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

### Dialogue after Presidential Imbizo

By Cholo Mothibi: GCIS, Free State

On 11 May 2022, the Free State Executive Council formed part of the dialogue on Lesedi FM in Bloemfontein, to respond to issues of service delivery as part of the post-Presidential Imbizo that was held in Mangaung on 9 April 2022.

The dialogue comprised a panel that included the MEC for Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Makalo Mohale, MEC for Police, Roads and Transport, William Bulwane, and the MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mxolisi Dukwana, and it was live-streamed on various social platforms.

The radio dialogue was followed by another community and stakeholder engagement at the Civic Theatre in Bloemfontein.

Other leaders such as the MEC for Social Development, Mamiki Qabathe, MEC for Treasury, Gadija Brown, and MEC for Health, Montseng Tsiu, also joined this dialogue.

Angela Linda from CUT FM facilitated the programme and asked the questions regarding service delivery, which were posed by community members who could not attend through the WhatsApp line and were responded to by the relevant departments.

The MECs later gave a progress report on the developments of what they have done regarding service delivery raised from the Presidential Imbizo.



Free State MECs during a dialogue at Lesedi FM and at the Civic Theatre.



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**PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.**

**Child Protection Week campaign in Endumeni**

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

As part of Workers' Month, the Government Communication and Information The Endumeni Local Municipality in partnership with the Department of Social Development; Department of Basic Education; Department of Health; and the Government Communication and Information System, hosted the Child Protection campaign on 6 May 2022 at Moth Hall in Dundee, KwaZulu-Natal.

A total of nine high schools from Endumeni were represented in the session, and the stakeholder presented their plans for child protection awareness.

As an activity, the pupils had to break into five commissions to discuss topics that affect young people in the community and in schools.

The topics for discussion were: teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, gender-based violence, mental health leading to depression and career guidance.

The aim of these discussions was to get an understanding of what young people think of these challenges and share ways to overcome them.

This was followed by robust discussions, where the learners voiced out their frustrations, sharing ideas with their fellow students and requesting community and government assistance to protect them as young people to understand the dynamics of their current environment, which influences their behaviour.

Moreover, they pleaded with the parents to love, care and protect them.



Endumeni learners engaging in group discussions on issues affecting their childhood at school level.



Learners presenting their report after their discussions.





**Phindile Nkambule said:**

“I am currently in Grade 7 and we have challenges when it is raining as the road is damaged, and the bridge to our school was washed away by rain. We request the President to fix our road, bridge and school.”



**Sizwe Zulu said:**

“We are happy about the President’s Imbizo in Carolina. We have challenges of land. Our animals are dying of hunger hence we need the President to address the issues of land.”

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

### Mpumalanga Presidential Imbizo

*By Bongani Mazibuko: GCIS, Mpumalanga*

President Cyril Ramaphosa interacted with the people of Mpumalanga at Silobela Stadium in Carolina during an oversight visit to assess progress in service delivery on 20 May 2022.

The President was accompanied by Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Mpumalanga Premier and Members of the Executive Council, Executive Mayors, Ward Councillors and traditional leadership.

The Presidential Imbizo affords all social partners, government, traditional leaders, civil society organs, and communities an opportunity to collectively engage in keeping with the District Development Model principle of – a new integrated district-based approach to addressing service delivery challenges and job creation.

Communities from all three Mpumalanga district municipalities had a platform to raise issues of concern to the President, government leaders and officials.

Among the issues raised include the request for residential land (sites/stands), housing issues, poor road conditions, the quest for employment, farm attacks, gender-based violence and femicide, lack of sports fields in Mpuluzi, a need for a hospital in Mpuluzi, a need for TVET college at Thembisile Hani Local Municipality and Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality, skills development, need to bring back the railway train for commuters at Ehlanzeni and Standerton areas, need for more health facilities, attending to opened cases to get justice, crime, and scrapping of age requirement when applying for jobs.

Ministers and Deputy Ministers responded to some of the issues raised. The President assured residents that government will take up all issues raised and that those who are responsible will attend to them and have to report back on the progress they have made.

Communities had the opportunity to access services on wheels at the exhibition sites and information material was also disseminated.



President Cyril Ramaphosa during the Imbizo in Carolina.



Community members getting services at the exhibition site.

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

### Ministerial oversight visit at Deelpan

By Bakang Ditibane: GCIS, North West

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Pinky Kekana, led an oversight monitoring visit to Deelpan village in the Tswaing Local Municipality, on 24 May 2022.

Deputy Minister Kekana was accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Health, Sibongiseni Dhlomo, Deputy Minister of Human Settlement, Pam Tshwete, and the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Obed Bapela, Tswaing Local Municipality Mayor Norah Mahlangu and Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Khumalo Molefi.

The team had an engagement with members of the community who are affected by the recent floods in Deelpan and surrounding communities.

The purpose of the community engagement was to create a space for community members, representatives and leaders to share and reflect openly and honestly focusing on damages caused by floods in Deelpan village, address community concerns and what government can improve on.

The residents were granted a chance to say their grievances and concerns. This follows Deputy Minister Kekana urging residents to work hand in hand with the government in finding suitable solutions to their problems.

Deputy Minister Dhlomo reiterated the issue of supplying the community with a mobile clinic and further stated that the unstable roads prohibit emergency vehicles to collect patients in some parts of the village.

The Deputy Minister said, "There is a structure which has been bought, also the electricity has been connected and work will resume once the staff returns."

The village of Deelpan was affected by heavy downpour floods more than a month ago with the recent rainfall, causing more flooding in the area.

Through the Provincial Disaster Management Centre, a task team was established from various government departments to provide necessary relief to all affected families, through a three-phase method.

Deputy Minister Tshwete announced that an amount of R54.9 million is readily available to build new houses for people affected by floods in Deelpan and the surrounding communities.

The department has confirmed that relocation discussions between the affected community members and the government is a cause of delay in building these houses.

Deputy Minister Tshwete said, "The department has a grant funding to build affected community members' houses at none flood zone areas and I urged residents who want to be relocated to come forward and register to be built houses elsewhere."

Deputy Minister Bapela raised concerns about the delay of the start of phase two where roads could have been reconstructed.

The South African National Defence Force engineers conducted a survey on Deelpan and confirmed it as a flood zone area.

Deputy Minister Bapela said, "We will continue with the interventions with the local municipality and various stakeholders to help, and there should be discussions with the local tribal chief and government on the relocation of residents as there are two proposed lands to relocate residents to another area to prevent such future occurrence."

The Deputy Ministers were briefed on the plans for the area by the disaster management team while assessing damages caused by floods in this village.



Residents of Deelpan attending the Ministerial visit.



Government leaders during an oversight visit to Deelpan.





**Johann Mooketsi said:**

“I am happy to see government officials presenting itself to the people and hearing their concerns. I am happy about the pledges they have made to intervene in alleviating people from this disaster by mobile clinic and proper road infrastructure.”



**Anna Moiloa said:**

“I am happy to see government officials coming to see the damage caused by floods in Deelpan and the assistance they have given us thus far.”



**Racheal Tsapodi said:**

“We are heavily devastated by what we have experienced in Deelpan as it has affected learners and the elderly. We are happy to see the Deputy Ministers coming to assess the damages caused and the assistance they have given us.”