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# Note from the Editor

Daisy Kgware - Acting Deputy Director: Communications

*Dear readers!*

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**T**he months that went by have allowed us as a department to get into grips with the realities facing various communities. This period has rolled out a number of events that we can reflect on with great pride and joy.

As the Department of Social Development we are proud to have been able to see through the societal ills that continue to plague society. We were able to convene an Anti-Substance Abuse Summit. A summit that brought together a number of stakeholders to reiterate our resolve to creating a Mpumalanga free of Substance Abuse.

It is important to express our sincerest thanks to all those who participated in the crafting of the plan of action towards this course. We have, communally been able find a common purpose. One famous writer once said “when you forget whom you serve, you quickly fall prey to the basest human instincts.” This means that once you forget your purpose in life, you loose the reason for your existence and you degenerate completely. Our resolve has been strengthened as a department to provide the much needed services and bring a better life for all.

We are guided by the department’s vision and mission as we deliver our mandate. These two are a constant reminder of the stark reality that our people face on a daily basis – they are hungry, thirsty and poor. We dare not forget

our goal of improving their lives. Forgetting our vision and mission has the potential of derailing and defeating our government priorities.

Each one should continue to work tirelessly and with dedication, using the Batho Pele principles in serving our people. President Theodore Roosevelt used a boxing analogy on describing one’s mission when he said: “It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause”

The patience of the people for service delivery can never and should no longer be postponed. They can no longer be expected to hold back on socio-economic ills of the past that continue to plague them even in the present.

Ours is to stay focussed to the course. Be not distracted by the constant negative murmurs that tell us we cannot do more than we have already done because the truth is we can always do more.

Stay Blessed!



A portrait of Ms Busisiwe Paulina Shiba, a Black woman with short, curly black hair, smiling. She is wearing a black jacket with red floral patterns and gold hoop earrings. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

## Message from the MEC

Ms Busisiwe Paulina Shiba - MEC: Social Development

*Dear readers!*

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**T**hrough this edition we wish to share with the people of the province how we go about in actualizing our vision of a caring, humane and developed society.

This is another way of reporting about the diversified spectrum of activities performed by the department. Remember that our services to the needy start from the unborn child right up to the aged senior citizens. Covering all those who cannot help themselves. We also target all social ills including disrupted families, drug and alcohol abuse, inter-spousal abuse, crime prevention, and many more. Our campaigns for a drug-free and crime-free society require support from all citizens.

We work with community-based Non-Profit Organizations to deliver quality services to the poor and needy people. I wish to emphasize that NPO's have to be registered to be considered for funding. Applicants are urged to consult our nearest office for application.

The department is also partaking vigorously in the Thuma-Mina Campaign initiated by President Cyril Ramaphosa to uplift our struggling communities. Through this programme we have provided equipment for self-sustainability to a number of households and donated school uniform to the needy school children across the province.

The provision of basic services to those who cannot help themselves remains our top priority.

Tfutfukani Nivikeleke!

# AN EARLY CHRISTMAS FOR THE ELDERLY

Older persons in mpumalanga treated to entertainment and gifts at the annual christmas luncheon



It was a fun-filled day in Mayflower, at Mpumalanga as Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu hosted the annual Christmas Luncheon for older persons.

Of the 350 older persons who attended the luncheon, five were centenarians whose long and healthy lives coincide with the centenary celebrations of former President Nelson Mandela and Mama Nontsikelelo Albertina Sisulu.

The luncheon, which comes few days before Christmas Day is part and parcel of the Department of Social Development's ongoing national efforts to promote the wellbeing of older persons by highlighting the plight of older persons who face social isolation and to give them an opportunity to socialise with their peers.

This is in line with the Older Persons Act (Act No.13 of 2006), which advocates for the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons.

Those who were present thanked Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu of thinking of them during this time of the year and for the opportunity to socialise with their peers. They also raised concerns on service

delivery related matters, including roads in rural areas, services to persons with disabilities, water and sanitation and the safety of older persons in communities.

Of particular concern, older persons expressed dissatisfaction with the new SASSA payment system that compels them to stand in long queues at local post offices. This, they say exposes them to criminal elements as most of them are illiterate.



Older persons were treated to a meal and desserts and gifts. They were thankful that for they will enjoy a good and blessed Christmas just like everybody else.





To mark this special occasion, Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu donated a Christmas cake.

Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu shared her joy for being able to bring smiles and happiness to older persons.

"I am really happy to be part of this important occasion,

which seeks to honour and give back to our older persons who have worked hard for the freedom and democracy we enjoy today. We thought that it would be nice to bring you together to enjoy a Christmas meal and to catch up with your old friends," said Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu.

# CAROLINA YOUTH MOBILISED TO TACKLE ISSUES THAT MATTER



MEC Shiba addressing young people during the youth seminar held in Carolina



youth given opportunities to voice out issues affecting them as young people.

*Young people are one of the key priorities and areas of focus in the department. As the department we believe their success and empowerment mean a progressive and sustainable economy, that will move South Africa forward. The department has met with young people from Carolina in Gert Sibande to discuss issues affecting them as young people, with the view of finding lasting solutions.*

**Y**outh empowerment is an aspect of paramount importance in the country as it helps in fighting youth unemployment. The department under the leadership of MEC Busisiwe Shiba hosted a Youth Seminar aimed at mobilising young people with a view of equipping them with information that will brighten their future going forward on Tuesday, 11 December

2018 at Silobela Community Hall in Carolina under Gert Sibande District Municipality.

As one of the objective of Youth Development Programme within the department, this was done to create an environment to help young people develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities for them



**Chief Albert Luthuli's Executive Mayor for Cllr DP Nkosi handing over a cheque to Silobela Youth Advisory Centre**



**Cllr DP Nkosi, Social Development's Chief Director for Community Development and government officials handing over equipment to Mngadi household and Mthobisi**

to build their competences and needed skills to engage as partners in their own development and that of their communities.

Stakeholders such as Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust (MRTT), National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), National Development Agency (NDA) and National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders (NICRO) gave presentations on how young people can better their lives using the opportunities available to them in both private and public spheres.

