even moved to the Free State with her. I really lost a mother.”



Nosi Mazibuko said:

“I remember Mama Winnie as a beautiful and a very humble woman.”

Free State hosts Mama Winnie memorial service

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State



Minister Edna Molewa addressing the community of the Free State



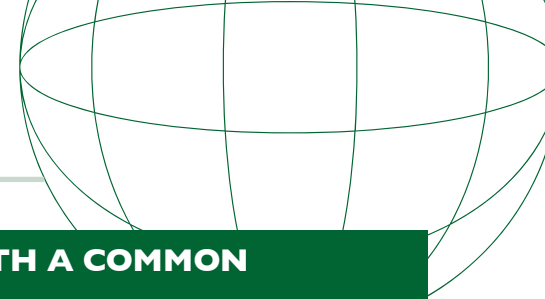
The congregants and community of members who attended the memorial service.



MEC Mmathabo Leeto addressing the community.

The Free State Department of Arts, Sports and Culture hosted a memorial service for Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela on 11 April 2018 at the Methodist Church in Thabong. The memorial service provided an opportunity for the people of the province to bid farewell to Mama Winnie. Among the dignitaries who attended the event was the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa. She said, “Indeed a spear has fallen! As a country we have lost one of the most fearless women.”

MEC for Arts, Sports and Culture, Mmathabo Leeto, encouraged women to be selfless like Mama Winnie in uplifting others. Scores of women prayed for peace and unity in the country and the legacy for this icon. They also pleaded for an end to women and child abuse, an ideal that this Mama Winnie fought for.



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Tributes pour in for Mama Winnie

By Nthabiseng Khotlele: GCIS, Head Office



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Willies Mchunu writing his tribute at the Office of the Premier.



A member of the public writing on the condolence book at the King Shaka International Airport.



Condolence book at the King Cetshwayo District Municipality.



Members of the public writing their messages at the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela memorial service in the Northern Cape.



The public queuing to write their messages of support at the Cape Town International Airport.

Following the passing of struggle icon, Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, on 2 April 2018, Government Communication and Information System dispatched condolences books to Parliament, premiers' offices, provincial legislatures, airports and selected local municipal offices, among other places. The books were placed to afford the public an opportunity to write their tributes and messages of support to the Madikizela-Mandela family. Mama Winnie, also known as the Mother of the Nation, was laid to rest on 14 April 2018.