

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Deputy Minister visits Verena





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Social Development



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BURSARIES

Social Worker

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- Skills training and development

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- **ECD and Partial Care**
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development services (Youth

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 - Life Skills Programmes
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 - Quality Assurance

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- Home Community Based Care
- Skills Training and Development
 - Child Care Fora
- Drop in centre

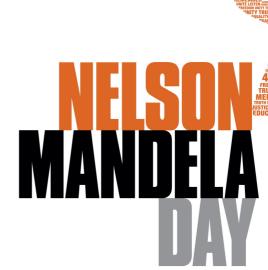
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	Maviljan Local Office	15 - 31 October 2012		
Maviljan	Casteel Service Office	16 - 31 October 2012		
	Green Valley Service Office	17 - 31 October 2012		
Thulamahashe	Thulamahashe Office	18 - 31 October 2012		
maiamanasie	Hluvukani Service Office	19 - 31 October 2012		
Oakley	Oakley Office 20 - 31 October 2012			
	GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT			
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	Volksrust Town Hall			
	Vukuzakhe Community Hall			
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	Zamokuhle Community Hall			
	Daggakraal Community Hall Sinqobile A			
	Perdekop Community Hall			
Mkhondo	Piet Retief Town Hall	21 - 30 November 2012		
	Amsterdam Town Hall	2012		
	Balfour Thusong Centre			
Dipaleseng	Greylingstad Community Hall	8 - 11 October 2012		
Dipareserig	Siyathemba Community Hall	7. October 2012		
	Grootvlei Community Hall			
	Standerton Town Hall			
Lekwa	Sakhile Tusong Centre	12 - 17 October 2012		
	Morgenzon Community Hall			
	Embalenhle Sasol Club			
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	Secunda Casper Breedt Hall			
	Evander Static Office			
Govan Mbeki	Leslie Town Hall	18 - 31 October 2012		
	Lebohang Community Hall			
	Bethal Town Hall			
	Mzinoni Community Hall			
	Ermelo Spot Inn Hall			
	Wesselton Community Hall			
	KwaZanele Community Hall			
Msukaligwa	Silindile Community Hall	01-10 October 2012		
	Chrissiesmeer Town Hall			
	Sheepmoor Community Hall			
	Elukwatini Community Hall			
	Badplaas Cultural Centre			
Albert Luthuli	Carolina Community Hall	8 - 21 November 2012		
	Dundonald Tribal Author			
	Mayflower Community Hall			
	Fernie Community Hall			
	EHLANZENI DISTRICT			
AME OF LOCAL AREA	REGISTRATION CENTRE/ VENUE	REGISTRATION DATE		
choemansdal	Schoemansdal SASSA office	04 -06 October 2012		
elspruit	Valencia Community Hall	01-04 October 2012		
Matsulu	Matsulu Community Hall	02-05 October 2012		
anyamazane	Kanyamazane Community Hall	03 -08 October 2012		
łazyview	Hazyview Post Office	05-09 October 2012		
ydenburg	Lydenburg Civic Centre	06-09 October 2012		
ydenburg	Mashishing Community Hall	06-09 October 2012		
abie	Simile Community Hall	06-09 October 2012		
/hite River	White River Civic Centre	10-13 October 2012		
abokweni	Kabokweni Community Hall	10-31 October 2012		
weta (Graskop)	Graskop Community Hall	11-12 October 2012		
hola	Masoyi Traditional Office (SASSA Offices)	18-26 October 2012		
	Mjindi Civic Centre	19 -20 October 2012		
1jindi	Umjindi Trust	20-22 October 2012		
Mandagshoek	Mandagshoek/Burgersfort Parliamentary Office	24-31 October 2012		
latibidi	Mohlala	25-26 October 2012		
Mbangwane				
	Mbangwane Thusong Centre 26 October 2012			
	Obrigetad Police Station	26-21 October 2012		
Ohrigstad Tonga (Malalane)	Ohrigstad Police Station Malelane Civic Centre	26-31 October 2012 26-31 October 2012		