A social worker supervisor from NICRO Elukwatini spoke on the importance of knowing ones' rights and responsibility, and also alluded on how important is having knowledge and information if you are a young person. "The youth of today are ignorant on information; you will hear them celebrating saying dagga is legal but they do not know the whole information they smoke dagga in public and that can get a person arrested, because they don't know that it is legalised for private use only. So I encourage the youth to read more

and have more information about their country". Said Ms Nkosi.

Furthermore, the Department has identified 20 disadvantaged youth headed households from around Carolina and provided them with food parcels. Six more youth headed households received household initiatives that will help sustain their businesses. The donated equipment includes electrical single deck oven (industrial), standing hair dryer, double deep fryer, gas stove generator to name a few. A cheque of R231 659.00 was also handed over to Selobela Youth Advisory Centre to use for operational purposes and improve the services provided by the centre.



**youth listening and educating themselves more on services and opportunities available to them as young people**



# MEC BP SHIBA AWARDS EXCELLENCE during the 5th Annual MEC's Service Excellence and Long Service Awards



*MEC and Planning committee of the MEC's Awards received appreciation certificates*

**T**he Department honoured Social Development employees who have gone beyond the call of duty to deliver the best social services in their respective communities at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MEC's Service Excellence Awards on Thursday, 06 December 2018 at Rustique Botique Hotel under Nkangala District Municipality.

MEC's Service Excellence Awards are aimed at recognising and celebrating service excellence through the best implementation of Batho Pele Principles by social development officials to service users, entrenching professionalism, accelerating service delivery in the public service and recognising those who have been public servants for the Department for twenty, thirty and forty years and above.



## The Awards

The Best Batho Pele team was awarded to Volksrust Office from Pixley ka Seme Sub-District.

Back Office Operations had five (5) participants with Volksrust Office Administration from Pixley ka Seme Sub-District taking the first place.

MEC's Special Honorary Award was taken by Leandra office from Govan Mbeki Sub-District.

The best Batho Pele Performer (individual) was taken by Mr Norman Mbokodo from Mbombela Sub-District, Matsulu Office who got himself a R4000.00 voucher, hotel accommodation for one and a business bag.

Mr Mbokodo could not hide his excitement and had a mouthful to say,



MEC Shiba giving an award to for long service to an employee



MEC Shiba handing over an award to Mr Norman Mbokodo who won the Best Batho Pele performer award



MEC Shiba poses for a memory with some of the award winners



DSD employees all dressed up for the day

he advises his colleagues to always do their work with passion as they do but must not forget to have evidence of their work. "it is important to have evidence of what you have done. I know many of my colleagues have the potential to the award but they lack the ability to prepare early and have all the needed evidence, remember Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance." Said Mbokodo.



# A WEEK LONG YOUTH CAMP

in the military redirects the youth into being a violent free generation



participants listening attentively during a career guidance session.

**T**he seventh Annual Provincial Youth Camp was held in Camden SANDF ADA School under Msukalikwa Local Municipality, from 26 November to 02 December 2018 under the theme ***“Be the Legacy- A generation of Youth that will end Gender Based Violence”***.

Two Hundred and Fourteen (214) young people from the three Districts of Mpumalanga took part in the week long camp aimed at exposing young people to various skills from time management, Leadership and Communications Skills, Personal Development, Character Building and Self Mastery, Physical Training and Restorative.

One other important objective of the camp is to curb issues of gender based violence by educating the youth and promoting respect amongs them, their relationships, gender equality and encouraging and putting measures in place to ensure they play far from Illicit substances.

groom them into being better Some participants had no idea what the camp had to offer to them as individuals. It has created a platform for young people to educate themselves and others on the lessons learnt from mentors, SANDF Officers and DSD officials.

The Youth Camp accommodated young people from

diverse backgrounds with people with disabilities forming part as participants.

The MEC for Social Development Ms BP Shiba and Officer Commanding ADA School Lt Col L.A. Mafune officially closed the ceremony with rituals to signify the three important colour in the military which are Blue, Red and White. The Blue represent Sky because as Auxiliary the shoot enemy at the sky, Red the fire from the barrel of the gun and White to remember the fallen heroes who did in the line of duty protecting the country. The MEC for Social Development Ms Busisiwe Shiba told the participants that in life they must not look into other people’s wealth and engage on unnecessary things especially girl children that older men will not assist them with anything but they will destroy their future and young men also must not take drugs think that it is cool and will make them real men. She said they must use these camp to chart a clear way forward as they learnt discipline and other skills of life.



Ms Ouma Dlamini, MEC Shiba, and OC Mafune celebrating with Mentors of the Youth camp

# Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu Commends Non-Governmental Organisations' Efforts In Combatting Human Trafficking

*Deputy Minister  
Bogopane-Zulu  
Addressing gives  
address*



**T**he Deputy Minister for Social Development, Ms Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, praised local Non-Governmental Organisations' (NGOs) efforts in providing services to victims of crime and in combatting the growing threat of trafficking of persons from South Africa and across the borders. This was at the National Indaba on the Crime of Trafficking in Persons event which took two days, 26-27 November 2018 at White river in Mpumalanga. The Indaba was also part of the 16 Days of Activism of No Violence Against Women and Children Awareness Campaign.

The objective of the Indaba was to review the implementation of the Prevention and Combatting of Trafficking in Persons Act. One of the key success factors in combatting trafficking in persons, is national and regional cooperation of civil society and government departments within the SADC region. To this end, the Department of Social Development has established border anti-trafficking teams and provincial task teams comprising of key government departments such as Home Affairs, South African Police Service, Justice and Constitutional Development, including the National Prosecuting Authority.





The Indaba, which will be held every two years to review progress, also serves as a formal platform for networking of national and regional organisations that are active in the field of victims of crime and violence - including victims of human trafficking.



"The active engagement of NGOs has contributed substantially to the success of highlighting and creating public awareness on trafficking of persons, which has become a sophisticated global organised crime," said Deputy Minister Bogopane-Zulu.

