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PRIORITY I: CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Government and private sector bring services to the community of Hennenman

By Lebogang Molebatsi: GCIS; Free State

The Thabong Thusong Service Centre in Welkom hosted an Integrated Service Delivery outreach event to commemorate Mandela Month in Phomolong, Hennenman, on 19 July 2024. The much-needed event aimed to render services to the community of Phomolong, which always have to travel long distances to access government services.

Different stakeholders from the private and public sectors took part in the well-attended event. They included banks, the National Youth Development Agency, Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Employment

and Labour (DEL), Department of Human Settlements (DHS) and Department of Home Affairs (DHA). SASSA shared information on its new online services, the DOH provided services such as HIV-testing and health check-ups, the DEL registered youth on their unemployed database, the DHS registered new applicants for housing in their database and the DHA captured new Identity Document (ID) applications and birth certificates.

The Acting Manager of the Thabong Thusong Service Centre, Mr Thabang Lempe, said the event fulfilled the objective of bringing government services closer to the people.



Standard Bank officials assisting community members to open bank accounts.



The DHA capturing new ID applications and birth certificates.



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PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Stakeholders make the elderly ‘smile’ on Nelson Mandela Day

By Mpho More: GCIS, Northern Cape

Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July 2024 coincided with the celebration of 30 Years of Freedom and Democracy in South Africa. Former President Nelson Mandela inspired people of the world to become instruments of change and contribute “just 67 minutes” of their time to support the less fortunate within their communities. The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) partnered with the South African Police Service, Office of the Public Protector and a local community policing forum to spend 67 minutes with residents of the Resthaven Old Age Home in Kimberley on 18 July 2024.

The event aimed to recognise, appreciate and protect the elderly in honour of our global icon, Madiba. It kicked off with stakeholders reflecting on the

significance of why South Africans and the international community celebrate this day, and recommit to the fight against poverty and inequality. Checkers Kimberley and the Diamond Pavilion Shopping Mall donated food parcels and blankets. Residents at the old-age home were pampered with a cup of warm soup and a slice of birthday cake. The elderly were excited and very grateful for the attention bestowed upon them by so many people. They also interacted with the stakeholders to express their gratitude and appreciation.

Stakeholders replaced the facility’s cleaners for the day and cleaned the home. The Manager of the Resthaven Old Age Home, Ms Kgomotso Mompoti, thanked all stakeholders and stated that their presence had brought smiles on the faces of the residents.



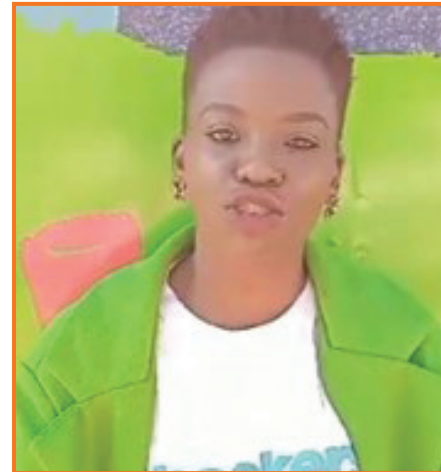
The elderly wearing their new blankets donated by the stakeholders.



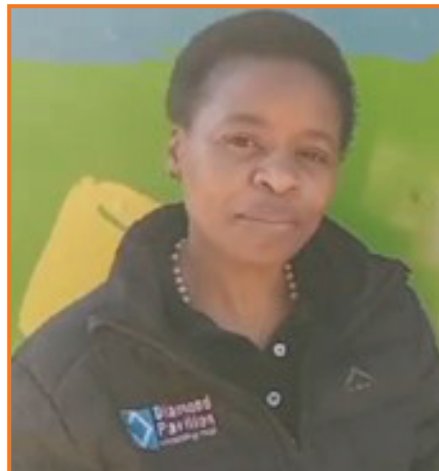
Stakeholders cleaning the home for the elderly.



Ms Mompoti, Manager of the Resthaven Old Age Home, said:
“I would like to thank all the stakeholders that took their time to come and spend this day with our elderly. We appreciate everything that they did to put smiles on their faces.”



Ms Helena Mponya, Public Relations Officer of Checkers Kimberley, said:
“We are very excited to be collaborating with other stakeholders and celebrating this day with the elderly. As a company we are very grateful to the community that supports us. It is incredibly important that we, too, plough back into the community that supports us.”



Ms Philadelphia Bobby, Marketing Manager of the Diamond Pavilion Shopping Mall in Kimberley, said:
“We are here today celebrating Mandela Day with our elderly. We are here to extend a helping hand. We prepared soup and brought warm blankets for them. We are thanking them for making our mall one of the best.”



Ms Valencia Zungu said:

“The event was fruitful as we learnt new information and we will ensure that it is shared with community members everywhere we go.”



Ms Faith Mahlangu said:

“We are grateful for the information we gained today and we are going to make sure that we share it with other community members where we operate from, including churches, soccer tournaments and other places where people gather.”

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Government and stakeholders host anti-substance abuse session

By Reki Skosana: GCIS; Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) recently collaborated with the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Local Drug Action Committee, Department of Social Development, civil-society organisations, gender-based violence advocacy groups and religious formations to raise awareness of the abuse of drugs and other illicit substances.

During the event held at the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, five commissions were established to discuss various topics, which included outlining socially acceptable drugs, their impact on human health and ways to ensure that they are used correctly, as well as illegal substances and ways to curb their abuse. The feedback from commissions was presented during the session.

All stakeholders attending the event shared information about their role in the eradication of illegal substances, as well as their contact details to be reached in times of need.

Participants were afforded the opportunity to share their experiences, views and opinions to assist in curbing the abuse of substances in their community. They committed to sharing and disseminating information they have acquired on the day, and government-related information was distributed.



Some of the people attending the anti-substance abuse dialogue at the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality.

PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Deputy Ministers in The Presidency celebrate Nelson Mandela Day at the Pama Primary School

By Gaynor Marshall: GCIS, Western Cape

On 18 July 2024, Deputy Ministers in The Presidency, Mr Kenny Morolong and Ms Nonceba Mhlauli, spent their 67 minutes in honour of Nelson Mandela at the John Pama Primary School in Nyanga, Cape Town.

The quintile 2 school, which caters for some of the most underprivileged children in the city, serves over 800 learners. The 35 dedicated educators and other staff members at the school endeavour to make a significant impact on the education and well-being of these children. This year's Nelson Mandela International Day was celebrated under the theme: "It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity".

The school's Principal, Mr Owen Molakeng, educators and members of the school governing body joined the learners in welcoming the Deputy Ministers with joyful songs. The esteemed visitors donated

school uniforms, stationary and a cheque worth R21 500 to the school to support underprivileged learners from Nyanga.

Deputy Minister Morolong expressed his appreciation to the educators at the John Pama Primary School for their efforts in making a difference in the lives of these children. Deputy Minister Mhlauli, who interacted warmly with the children, said: "It was clear to see that children still know Nelson Mandela and love who he was. Today we are not only celebrating his life and his contribution to the country, but we are also celebrating his contribution to the 30 Years of Democracy that we have today, and we are so happy that we were able to take a page from his life."

The Deputy Ministers encouraged all stakeholders at the high-performing school to keep up the good work, stating that children are our future leaders.



Learners jubilantly welcoming Deputy Minister Morolong at the Pama Primary School in Nyanga.



Deputy Ministers Morolong and Mhlauli handing over a cheque to the Principal, Mr Molakeng.



The Deputy Ministers handing over school clothes and other gifts to the learners.



The Deputy Ministers, Principal and staff members pose with some of the learners holding their gifts.