Komatipoort	Komatipoort Post Office	23-26 October 2012
Kwalugedlane	Kwalugedlane Traditional Authority Office	23 20 October 2012
Dientjie	Dientjie	27-29 October 2012
Leroro	Leroro	27-29 October 2012
Mashilane	Mashilane	30-31 October 2012
Steelpoort	Steelpoort Post Office	30-31October 2012
	NKANGALA DISTRICT	
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	Siyathuthuka Community Hall	1 October 2012
	Sakhelwe Stadium (Dullstroom)	5 October 2012
Emakhazer	ni Emthonjeni Community Hall	3 October 2012
	Emgwenya Community Hall	4 October 2012
	Beyers Naude Community Hall, Belfast	8 - 9 October 2012
	Extension 7	3 - 6 October 2012
	Hendrina	11 October 2012
	Kwazamokuhle	8 - 10 October 2012
	Eastdene	8 - 9 October 2012
Steve Tshwe	te	
	Nasaret	10 - 11 October 2012
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1	Arnot Station	12 October 2012
	Rietkuil	12 October 2012
	Saaiplaas	15 - 18 October 2012
	(Ga-Makuwa Store)	15 - 18 October 2012
	Roossennekal Community Hall	16 - 17 October 2012
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	Station)	10 0000001 2012
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Sekhukhur	le	23 October 2012
	Mohedic Centre	24 - 25 October 2012
	Ratanang	24 - 25 October 2012
	Moteti Constituency Office	24 - 25 October 2012
	Maklerekeng SASSA Office (next to the	24 - 25 October 2012
	Community Hall)	24 - 25 OCTOBET 2012
	Vlaklaagte 1	17 October 2012
	Vlaklaagte 2	17 October 2012
	Gemsbokspruit	17 October 2012
	Kwagga Community Hall	18 -19 October 2012
	Boekenhoudhoek	22 October 2012
	Mathys Zyn Loop	22 October 2012
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membisin	Vezubuhle Community Hall	23 October 2012
	Fene Tribal Office	24 October 2012
	Phola Community Hall	26 October 2012
	Moloto Old Age Centre	26 October 2012
	Tweefontein E Pay Point	26 October 2012
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	Tweefontein C Pay Point	
	Verena Office	26 October 2012
	Siyabuswa Community Hall	22, 23, 24, 26 November 2012
	Ga-Morwe Community Hall	14 - 16 November 2012
	Libangeni Community Hall	12 - 13 November 2012
Dr JS Morol	Rankop Community Hall	2 & 3 November 2012
	Nokaneng Community Hall	7 - 8 November 2012
	Seabe Tribal Office	6 & 9 November 2012
	Marapyane Tribal Office	1, 3, 5, 6, November 2012
	Lynnville Community Hall	12 - 15 November 2012
	Hlalankahle M Centre	10 November 2012
	Ext 11 Community Hall	20 November 2012
	Emalahleni Civic Center	16 November 2012
	Rietspruit Community Hall	20 November 2012
	Klarinet Thusong School	20 November 2012
	Clewer Primary School	20 November 2012
Emalahlen		23 November 2012
	Ogies Municipal	23 November 2012
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	Thubelihle Community Hall	
	Ganala Municipal C Chamber	16 November 2012
	Delmas Ext C Hall	21 November 2012
	Delmas Simongodwe Community Hall	22 November 2012
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	Sundra Community Hall	21 November 2012
	Victor Khanye Municipality	21 November 2012 21 November 2012

NB: Re-registration starts from 07:30-16:00

For more information contact 0800-60-10-11/013-754-9428/9363 or visit your nearest SASSA office.



Editor's NoteMr. Ronnie Masilela

Welcome back to the second edition of Ta Nhluvuko – an official newsletter of the Department!

he end of the Heritage Month saw the end of the first half of the 2012/2013 financial year and ushered in the third quarter – October to December 2012.