The Indaba ran concurrently with the NGOs Service Excellence Awards Gala Dinner and this was the highlight of the Indaba since it was held under a 100 years old fig tree in the evening. Addressing the Service Excellence Awards, which recognise the contribution of NGOs that provide services to victims of crime, including trafficking in persons, the Deputy Minister said NGOs mobilise communities, identify victims and provide empowerment as well as reintegration services. She added that NGOs are providing commendable services in shelters and outreach programmes especially in rural and cross-border areas that are targeted by trafficking syndicates.

One of the NGOs that received the award and recognition is the Foundation for Victims of Crime.

It operates in eMalahleni and surrounding areas and specialises in providing legal and psychosocial support services to survivors of rape, domestic violence and sexual abuse under the Department of Social Development's Victim Empowerment Programme. The organisation also supports witnesses and victims who are appear in court as stipulated in the Victims Charter of 2004.



# THE FIRST 1000 DAYS OF A CHILD'S LIFE ARE CRUCIAL IN THE CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT.



**T**he first 1000 days of a child's life are crucial in the child's development. This assertion therefore requires that the department and all key stakeholders explore other avenues to create awareness and engage parents, caregivers and the communities on the importance of Early Childhood Development (ECD). The National Department of Social development has declared 2018 as Early Childhood Development (ECD) year. The ECD programme in the province have organized ECD awareness campaigns to celebrate the year all over the province.

These campaigns therefore seek to engage

communities on the role they can play to make ECD a priority not just for government but also for the communities in general, focus this time was at Govan Mbeki Local Municipality. On the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 children from the surrounding ECD Centres painted the streets and their voices were echoed all over Bethal, voicing their cry for their right to care and education. The march was led by stakeholders involved in ECD including government departments and municipality. After the march stakeholders visited unregistered ECD centres as a way of assisting them to prepare for registration.

On the 16 November 2018 there was a sitting by government departments and stakeholders





at the Bethal town hall to further engage the community members, parents and those who are interested in having such centres. The sitting also addressed some of the issues raised during TLP in 2017/18 and also the gaps identified during the sites visits which took place in September 2018. The rationale in the identification of the municipality is as a response to the issues raised during the “Taking Legislature to The People’ (TLP) programme which took place in 2017/18 financial year. A number of challenges were raised during the TLP regarding ECD service delivery that need the attention of the department. The event will be used as a tool to address some of the challenges.

Furthermore, the National Integrated ECD Policy puts DSD as the lead department in the coordination and implementation of the policy. The institutional arrangements and collaboration in the implementation of the policy are regarded as the key priorities. The local municipality Inter-sectoral structure also needs to be strengthened in order to promote collaboration as emphasized in the National ECD Integrated Policy and also articulated in the draft Provincial Integrated ECD Policy. The provincial team visited the ECD centres in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality in September 2018 as a built up to the main event and almost all funded centres were visited.

# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH

*The Department is committed to ensuring that activities /programmes launched as part of the Disability Rights Awareness Month do talk in one way or another to one or more of the Strategic Pillars of the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. These are things that are enshrined in the Constitution of South Africa and were further simplified in other legislation and policies. These are Human Rights issues which must be enjoyed by every South African Citizens*



*MEC BP Shiba (center) with Social Development officials listening and answering media questions on Disability rights awareness month.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

***It is not acceptable to address “people or persons with less ability” as People or Persons living with Disability.***

***Disability is not an infection, bacteria or disease a person lives with or sharing a house with, Yes!***

***Development comes with learning, the correct and acceptable manner is to say People or Persons with disabilities.***

South Africa celebrates National Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM) annually between 3 November and 3 December 2018. The MEC for Social Development in Mpumalanga, Ms Busisiwe Pauline Shiba officially launched November as Disability Rights Awareness month on 6 November 2018, the launch will be followed by a number of activities that will take place throughout the Province, during the month of November.





The entire month of November is dedicated to disability awareness activities and 3 December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities this day is also celebrated as National Disability Rights Awareness Day.

The theme for the month is 'A Disability-Inclusive South Africa by 2030. Be the Legacy'. Not leaving behind "Nothing About Us Without Us" defined as a slogan that moves us to re-define, re-imagine and transform what it means to be a person with a disability in all aspects and all avenues of our global society. It inspires a movement that extends beyond the status quo while demanding progress toward equality and justice.

Cabinet in 2013 approved the annual celebration of National Disability Rights Awareness Month from 3 November to 3 December, and 3 December as National Day of Persons with Disabilities on the national events calendar.

The focus of DRAM 2018, as the last Disability

Rights Awareness Month falling within the current administration, will fall on

- (i) **Reporting back** to the nation on progress made over the past 5 years in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, inclusive of their age, race, gender, culture, religious, sexual orientation, geographical location and social economic diversity.
- (ii) **Launching the themes** for the 2019 Disability Inclusion Summit to enable communities and persons with disabilities to dialogue with the purpose of findings collective solutions towards a disability inclusive South Africa by 2030.

Below are some of the activities that will be taking place during the awareness month:

- Launch: 03 Nov 2018, A Disability-Inclusive South Africa by 2030. Be the Legacy
- Week One: 05-11 Nov 2018, Removing Access and Participation Barriers to Disability Inclusive Development (WPRPD Pillar 1)
- Week Two: 12-18 Nov 2018, Building Disability Inclusive Communities (WPRPD



Pillar 3)

- Week Three: 19-25 Nov 2018, Releasing the Human Capital of Persons with Disabilities (WPRPD Pillars 4 and 5)
- Week Four: 26 Nov–02 Dec 2018, Protecting the Rights of Women and Children with Disabilities against Gender-Based Violence (WPRPD Pillar 2)
- Closing: 03 Dec 2018, A Disability-Inclusive South Africa by 2030. Be the Legacy

# National Active Ageing

## a mechanism to elevating activities

*60 years and above are a living proof that age is nothing but a number as they took over Petrus Molemela Stadium in Free State during the 2018 active ageing sporting activities targeting older persons*

**T**hey are 60 years and above but can run two times faster than a 36-year-old. Proving that age is just a number, older persons from across the country gathered together in celebrating a healthy life style. These ageing with grace souls participated in various sporting codes in the National Golden Games which took place in Free State, Bloemfontein (Dr. Rantlai Petrus Molemela Stadium) from 22 October 2018 to 26 October 2018.

