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## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Vaccination awareness campaign

By Sinxolo Gqala: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The Government Communication and Information System Eastern Cape Provincial Office in conjunction with the Department of Health, Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality and community development workers, conducted a public awareness programme on the COVID-19 and vaccination on 10 May 2022 at eDikeni in Amathole District Municipality.

The programme was executed through a taxi-rank activation and its purpose was to heighten the awareness of the resurgence of COVID-19 infections as the number of new cases continues to rise.

According to the Department of Health, the rise in new infections is driven by two Omicron variant lineages (BA 4 and BA 5).

The public was urged to guard against complacency, urged to continue to wear their masks, vaccinate and get vaccine booster jabs as the emergence of the fifth wave of infections remains a possibility.

People were engaged on various issues on health, COVID-19 vaccination, state legal advice and access to legal aid through the Legal Aid Offices.

Various information flyers and pamphlets were distributed to community members and students from higher learning institutions in town.



Community members visiting the stalls to receive information.



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Online at:  
<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>  
Send the word **REGISTER** to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.  
Via SMS by dialling \*134\*832#.  
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

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

**Relief efforts for flood victims**

*By Lecrecia Prins: GCIS, Northern Cape*

The Tsantsabane Local Municipality and social partners have been working tirelessly to ensure that the families affected by the April 2022 heavy rainfall in some parts of the municipality receive humanitarian support.

Municipality Mayor Councillor Helena English urged all the contributors to register their donations with the local municipality as this will allow the municipality to monitor the relief efforts and ensure that all contributions are used for the intended purpose.

The ongoing support received since the devastation includes food parcels, blankets and psychosocial support.

The Department of Social Development and Sishen Iron Ore Company Community Development Trust (SIOC-CDT) donated food parcels and blankets, while the South African Social Security Agency provided vouchers of about R1 900 to affected residents.

Some of the relief support measures have been received from the Red Cross and the South African National Defence Force.

Non-profit organisations such as Tsantsabane Women Community Centre and Hulporg Vroue Aksie, provide hot meals to the flood victims daily in Postmasburg.

Meanwhile, LoveLife continued to strengthen its sexual education programme and distribution of sanitary towels to young women.

Families South Africa made calls to all flood victims that need psycho-social support to register their requests with its offices.

Mining companies that are operating in the area and SIOC-CDT committed financial contributions towards rebuilding houses, schools and roads that were damaged during the heavy rains.



Mayor Helena English, Speaker Lindiwe Teise and other stakeholders delivering groceries to victims of floods.



SIOC-CDT donated blankets to households affected by floods.

## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### GCIS Budget Vote live viewing and Career Expo

By Sikelela Zokufa: GCIS, Western Cape

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in the Western Cape embarked on a Budget Vote live screening and Career Expo targeting young people from Cape Metro, Khayelitsha, and the surrounding area, False Bay TVET College on 17 May 2022.

Hundreds of young people attended the event, some of whom arrived early to watch the GCIS Budget Vote while others came during the exhibitions to access information from different organisations and departments offering careers and job opportunities.

GCIS Corporate Services Deputy Director-General Nomonde Mnuke attended the event and addressed the audience and outlined the purpose of the live viewing, work and services of the GCIS.

The Career Expo was coordinated following the Minister in The Presidency, Mondli Gungubele's Pre-State of the Nation Address 2022 at Zokufa Media Production and Youth Media Movement, where these organisations highlighted the need for access to government Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs).

Zokufa Media Production was one of the organisations that exhibited at the expo while there were also seeking more information from the SETAs and networking.

The SETAs and critical government departments that exhibited included Service SETA; Local Government SETA; Agricultural SETA; Health and Welfare SETA; Western Cape Community Education and Training College; Media, Information and Communication Technologies SETA; Culture, Arts,

Tourism, Hospitality and Sport SETA; Atvance Academy; False Bay College; Zokufa Media Production; Department of Labour; South African Social Security Agency; City of Cape Town; Tiger brand and Kisima Radio.

Among other things, the Department of Health provided COVID-19 vaccination services and information to the youth, and other information provided were on Census 2022 and the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa.

Some of the community radio stations broadcasted live from the expo to ensure maximum reach to young people of Cape Town Metro. All exhibitors presented their services on air and were able to answer questions from the audience which was not at the venue.

Miranda Tlome from Khayelitsha said, "I am very happy and satisfied with the information I received in the expo. I want to do tourism and I got the information from False Bay College and from the SETAs on how they can support me."

False Bay College Principal Haido Mthetho was impressed to know there are other media production organisations in Khayelitsha other than Zibonele.

"I need the GCIS to facilitate a meeting with Zokufa Media Production and Kimisa Radio to look at how best we can work together. False Bay College can support them with the venue and other small things," he said.



Young people engaging stakeholders at the exhibition stalls.



Geraldine Thopps and Nomonde Mnuke speaking about the GCIS Budget Vote on Radio 7441.

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

### Taking services to the people

By Tshidi Mokoka: GCIS, Gauteng

The Magaliesburg Stakeholder Forum in partnership with the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and Westrand Community Advice Centre conducted an information sharing session at the Magaliesburg Civic Centre in Gauteng, on 11 April 2022.

The session targeted community members seeking information, and assistance about the late registration of birth, and promoted the services of Westrand Community Advice Centre to communities.

Magaliesburg is an area that depends on the services of Home Affairs through its mobile truck that assists the community.

The current breakdown of the mobile truck results in people travelling the long distance to either Krugersdorp or Randfontein to apply for identity documents (IDs) or attend interviews for the late registration of birth.

Most people are turned away because they do not have the correct papers and this results in them making multiple trips to town to ensure they access these services.

It is against this background that the DHA was invited to engage with the community on procedures to follow and which documents are needed to apply for the departmental services.

Speaking during the session, Vuyo Mtshali, from the department said, “Many cases that we encounter at Home Affairs are those of children without birth certificates and parents taking time to apply for IDs for their children.

We encourage parents or guardians to ensure that children in their care have proper documents because, without these, learners may not be able to write their matric exams and children will not be able to apply for grants.”

When asked about the long process of the late registration of birth and the interviews that are conducted, she said that those are done to ensure that the correct people receive proper documents.

She further stated that the late registration of the birth system ensures that people do not bypass the system to illegally steal other people’s identities, adding that the Home Affairs does investigations to authenticate the information shared by those applying for IDs.

Westrand Community Advice Centre is non-profit organization (NPO) based in Kagiso that provides free services on legal matters and those related to human rights violations, domestic violence cases, mediation and many more.

Khabo Ephoniel Mnguni who is the founder of this NPO said that their objective is to assist people when they do not receive joy from services they are entitled.

“We have partnered with many legal bodies to ensure that people receive the assistance they are looking for,” she said.

Other stakeholders that were part of the session included Quegal Restoration & Refuge Centre, community development workers of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Mogale City Social Services.



Vuyo Mtshali and Khabo Mnguni addressing the audience.



**Lebogang Mokgatlhe said:**

"I learned a lot from Home Affairs and we were able to ask questions that were answered by stakeholders. We are going to take this information and share it with those who were unable to attend but are seeking assistance in applying for IDs and birth certificates."



**Elsie Moeng said:**

"I am glad that I have attended this information session to hear more about the services of Westrand Community Advice Centre and how they assist communities. Today I have received information on how they can help us with housing matters. It is also advantageous to us because their services are free."



**Kedibone Mpofu said:**

"Coming to the event today helped me a lot because I have been struggling to apply for a birth certificate as my mother had a home birth and never registered me. I was informed by the home affairs officials that I need a family member or someone who knows me to come with to be interviewed for late registration of birth."