On 18 July, the Department joined hands with that of Health in celebrating the Nelson Mandela International Day in Nkomazi, see more on page 16. Young people from all corners of the Province converged in Acornhoek, Bushbuckridge for a youth seminar that focused on employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth as part of the celebrations of the International Youth Day in August; page 26 has more details on the seminar.

Awareness campaigns and community outreach sessions never stopped in the past 3 months. Our Social Workers and Community Development Practitioners ensured that community members are well informed about their rights especially older persons and children. Families were strengthened and assisted in various ways according to their needs and individual circumstances as assessed by our Social Workers.

October is annually celebrated as Social Development Month. October presents an opportunity for the Department to assess itself, improve in areas that require improvement and reach to many less priviledged and vulnerable people. To make this happen, the Department together with its agencies, SASSA and NDA, will embark on a month long activities, please see page 34 for a list of activities.

All these activities will take place under the 2012 Social Development Month's theme which is 'Working together to build a caring and sustainable community for all'. Special attention will be on NPOs and Foster Care services.

Your opinion matters to us, if you have suggestions or topic requests we would love to hear from you.

Happy reading!



Greetings,

As champions of development, the Department has changed lives of many children, young people, women, older persons, persons with disabilities and families in general.

In the past three months, we have recorded a massive improvement in finalising fosters care cases and Early Childhood Development centres registration. Young people from all 3 Districts were empowerment through a youth seminar when celebrating the International Youth Day in Acornhoek. These young men and women were presented with employment and self-employment opportunities by various Government Departments, agencies and SETAs.

The Department will embark on month long activities during October which is a Social Development Month. Offices will be opened in Carolina, Marapyane and Kamaqhekeza and conduct awareness campaigns on various programmes with special emphasis on Not-for-profit Profit Organisations (NPOs) and Foster Care.

The International day for older persons and eradication of poverty will be celebrated on 02 October 2012 and 19 October 2012 in Carolina and Marapyane; respectively. We continue our drive of finalising outstanding foster care cases and capacitating NPOs in the Province.

Going forward, we continue committing ourselves and all officials including Social Workers and Community Development Practitioners, to serve all our clients with the respect they deserve.

Enjoy reading!







WORLD POPULATION DAY

he World Population Day (WPD) is annually celebrated on 11 July. This day was chosen by the United Nations Fund for Population Activates (UNFPA) because it was estimated that the 5th billionth baby was born on 11 July 1987. Since then the world population has passed the 7 billion mark.

This day is celebrated to create awareness amongst South Africans about population and development factors that needs to be addressed in order for South Africans to have a better life for all.

The Department of Social Development celebrated this year's WPD on 12 July 2012 in Matsulu. A total number of 150 young people converged in Matsulu Community Hall.









This follows a process of Community Based Planning which was done in October 2011 in Matsulu. Three groups of change agents, consisting of community volunteers were chosen to address the developmental challenges identified by the community. The HIV and AIDS Change Agents identified teenage pregnancy as an issue and planned an awareness campaigns to start addressing the matter in the community. The Department and the change agents went into a joint effort to address this need around Matsulu.

This year's theme as proposed by the United Nations relates to the universal access to reproductive health services, There a 5 sub themes suggested and Mpumalanga has decided to link theirs to promoting sexual health and specifically the sexual health of the youth.

One of the major population concerns mentioned in the Population Policy is the reduced human development potential influenced by the high incidence of unplanned and unwanted teenage pregnancy. One speaker said "If women, especially girls, have an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy, especially if they are is still in school, it influences their potential for development negatively.

A dialogue on the causes, impact and solutions to teenage pregnancy formed the main activity of the day. Mr M Makone, Matsulu Change Agent, facilitated the dialogue. Participants were divided into 3 groups. They were given one and a half hour to discuss the causes and the impact of teenage pregnancy on the lives of the youth, as well as solutions to the challenge. A facilitator, scribe and rapporteur were appointed for each group. Feedback was given by the rapporteurs of each group. The participants had the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of experts consisting of officials from the Departments of Social Development, Health, Education, SAPS and Love Life.





INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OBSERVED

he 26th of June is International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The day is marked internationally on an annual basis to mobilise communities to act against the abuse of drugs and other substances.

This year, 2012, the day was celebrated under the theme 'Global Action for Healthy Communities without Drugs'. Both the National and Provincial Departments of Social Development observed this day on Monday, 16 July 2012 in Agincourt, Bushbuckridge.

The MEC for Health and Social Development, Dr Clifford Mkasi once pointed out that substance abuse is an urgent threat to the community. He further mentioned that responses to illicit drugs are strengthened by involving a number of





Mr Michael Singwane "Sweet Mike



stakeholders; including but not limited to SAPS, SANCA, Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism and community members.

There was a drug demonstration showcasing to parents and youths all the different illegal substances available. The demonstration was followed by a testimonial from a rehabilitated drug user who shared her experiences.

When delivering the keynote address, the Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Maria Ntuli said "Drugs are the new monster that is eating our youth and communities; we need to come together and fight this monster".







ABOVE FROM FAR LEFT: Ms N Mlangeni (Head of Department), Kgoshi Mokoena (Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders in Mpumalanaga), Dr Clifford Mkasi (MEC for Health And Social Development, and Ms Maria Ntuli (Deputy Minister of Social Development)

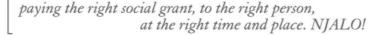








INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OBSERVED





Mandate of SASSA

Vision

To provide world-class social security services.

Mission

To administer quality social security services, cost effectively and timeously using appropriate best practices by:

Developing and implementing policies, programmes and procedures for effective and efficient social grants administration system;

Paying the right grant amount, to the right person at the right time, and at the most convenient place that he/she may choose;

Delivering innovative, cost effective and efficient services to individuals, their families and community groups via multi- and easy access channels using modern technology.

Values

The Constitution and the Batho Pele Principles forms the foundation of our values, which are:

- · Promotions and protection of human dignity
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Fairness
- Transparency
- Equitability

SASSA is an Agency under the Department of Social Development. Established nationally in April 2006 is mandated to ensure the provision of a comprehensive social security services against vulnerability and poverty within the constitutional and legislative framework.

There are currently eight (8) types of grants under the Social Assistance provided by the Agency, namely:

- · Grant for elder persons,
- · Disability grant,
- War veteran's grants,
- · Care dependency grant, foster child grant,
- Foster child grant
- Child support grant,
- · Grant-in-aid, and
- Social Relief of Distress

For more information on the various types of grants call SASSA toll free number on 0800 60 10 11 or call the customer care unit on 013 754 9340.

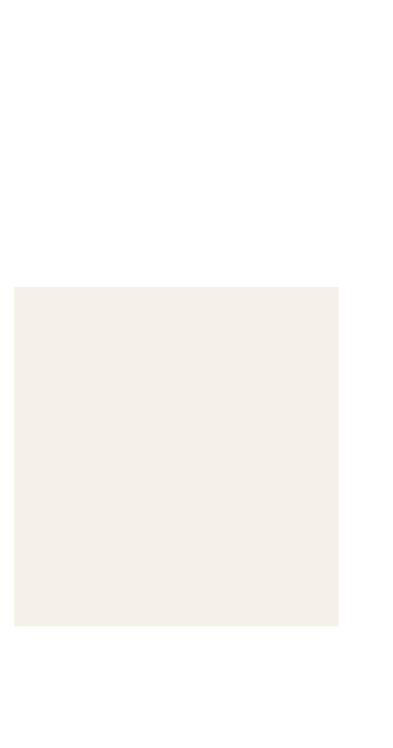
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Deputy Minister visits Verena

On 21 September 2012, The Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Maria Ntuli together with the Head of Social Development, Ms Ningi Mlangeni visited households and community projects in Verena.