This was a week-long event packed with blissful activities, apart from the games there were other administrative and entertaining sittings such as Annual General Meeting (AGM) which took place on the first day, Diverse Culture Choir Festival on the second day and Older Persons Parliament on the last day. New members for South Africa Older Persons Forum (SAOPF) were also elected in the AGM and these are; Daniel Mhothole (Chairperson) from Free State, Mapule Phikompe (Deputy Chairperson) from North West, Mildred Nhlapho (Secretary) from Mpumalanga, Jurry Harris (Deputy Secretary) from Eastern Cape and Kedisaletse Mafube as Treasure from Gauteng.

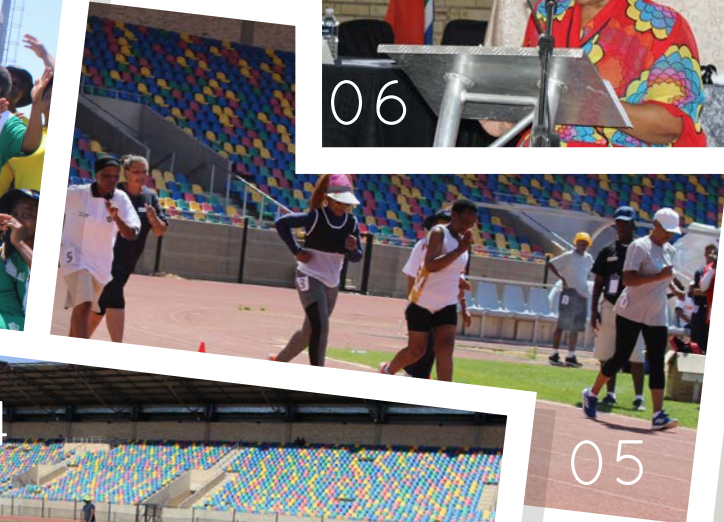
- 01 *MEC Shiba with some of the Gogos who represented Mpumalanga cheering up Team Mpumalanga at the Art Festival*
- 02 *Mpumalanga Female Soccer team pose for a groupie*
- 03 *Audience cheering up team Mpumalanga during their participation various sporting activities*
- 04 *Mpumalanga's male soccer team warming up in preparation of a match*
- 05 *Female participants from various provinces taking part in various marathons*
- 06 *Minister for Social Development addressing participants and community members during the Older Persons Parliament*
- 07 *MEC BP Shiba leading a parade with Team Mpumalanga*





# Ageing Programme

of older persons to a higher level



Golden games, it's an active aging campaign that covers over 17 sporting codes, done yearly and rotates in all provinces. This year Free State Province was hosting and the games were officially opened on Wednesday and the oath of the games was read by all participating provinces. It was highlighted that these games are not for competition but for helping elderly people to live a healthy lifestyle as they grow older.

The week ended with a Parliament of Senior Citizens on Friday 26 October 2018, where elderly people raised issues affecting them from their communities across the country. The Minister for Social Development Ms. Suzan Shabangu acknowledged the fact that there are transitioning challenges as far as payment of grants is concerned, moving from SASSA to the Post Office, however she guarantees that going forth all recipients of grants in South African, will receive their money on time.



# ACCELERATING ACTIONS FOR A

*The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed as per the resolution 47/196 of the United Nations General Assembly. This day is observed aiming to promote awareness of the need to fight poverty and destitution in all countries. The department has as part of observing this day and service delivery programme undertook buildup activities prior to the commemoration of the day in various parts of the province.*



Community members assemble at the Naas Plaza (Kamaqhekeza) in preparation for a walk on Human Rights and Eradication of Poverty

**T**he MEC for the Department of Social Development Ms. Busisiwe Shiba and her delegates visited Nkomazi Local Municipality on 19 October 2018 at Kamaqhekeza. A Human Rights Walk from Nkomazi Plaza to Tholulwazi Community Nutrition and Development Centre (CNDC) was led by

the MEC accompanied by different stakeholders of the Departments.

The fever of the event was built with build up activities that took place around Mpumalanga a week before the event. The department together with National Department of Social Development, stakeholders and other departments visited

***"I always knew I will have food every day and at the beginning of each year we would get school uniform. I have completed my matric now because of the services that the centre provides"***



# POVERTY FREE MPUMALANGA



**Kago ya Bana Foundation displaying various food produce they provide to various Community Nutrition and Development Centres (CNDC) within the province**



**Steps on planting seedling demonstrated by MEC BP Shiba**

CNDC's around the province giving them advise on ways to better their services to the centres and make them more effective. Gears such as aprons that will assist on the services of the Centres were donated as part of the operation.

The event was aimed at teaching people way to sustain themselves and and their businesses to better their lives and that of their families. Messages of support were given by various speakers who encouraged communities curb poverty and tips on how to do such. Parallel with the theme "Building a Society of Universal

Respect for Human Rights and Dignity" ten identified households received food parcels, four receiving working tools that will ensure food security in their homes, a Jojo tank for garden irrigation purposes, industrial sewing machines and salon equipment.

Moreover, leaners from different schools received bursaries so they can further their studies and

have a butter future as the leaders of tomorrow. A total of 12 pyramids and 168 bags of potting soil were distributed to the 10 identified households and Tholulwazi CNDC. Each household received 1 pyramid and 14 bags of potting soil and the CNDC received 2 pyramids and 28 bags of potting soil.

Thereafter Tholulwazi CNDC was testified to be a home to many providing a daily meal, clothes and school uniform to the needy. Ms. Portia Silinda a local community member had a mouthful to say about what the Centre does and had done for her since she was at her primary school years, the Centre was there for her "I always knew I will have food every day and at the beginning of each year we would get school uniform. I have completed my matric now because of the services that the Centre provides." Said Ms. Silinda.



**Members of the Kamaqhekeza Community walk on Human Rights and Eradication of Poverty**

# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MONTH FOCUS AREAS & CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL OLDER PERSONS

kind began from 03 September until 29 September 2018. This same day saw the celebration of the International day of older persons.

## EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

The Department of Social Development plays the critical role of assessing children in conflict with the law to determine the criminal capacity of the accused child and to assess whether the child is a suitable candidate for diversion. The department also provides diversion services in collaboration with NPOs who receive government subsidy to provide such services to the children. The department is also responsible to conduct awareness campaigns to empower the youth and the community about the consequences of crime and alternatives to make better choices in life. The objective of the event is to raise awareness about the prevalence of crime in society; The aim is to improve the safety of communities and residents' perceptions of safety in their communities so that children and families become more active and healthy.

**T**he Department of Social Development has identified October month as a period during which we reach out to meet and interact with the citizens of South Africa but in this instance in Mpumalanga our province.

The purpose was to improve communication with the people the department is serving, and to assess the ways to improve the manner in which government contributes to the well-being of all who live in Mpumalanga.

This government is committed to reducing high levels of poverty, inequality and unemployment. An important component of that strategy is to improve household food security so that all South Africans have access to nutritious food. Our strategy is integrated in that it seeks to support families and help small farmers improve their capacity to produce food to feed the nation. This includes looking at ways to lower the prices of essential foods and improving access to social assistance measures, such as grants and food distribution programmes.

## OUR WORK WITH AGENCIES

To reduce poverty and associated challenges, the Department of Social Development works with its counter-parts, our agencies - (SASSA) and the (NDA) - and with Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) as well as Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and of course yourselves as the media to extend the hand in reaching the people of Mpumalanga by providing service delivery and information.

The MEC said that It is only through structured and committed partnerships that we can successfully implement the mandate which is to improve the lives of all South Africans and in particular the people who are living in Mpumalanga

The MEC for social development launched the social development month and also closed the month of Social Crime Prevention Awareness as build-up activities of this

## POVERTY ERADICATION

In launching the Social Development Month, it was a reaffirmation of the commitment as government to speed up change towards poverty eradication and improvement of the quality of life for our people. It has always been the mission of our government under the leadership of the African National Congress to tackle injustice and inequality wherever we see it. There can be no greater injustice than children's life chances being limited by being born into poverty.

Poverty eradication remains one of the driving purposes of our government and commitment to taking further measures to make progress towards these goals. During the month of October, the department intensified its efforts in ensuring that all children who qualify for the Child Support Grant, especially in rural areas receive this benefit without any further delays.

This is done in line with the desire to care and improve the lives of our rural communities, with the needs of children at heart. Experience has taught, that most challenges facing communities can be resolved when government and other role-players, support the efforts of the people and their organisation's to improve their communities.

## SERVICES TO NPOS

"We need to work with communities and not expect the poor to carry the burden on their own. In working together, we will enhance community capacity to fight poverty, unemployment and Inequality". How do we that? You may ask. The department sustainable livelihoods programme, an initiative to support small upcoming businesses has identified households through our household profile done previously by the department,



who qualify to receive some sort of support. These small business range from car wash, sewing and many others said the MEC”.

The department procured and will delivered these items to the households during the month of October 2018 the department identified 26 households in areas of the province to provide support to kick start their businesses.

The Sustainable Livelihoods and Poverty Alleviation Programme, Food Security and Nutrition Programme is a comprehensive programme that focuses on dealing with poverty stricken, individuals, households and communities in the province, but specifically to deal with the effects of poverty and malnutrition. The programme deals with wide range interventions that combine emergencies to short-term interventions with medium and long-term responses that help create the necessary conditions for people to improve their socio-economic situations. This is done through the provision of cooked meals, food parcels and developmental food security programmes for the households and communities. It also recognizes that the needs of people living in rural and urban areas differ and offers a specific set of interventions for each case in order to deal with chronic poverty, malnutrition and food insecurity.

Through household and community profiling, the department was able to identify the most vulnerable and deprived households and communities. It also determines the ability to provide the appropriate interventions aimed at combating poverty, hunger and its structural causes which continue to perpetuate inequalities and social exclusion. It is aimed at more than just creating a better living environment for the citizens of the Mpumalanga Province but to also put an end to chronic poverty through the food security and nutrition programme.

The launch of this year’s Social Development month reminded all that social development issues are not only the businesses of the department but that of the social cluster and everyone else including the community.

## HONOURING THE CONTRIBUTION OF OLDER PERSONS

The activities that were highlighted and that took place during the social development month was in the interest of older persons, the department celebrated on 01 October the International day of Older persons.

The Department observed the Social Development Month with a series of activities that highlighted and honoured the contribution of the country’s older persons to our national development. These included the Grandparents Day that took place on Sunday, 7 October 2018 and the Active Ageing Programme that took place from 21-27 October 2018 in Mangaung, Free State Province.

“Older persons play a pivotal role and have a very positive influence in families and communities in our country. Government is committed to supporting older persons and enabling them to lead active, secure and meaningful lives as part of fostering social cohesion”

NPO’s that are registered in terms of the Non-Profit Organizations Act, Tax Laws and programmatic legislation were invited to submit 3-Year Business Plan Proposals. Business Plan formats and Service Specifications, which stipulate specific areas of need and the types of services required, are available at all Department of Social Development offices. Business Plan Proposals must be submitted to local offices of the Department of Social Development by 1 November 2018. A leaflet is also included in the in this publication.

“Building a sustainable future requires us to intensify our efforts towards eradicating extreme poverty and discrimination, and ensuring that everyone can fully exercise their human rights. The full participation of people living in poverty, particularly in the decisions that affect their lives and communities, must be at the centre of policies and strategies to build a sustainable future. In this way, we can guarantee that our planet and our societies can fulfil the needs

and aspirations of everyone – not only those of a privileged few - for this and future generations the MEC said”.

The department through the household and community profiling project continue to register poor socio-economic conditions, rising inflations, lack of access to basic social services such as clean water, sanitation, health and lack of access to basic infrastructure. The province also hosts the highest number of people infected and affected by the HIV virus as compared to most of the other areas in the country.

The Mpumalanga Province is thus making attempts to respond to this challenge and make poverty reduction the central objective of the provincial developmental policies. Through the process of household and community profiling the department has been able to identify and provide support to a number of needy households, non-profit institutions / organizations community and government facilities as means and endeavour to fight poverty and its concomitants to individuals and communities. The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty served as one of the attempts and programmes for the department to raise awareness and the to empower and alert the local communities about poverty and its concomitants and its effects to communities, hence the various strategies towards alleviation and eradication.

