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## PRIORITY 3: CONSOLIDATING THE SOCIAL WAGE THROUGH RELIABLE AND QUALITY BASIC SERVICES.

### Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality hosts service delivery outreach event

By Reki Skosana; GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System partnered with the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality and various government departments to host a comprehensive service delivery outreach event on 22 October 2024 for the community of Digwale Village and surrounding areas.

There was significant community participation at the event, with attendees accessing government services such as primary healthcare, grant registrations, identity document applications, social relief programme registrations, issuing

of affidavits, job-seeker registrations and municipal services. Various banking institutions present at the event assisted recipients of various social grants to open bank accounts whilst government employees distributed information products of the different services available to residents.

Community members welcomed the convenience and accessibility of integrated government services at their doorstep.



Community members attending the outreach event at Digwale Village in the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality.



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**Ms Londiwe Mahlangu said:**

“This is a good thing happening in the community because people save a lot on travel expenses when they receive services like applying for government grants, identity documents, registering on government databases for employment and acquiring bank accounts at their doorstep.”



**Ms Tshepang Letswalo said:**

“I attended this event to apply for the government Social Relief of Distress Grant and I was swiftly attended to. The process did not take long; I am happy and grateful.”

## PRIORITY I: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Free State Provincial Government launches Transport Month

By Motseki Ngubeni; GCIS, Free State

October is Transport Month in South Africa, which aims to encourage citizens to take advantage of the country's improved transportation system which is safer, efficient and more accessible. The Free State Provincial Government (FSPG), launched Transport Month in Tweespruit, under the Mantsopa Local Municipality, on 4 October 2024 through an imbizo attended by members of the community, political leaders and different stakeholders within the transport fraternity.

"Transport Month seeks to raise awareness on the overall contribution of transport towards the development of the South African economy," said Mr Jabu Mbalula, Free State Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Community Safety, Roads and Transport, as he addressed the masses. He added that building better infrastructure and delivering efficient transport services through collaboration, summarised the goal of the transport sector under the Government of National Unity.

Mr Emmanuel Mthimkhulu, the Free State Chairperson of the South African National Taxi Council, expressed the council's satisfaction with the progress made by the FSPG to improve the state of roads in the province.

The Premier of the Free State, Ms Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae, assured the community that the FSPG would act against drivers using unroadworthy vehicles to transport children. "It is our responsibility as government to ensure that all roads are in a good condition, and we are working tirelessly to ensure that. Moreover, we call on all people to also respect the rules of the road by using pedestrian crossings," she said.

Transport Month 2024 was celebrated under the theme: "Doing more together: for universal accessibility to public transport". Other stakeholders at the launch included South African Breweries, the Road Accident Fund, Mangaung Metro Municipality and the South African Police Service.



Premier Letsoha-Mathae addressing community members at the launch of Transport Month in Tweespruit.



## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Kagiso community takes a stand against substance abuse

By Tshidi Mokoka; GCIS, Gauteng

The community of Kagiso in the Mogale City Local Municipality, came out in numbers to attend the “Ke Moja, I am fine without drugs” campaign held at Kagiso Extension 12 on 11 Oct 2024. The campaign was led by Gauteng Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Social Development, Ms Faith Mazibuko. The community engaged with stakeholders on available programmes to improve the lives of recovering addicts.

The departments of Employment and Labour (DEL) and Gauteng Education, through the Second Chance programme, ensured that people received information on services available to assist job-seekers and those who wanted to return to school to complete Matric or improve their results. During a walkabout through the exhibition stands, MEC Mazibuko shared the Gauteng Provincial Government’s plans to assist those seeking for rehabilitation from drugs and substance abuse.

“We are in the process of opening a rehabilitation centre in Randfontein, with an expected intake of close to 2 000 people who will go through psycho-social assessment. Thereafter, we are also going to provide them with skills such as welding and bricklaying; that is why it is important that the DEL is here today to register them on the job-seekers’ database, so that it will be easier to place them in available jobs,” she said.

The Department of Community Safety, gender-based violence and femicide brigades, members of the Community Policing Forum, Westview Clinic and a mobile truck from the Department of Home Affairs, shared government information and provided services to community members.



Ms Maria Ramatsie from the GBVF Brigade in the Department of Community Safety with MEC Mazibuko, addressing patrollers on their role in the fight against substance abuse.



Community members visiting exhibition stalls to collect information and engage with stakeholders on the services they render.



**Mr Sphiwe Mlambo said:**  
“I was able to engage with the DEL on services that they render and was able to fill the job-seekers database form. It is important as young people that we use such services when they are in our vicinity.”



**Mr Xolani Gwabeni said:**  
“Drugs are destroying communities and it is unfortunate that the youth are victims. It is a good thing that the MEC was able to inform us of plans that are in place to assist substance abusers.”



**Ms Adelaide Shaku said:**  
 “We are very happy to have this day so that we can show our children our culture and tradition.”



**Ms Lucy Nkabinde said:**  
 “Special thanks goes to our Sekhukhune District Executive Mayor for allowing us time to celebrate this wonderful day.”

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

### **Sekhukhune District closes off Heritage Month with celebrations**

*By Nkopodi Mokgoma; GCIS, Limpopo*

On 30 September 2024, communities in and around the Sekhukhune District Municipality converged at the Moses Mabotha Civic Hall, Ga-Nkwana Village in the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality to conclude Heritage Month with cultural celebrations.

In her message of support, the Limpopo Member of Executive Council (MEC) for Health, Ms Dieketseng Mashego, commended the Sekhukhune District Municipality for celebrating the cultures and heritage of different groups within the district. She also indicated that it was through such heritage celebrations that people got to know and appreciate their origins.

In her keynote address, Sekhukhune District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula said, “We do not want to forget where we come from as the Bapedi nation.” She further commended the work done by President Cyril Ramaphosa of repatriating the remains of fallen South African heroes and heroines buried in Zambia and Zimbabwe, for dignified burials in South Africa.

Mayor Bahula told the audience that the district had sent some young people to study in China. “We have sent some young people from our district to study in China so that they can create job opportunities back at home,” she said.



**Cllr Bahula celebrating with the community of Ga-Nkwana Village.**



**Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality Speaker, Cllr Vincent Shoba and the Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila; Cllr Bahula and the Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimane pose for a photo.**



**Various cultural groups showcasing their talents.**