The Deputy Minister and delegation proceeded to an open field in Verena for a community meeting aimed at giving community members an opportunity to dialogue. Issues affecting people living in and around Verena were raised and solutions also proposed by the community members.



The team proceeded to Tonga Hospital in Nkomazi where MEC Dr Clifford Mkasi delivered a baby boy named Surprise Cossa.

Various Government Departments and Agencies rendered services such as: HIV Counselling and Testing, Eye Testing, Social Work services, Home Affairs Services, SASSA and SAPS, among others.

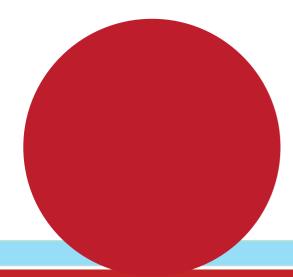


Daantjie

In a different occasion, the Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini, accompanied by officials of the Department ensured that 67 minutes plays an important role in making a difference in the lives of people living with disability of Tentele Centre for the Disabled in Daantjie in the Mbombela Local Municipality.

The DSD team with Ground Breakers from Love life performed a number of activities including washing windows and toilets, painting of doors, cleaning in the kitchen and garden. Love life also taught members at the Centre learning new games.





SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES QUANTUMS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

he Japanese Embassy handed over 10 brand new quantums to the Department of Social Development on Saturday, 14 July 2012 in Pretoria. Each of the nine Provinces received one of the quantums whilst the national Department of Social Development received the tenth one.

The Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini received all 10 quantums from the Japanese Embassy, Mr Yutaka Yoshizawa. The Minister then handed over the Mpumalanga quantum to the MEC for Health and Social Development, Dr Clifford Mkasi.

As he was giving the message of support, Mr Jace Nel, the Director at the South African

Council for the Blinds, warned that the quantums should be on road reaching out to and servicing persons with disabilities.

In her key note address, the Minister of Social Development indicated that this was done to enhance the rights of persons with disabilities with a view to ensure that mainstreaming happens. She emphasised the fact persons with disabilities are also people with all the rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the country. Persons with disabilities have a right to influence policy making and to be visible in various activities of Government and in the society. "The policy on disability has been developed and requires all parties to play a part in its implementation", Minister Dlamini concluded.

The Department enjoys good working relationship with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency which ensured that the Department receives the 10 quantums.

The quantums are customised in way user friendly for persons with disabilities especially those using wheelchairs.



WOMEN'S MONTH **CELEBRATION** MARCH IN **ACORNHOEK**

n August1956, women of South Africa demonstrated their anger against the pass laws that were oppressing, derogating and insulting the blacks and Africans in particular, both men and women. After the 1994 democratic breakthrough, the Republic of South Africa under the leadership of former President Dr NR Mandela identified August month to be Women's Month were August 9 is identified as National Women's Day to

celebrate and commemorate the plight of women in South Africa.

On the 24 August 2012, Vuwiselo Victim Empowerment Centre organised Awareness march to Acornhoek Police Station in celebrating and commemorating the plight and effort presented by courageous and fighting women class of 1956, under the national theme "56 years of Women United **Against Poverty, Inequalities** and Unemployment".









The march was attended by other VEPs in Bushbuckridge and Caregivers from local Home Based Care together with officials from sector departments (Social Development, Correctional Services and SAPS).

The memorandum was presented by Vuwiselo VEP Chairperson, Mr Klaas Maunye and received by Acornhoek Cluster Commander Brigadier Bendge, some of the issues that were contained in the memoran-

dum are related to the speeding up and taking serious rapes cases, human trafficking especially on girls and women in general by both SAPS and Department of Justice. The Cluster Commander assured the marchers that she is also a gender activist and protector of children therefore she will take the memorandum serious and applauded the Victim Empowerment Centre for the areat work done. Some of the children and women carried placards written "Every

minute, a 2 year old girl child is raped in South Africa. Why?". "Enough is enough, males and fathers must be responsible".







WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION MARCH IN ACORNHOEK



Ministerial NPOs Dialogue

he Ministerial NPO Dialogue for the Mpumalanga Province took place on Tuesday, 17 July 2012 at Ingwenyama Lodge, White River. A total number of 250 NPOs from across the Province attended.

The prime aim of the dialogue was to afford NPOs a platform to openly talk about issues affecting their day-to-day running of the NPOs with a view to collectively agree on resolutions going forward.

Some NPOs were concerned about the manner in which they are being treated by some Government officials when dealing with NPOs issues.

In her response, as part of dialoguing, the Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini highlighted some of the challenges faced by the NPO sector. She said that she is well aware of the unbecoming behavior of some Government officials, double Deeping by some NPOs and lack of



proper administration and management skills in the sector.

She also indicated the importance of transformation in all NPOs across the Country. These should be seen in management boards, staff, clients and other structures of the NPOs.

She concluded by indicated that the Department is working on closing the identified gaps and called on NPOs to constantly liaise with the Department and not wait for an event. NPOs were then called to attend the National NPO Summit on a date still to be confirmed.



he Department of Social Development together with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) celebrated the International Youth Day in style at Acornhoek on 27 August 2012. This day is celebrated annually on 12 August. The event was graced by the MEC for Health and Social Development, Dr RC Mkasi; Executive Mayor, Cllr R Khumalo; Chief Nxumalo of Amashangane Traditional Affairs; Head of Department Social Development, Ms NL Mlangeni; Provincial Chairperson of NYDA, Ms L Theko and other stakeholders.

Merriam Mogakane Community Service

Centre was filled to the brim by Stakeholders to mention a few, Departments of Health, Labour, Education, Home Affairs, SASSA, and youth from all the three districts, all in one spirit "BUILDING A BETTER WORLD: PARTNERING WITH THE YOUTH".

Dr RC Mkasi motivated the youth in his speech, and pointed some ills that are affecting the province. He said that in









Youth Day Celebration

order to improve the province, the youth must be developed. He requested the youth to take precautions in everything they do, to avoid alcohol, drugs, and to abstain from sexual activities especially when they are drunk, encouraged the youth to be optimistic and never lose hope about the future, he put more emphasis on indicating that the event is not just a talk show but a platform to provide solutions on how to develop the youth, so they need to make use of the information provided by the various stakeholders who have been invited to the event.

Lastly he motivated the youth to believe in their capabilities to be proved to the best and start their own companies, create job opportunities and employ other young people.

When giving the message of support, Mr T Tshefutha, President for South African Youth Council said that the event is meant to invest in young people and to provide proper guidance to the youth. He also added that as a society we need to encourage the youth to learn other



fields like, Infrastructure (Architect), Digital Migration, Green Economy by DTI and other fields of study that are rare and concluded by saying Hola 7 meaning 7 days of commitment to school work.



Provincial Golden Games

he Mpumalanga Departments of Social Development, Health and Culture, Sport and Recreation hosted Provincial Golden Games in Badplaas Aventura Resort on 26 – 27 September 2012. The purpose of the Golden Games was to select a provincial team that would compete with other provinces in the National Golden Games in Rustenburg on 08 to 13 October 2012.

In her opening remarks, Ms Zodwa Maseko, Acting Chief Director for Service Delivery Programmes said the Provincial Golden Games are meant to encourage older persons who are above 60 years to participate in different sporting activities, achieve social cohesion and to promote a healthy life style.

The Golden Games is a program adopted by Government. This is in line with priority No. 2 of the UN Obligation Madrid International Plan on Ageing.

The Golden Games kick started with an 800 meters race for both males and females where the winner for females was Ms Ana Tukula (63) from Tweefontein and for males was Mr Nkomazi Johannes Vilakazi (78) from Ermelo.