“The acid test of our success in this regard must be based on the extent to which we disentangle the people and vulnerable communities from abject poverty. This will continue to be our focus during this Social Development Month. The month of October was business unusual for the department as an extend to the already extended hand is done to tackle the challenging social ills faced by the people of Mpumalanga concluded the MEC”.

# ECHOES OF CHILDREN'S VOICES – MPUMALANGA CHILDREN PARLIAMENTARIANS PARTICIPATE IN THE 8<sup>TH</sup> NELSON MANDELA CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT



*Mpumalanga's young parliamentarians and delegates pose for a groupie in Limpopo*

**A**s host to the 8<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament, Polokwane, was a hive of activity from 3-6 October 2018 as hundred and fifty Children Parliamentarians representing children from all nine Provinces mingled in quest to promote their right to active citizenry and to increase political awareness of the value of children's participation in public decision making across South Africa. This child participation endeavour is guided by Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Article 7 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The Children's Parliament draws inspiration from a call made by the first democratic President of the Republic of South Africa, and Founder of Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Mr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Pursuant to the 2018 centenary commemoration of the late

iconic first Democratic President, Mr. Nelson Mandela, the 2018 Children's Parliament was held on 5 October, in the Limpopo Provincial Legislatures under the theme **"A Mandela in Every Generation: Amplifying Children's Voices"**. The Minister for Social Development Ms. Susan Shabangu and her delegates graced the event; listened attentively to the voices of future leaders and impressively gave her response.

The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development had delegated nineteen (19) Children Parliamentarians to represent the Province on this august Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament. These delegates were elected by their Provincial counterparts during the Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament (NMCP) provincial preparatory session held on 15 September in the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature. During

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**Social Development Minister Ms Suzan Shabangu, her delegates and young parliamentarians pose for a groupie**

this session, children engaged robustly on issues covering the scope of the National Plan of Action for Children in South Africa, which is currently under review - Child Development, Child participation, Child Survival, Child Protection, Nation Building etc. Children tabled their views, opinions and solutions; and gave solutions for improved child rights service delivery. In addition to the robust discussions; they were also empowered on their rights to active citizenry by stakeholders from the following sectors: Office on the Rights of the Child, Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature, Save the Children SA and the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). This undertaking prepared them well to sit on the National Children Parliament with valid and comprehensive views and opinions. Consequently, the Mpumalanga province delegates made an indelible mark in the National Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament as they showed understanding on how to

conduct themselves in Parliament and all other related protocol and procedure. As it is a trend that Mpumalanga always shines and showcases the best; the trend continued this year - some amongst the delegates where elected to higher positions as follows: Shaun Maroga from Thaba Chweu Local Municipality was elected the 2018/2019 President of the Nelson Mandela Children Parliament and Ms Chanty Mathebula from Mbombela Local Municipality also a child with Albinism, was elected Parliament Deputy Secretary and Ms. Sbonelesihle Nkabinde, also from Mbombela Local Municipality was elected as the Mpumalanga Province Child Ambassador. We also had a contestant for the Speaker of Parliament position, Victor Kwate from Mbombela (former Umjindi) who lost by a margin to a female

candidate from KwaZulu Natal Province.

Mpumalanga was the only Province that covered the event live (through cross-overs) on SABC-Ligwalagwala FM from the 3-6 October - this was done by Mlungisi Mathebula, Teen Zone Radio Broadcaster; who was 2017 National Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament Sergeant-at Arms. The learners had a mouthful to say about the experience they had: Ms. Nsovo Nxumalo a 16-year-old learner from



**Young members of the Parliament listening attentively as various speakers take stand to address issues affecting the youth**

Mafemane-Nxumalo High School, Thulamahashe, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality said she had an overwhelming experience and was grateful for the opportunity that was presented to her. She elaborated that it was not an everyday opportunity that as a child you are given a platform to voice your opinion

**- "It was a great experience being part of the Children's Parliament delegates and I**

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*Minister Susan Shabangu giving her keynote address at the national children's parliament in Polokwane*

*have expressed my views and opinions. I appreciate being one of the children who contributed in bettering the lives of children in our province."*

Emulating the Disability sector motto - the reverberating echoes of children's voices in the 2018 8<sup>th</sup> National Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament were:

**"Nothing about us without us"**

## THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT HOUSEHOLD INITIATIVES

*The Thuma Mina Campaign continues to roll out as social development services continue to be delivered at the doorsteps of the poor of the poorest and the most vulnerable groups in the province. Social Development MEC Ms B.P Shiba continues to push for service delivery to the most needy with the hope to better the lives for ever.*

**S**ocial Development continues to support Household Initiatives. Community members from Standerton, Morgenzon and Vlaktefontein Farm under Lekwa Local Municipality received working tools from the departmental programme "Sustainable Livelihood" which focuses on building the capacity of people and also on strengthening social networks which exist in communities. These working







tools will further assist them in their initiatives to sustain themselves and their families.

Community Development runs this programme throughout the year within the province to help people to create their own source of income by using their skills than looking for employment which is a problem to many. While addressing immediate needs, people are assisted and empowered towards independence and to reduce the burden on the social protection system. One way of ensuring the afore-mentioned is supporting households and communities through the Sustainable Livelihood Approach.

Sustainable Livelihood Approach is about the department connecting with the people through activities that improve their lives and solve the problems they face. The department work among people through Community Development Practitioners and Social Workers that works tirelessly to address people's problems and community challenges. This programme has this far shown positive outcomes in creating a better life for all and improved communities.

The financial support given by the department is premised by the following principles:

- To strengthen food security for the beneficiaries,
- To supplement the efforts of people to support themselves and their families.
- Beneficiaries will never be determined on commercial grounds but mainly on humanitarian reasons.
- To sustain peoples' assets to cushion them from

hardships or deepening further in poverty

The majority of people who are the clientele of the department are poor, vulnerable, excluded and marginalized. This type of funding is used to support individuals, households, and informal groups. In supporting these initiatives, the department purchase equipment or assets which are required to strengthen the livelihoods within households.

Beneficiaries for this programme are:

- Poor households
- Household Change Agents
- Social Grant Beneficiaries (especially the CSG's, DG's)



- Individual referrals (with specialized skills and special needs)
- Social Cooperatives (Women associations, stokvel groups, burial societies, etc.)
- The unemployed (especially from poor background)
- Economic production projects linked to social / welfare services
- Youth exiting foster Care Grants.
- Non Profit Organizations including; Food Distribution Centres and Community Nutrition and Development Centres

# ENERGY INFUSED

## AS KIDS TAKE CHARGE DURING THE DREAM KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAMME



**M**pumalanga province is predominantly rural with high levels of poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and teenage pregnancy amongst others. Children are often exposed to abuse and neglect and this often happens after school and during school holidays due to lack of supervision at home and after school care and holiday programmes in the community to positively engage the children and ensure that they are safe.

The department is funding Touch a Million foundation to coordinate and deliver one six days holiday programme per district in the current financial year. The programme is targeted to take

place during the June, September and December holidays. The rationale behind the targeted periods is that during school holidays children are mostly unsupervised and prone to fall victims of abuse. The programme is therefore actively engaging children to ensure that they do not find themselves on the streets unsupervised where they are prone to different forms of abuse, alcohol and illicit substances, unprotected sexual encounters and many other social ills.

Furthermore it is a strategy that seeks to educate families and communities on the importance of ensuring that communities invest in programmes that will engage children constructively and take them off the streets.

Touch a Million Foundation is an organization that is running the Dream Kids Holiday programme. They have the skills and expertise to coordinate the activities that seek to engage children meaningfully while providing edutainment.

The holiday programme takes place over six days (Monday to Saturday). One day is dedicated to addressing stakeholders on the importance of the programme and also take them through on what will be taking place.

The holiday programme covers a variety of activities that engage children meaningfully while addressing critical issues relevant to the children.

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*Challenge Accepted: Kids Showcase some of their creativities*



*Tomorrow's champs: no need to explain that they will be somewhere among the top range of the country*

These include amongst others the following:

- Puppet show
- Outdoor games
- Story Telling
- Motivation talk
- Dance
- Open theatre
- Life skills
- Drama



*#BeKuLit: Kids taking part in the blocks construction challenge games*

The objectives of the National Children's Day campaign are:

- To inform and educate the public on the comprehensive basket of services needed by children in the community that can contribute in preventing abuse of children,
- To strengthen Prevention and Early Intervention programme as a mind shift to ensure that there is investment (time, resources and programmes) that could be sustained to keep children off the street,
- To engage children meaningfully while addressing critical issues relevant to the children.
- To encourage parents to participate in programmes aimed at empowering children and creating family stability.



*Challenge Accepted: Kids taking part in the challenging mind games*



Participants received medals

# REDEEMING SCHOOLS

## FROM BECOMING BULLY AND CRIME ZONES



In Pictures the participants from various schools who took part in debates on Social Crime Prevention

Learners across the Province gathered at Kabokweni Community Hall to find solutions and implement strategies of saving their schools from becoming Bully and Crime Zones in an event hosted by the department of Social Development, on the 27 October 2018. The event took shape of a debate as a message conveyance and whistle blow to end bullying and crime at schools and in the communities at large.

Focus topics were bullying and how to deal with it at school, the benefits and disadvantages of belonging to a gang.

The department plays a critical role of assessing children in conflict with the law, to determine

MEC Shiba gives address to young people during the Social Crime Prevention Week.



the criminal capacity of the accused child and to assess whether the child is a suitable candidate for diversion. The department has a Social Crime Prevention Strategy that aims at

supporting government's ongoing efforts to build better and safer communities and contribute to the outcome-based approach, outcome 3: "All people are and feel safe" which calls for the following;

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Participants received medals and trophies



One of the participants making presentations during the Social Crime Prevention Week

# ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPIONS RECEIVE TROPHIES FOR PARTICIPATION

collaboration, Partnership, Mutual Dependency and Communication.

The Integrated Social Crime Prevention Strategy also provides the following services which are; Protection and Support Services, Early Intervention and Prevention Services, Integrated Crime Prevention, Education and Therapeutic Services, Restorative Justice Services, Community-based Services, Equitable and Integrated Site-based Services and Reintegration and Reunification Services.

Learners from across the province in all three districts were encouraged to be aware of this strategy and to make use of it. They also added their inputs based on the two topics they debated on, which was provided by the panel of judges.



In Pictures the participants from various schools who took part in debates on Social Crime Prevention



# MARRIAGE PRESERVATION

## FAMILIES STRENGTHENED DURING THE HIS AND HERS CELEBRATION

*The Department of Social development aims to promote family unions as part of one of its key priorities and areas of focus. This means promoting, strengthening and defending the gift of marriage forms part of the many services to families the department provides.*



*One of the couples who attended the the couple's retreat taking notes and tips on marriage preservation.*

**M**atters of the heart are real issues between two people and in most cases a third party cannot solve or dispute. There are daily challenges and joys experienced by the married class, Honey Moon Stage, Let's Pretend Stage, Now I Know You Stage, and lastly it Does not matter anymore I leave or stay kuyafana. The National department

***promoting,  
strengthening and  
defending the gift  
of marriage***

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*Couples listen attentively to speakers of the day*

of social development together with the Provincial Department of Social Development (DSD) hosted the first ever Couples Retreat in Mpumalanga as part of Celebrating International Marriage Week, on 28-29 September 2018, in Ermelo Inn under Gert – Sibande District.

The main focus of the event was cementing the pillars of marriage in families and rekindling the spark of love to the couples, who are mostly Social Development services beneficiaries. The audience was showered with Motivational talks from Mrs Smangele Pule, and other marriage advisors to mention a few; Families South Africa (FAMSA), Department of Home Affairs, Couples from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transexual and Intersex (LGTBI) Community, Newly Weds and Long Standing



*Mrs Smangele Pule, a motivational speaker and marriage expert giving marriage tips on sustaining marriages*

Marriages. Mrs Pule the main guest speaker who shared very informational experience that strengthen marriages, touched on one of the most important key factor in a marriage or any relationship is communication. She further explained on how vital it is to talk to your partner in any situation in order to build up an understanding and trust in the relationship.