Provincial Golden Games

In the 400 meters, the winners were; for female was Ms Ntombizodwa Mkhachane (63) from Tweefontein and for males was Mr Samuel Seroale (66) from Witbank. In the 200 metres, the winners were; Ms Francina Moroke (65) from Seyabe, Mr Philip Mabena (73) from Witbank and Mr George Maloka (62) from Mammetlake.

The Golden Games ended with a soccer match between Nkangala and Ehlanzeni where Nkangala won with 3 goals to 1 over Ehlanzeni

INVITATION

SASSA invites all beneficiaries who receive their social grants through **Post Bank** to come and reregister their social grants at the following venues:

	South African post office (SA	PO) POSTBANK BENEFICIARIES SCHEDULE			
NKANGALA DISTRICT					
NAME OF LOCAL AREA	REGISTRATION VENUE	REGISTRATION DATE			
Dr J.S Moroka	Marapyane tribal office	1,3,5-6 Nov 2012			
	Pankop Comm. Hall	2-3 Nov 2012			
	Seabe Tribal Office	6-9 Nov 2012			
	Nokaneng Comm. Hall	7-8 Nov 2012			
	Libangeni Comm. Hall	12-13 Nov 2012			
	Ga-Morwe Comm. Hall	14-16 Nov 2012			
	Siyabuswa Comm. Hall	22,23,24,26 Nov 2012			
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	Delmas Simon Ngodwe Hall	22 Nov 2012			
	Phola Thusong Centre	23 Nov 2012			
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		SIBANDE DISTRICT			
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Seme	Volksrust Town Hall	01-07 Nov 2012			
	Vukuzakhe Comm. Hall				
	Wakkerstroom Comm. Hall				
	Zamokihle Comm. Hall				
	Daggaskraal Comm. Hall Sinqobile A				
Mkhondo	Piet Retief Town Hall	21-30 Nov 2012			
	Amsterdam Town Hall				
Albert Luthuli	Elukwatini Comm. Hall	08-21 Nov 2012			
	Badplaas Cultural Centre				
	Silobela Comm. Hall				
	Dundonald Tribal Authority				
	Mayflower Comm. Hall				
	Fernie Comm. Hall				

Provincial Stakeholder Forum launch

he Department of Home Affairs in partnership with many Government Departments including Social Development launched the Provincial Stakeholder Forum from 12 - 13 September 2012 in Kwaggafontein, under the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality in the Nkangala District. Mpumalanga Premier David Mabuza attended the launch by Home Affairs Minister, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. The launch also serves as a send-off for the Minister who is due to undertake her responsibility as new African Union Chairperson. A gala dinner was held on 12 September 2012 at The Ridge in Witbank.

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pumalanga Premier David Mabuza has applauded the Home Affairs Minister, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma on her new accountability as Chairperson of the African Union saying South Africa has given Africa an asset, not a reject.

The stakeholder forum launch was to ensure implementation of the National Population Registration campaign. Premier Mabuza said the people of South Africa including the ruling party valued Minister Dlamini Zuma, and were excited to release her to Africa.

"We are confident about her and we need to give her all the support she deserves since her success will be our success. We must all agree that we are giving Africa the best cadre which is equal to task", said the Premier.

Talking about the National Population Registration campaign, Premier Mabuza said the drive came at a right time when Mpumalanga was being challenged by undocumented people from Mozambique and Swaziland who illegally settled in the Province.

He said the forum would be a bridge between government and the citizens. According to the Premier, the forum would also assist government to listen and respond to the issues raised by the people. "This initiative by the Department of Home Affairs is a step in the right direction. It will indeed assist government to plan properly as we have been challenged by undocumented people from our neighbours.

"Each time we plan as government, we always miss the target because of the undocumented people. We must thank the department for showing good leadership in this regard," said Mabuza. The campaign promotes amongst others the registration of new born babies within 30-days, registration of marriages and death and registration of all.





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