It was indeed an unforgettable two days of bliss, kisses and dances, indeed Social Development has helped to cement and brought back the spark of the day, the couples first met.



*One of the oldest married couple who graced the event, giving motivation and advices on sustaining marriages*



One of the learners who received bicycles takes one for a test ride

## DEPUTY MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHES THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK IN MPUMALANGA

**A**s part of the celebration of the year 2018 Women's Month Programme and

the centenary of Mama Albertina Sisulu, themed: "100 Years of Albertina Sisulu, Woman of Fortitude: Women United in Moving South Africa Forward",

the Department of Social Development launched a flagship Women Empowerment Project in Mawewe, Mpumalanga, on Wednesday 22 August 2018.

Mawewe is a rural community in the Nkomazi District, Mpumalanga. The launch of the project follows a consultative process involving community dialogues with women and by women in Mawewe and surrounding villages.

The project's goal is to empower and to secure the livelihoods and rights of women living in rural areas in the context of sustainable development goals and the current national discourse on women's rights to equitable access to productive land in South Africa. Spearheaded by

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*Mawewe Youth entertaining the crowd*

the Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, the project seeks to synergies the Department's efforts and partnerships with both public and private entities to generate more lasting and wider scale improvements in the livelihoods and rights of women.

This project will include amongst others, training and capacity building, skills development, support to women-led cooperatives to improve their access to funding and market

opportunities and ensure linkages for rural women and young girl's access to interventions such as prevention of and response

in the outskirts of the Kruger National Park.

The implementation of this project involves a range of bilateral, strategic partnerships and potential financial partners to mention a few; MTN SA Foundation, the Department of Tourism, the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) and the Tribal Authority, the partnership will assist women living in rural areas who are already doing their bit to improve the livelihoods of their families and communities to end the intergenerational cycle



*Bicycles donated by MTN to Manzolwandle High School*



*Deputy Minister addressing the community during the launch of the Women Empowerment Framework*

to sexual and gender-based violence, as well as sexual and reproductive health services. One of the initiatives that women expressed keen interest in is the establishment of the rural tourism enterprise in the area which lies

of poverty. Special Olympics South Africa will also be playing their role to ensure that children and persons with disabilities participate in various sporting activities.



# 2018 Provincial ACTIVE AGEING PRO





# 2<sup>nd</sup> National GRAMME IN PICTURES





# PROPELLING FOR A DRUG FREE MPUMALANGA

*The department made an effort in developing women in various parts of the Mpumalanga province as part of the women's month celebrations.*



*Young people listen attentively and take notes as various speakers take a stand to educate them about dangers of drug use*

**T**he MEC for Social Development Ms Busisiwe Shiba and her delegates joined hands in the fight against substance abuse and illicit trafficking as they gathered in a summit on 26 to 27 July 2018 at Nutting House under the City of Mbombela Local Municipality.

The summit was aimed at bringing together relevant stakeholders with the hope of finding ways to better the ills of substance abuse and illicit trafficking. The MEC was accompanied by the Head of Social Development Mr V.M

Mahlalela other Departments and various stakeholders of the Department such as Department of Health, South African Social Service Agency (SASSA), Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER), South African Police Services (SAPS), Department of Education to name a few.

To tighten up loose screws, stakeholders gave presentation on how they help in dealing with the drug illness, gave challenges that they still face and stated how their actions impact the general public. Mr Morgan Bruiners from the South African

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**Learners take a stand to educate other on dangers of substance abuse**



**MEC Shiba addressing the youth during the Summit held against substance abuse and illicit trafficking.**

Police Services (SAPS) in his presentation elaborated on how parents must teach their children about the dangers of drugs and they should be involved in their children's life so they can

easily notice unusual behavioral changes and he also touched on drug dealers saying "drugs are a money making business to drug dealers and our community members do know who sell drugs so if the community and the police could work together we can defeat the supply of drugs." said Bruiners.

Thereafter with passion to defeat the struggle of drug abuse in the province, the MEC for Social Development Ms. Busi Shiba on her key note address said the challenge of drugs is everybody's business she also reminded the people on what former president Nelson Mandela said on 14 November 1994 at the United Nations International Drug Control Programme "For too long too many people considered the drug problem as a remote one affecting someone else or occurring somewhere else. The reality, as we all know, is that this

problem affects all communities, in particular the youth. If we really want to do something about the threat we will have to act decisively now. To do this we need to stand together and face the problem head-on." Said Madiba. She concluded that the resolutions taken in the commissions will be implemented and monitored to strive for a better and drug free Mpumalanga.

The learners who attended the event had a mouthful to say regarding the impact substance abuse have on their schools. Christopher Mkhathswa a 16 years old learner from Lihawu Senior Secondary School could not hide his excitement for the opportunity he was given by the Department "it's a great privilege to get an opportunity like this, and events like this needs to be held in all districts so that information can be disseminated all around the province." Said Mkhathswa.

Community members listen attentively and take notes as various speakers take a stand

# My Sexuality My Rights

## MY RESPONSIBILITY

**T**eenage pregnancy is still a highest concern in South Africa, with an upsurge of learner pregnancy rates in schools located in poor areas and in schools that are poorly resourced also in rural communities and amongst those collecting the Child Support Grant. Most teen pregnancies happened between the ages of seventeen and nineteen. However, the department continues to educate children about these issues to try and reduce school drop outs, HIV/AIDS and termination of pregnancy by teens that has increased over time.

Social Development continues to engage with communities and in doing campaigns where teenagers and youth are being guided on prevention of pregnancies and loss of human potential. The department says it is high time to be vocal about sex education, which focuses on both abstinence and safe sex, as well as biological and social risk factors.

This is achieved by community-based interventions, the rolling out of adolescent friendly services, promoting open communication between parents and children and increasing the coverage in the media with a distinct focus on pregnancy. The Mpumalanga Department



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**Community members listen attentively and take notes as various speakers take a stand**

of Social Development in this plight hosted an event for World Population in Kildare, Bushbuckridge on 11 July 2018 to address this perpetuating issue.

The main purpose of the event is to teach the community both young and old, to be aware of the things happening around them, most importantly the negative part

of it as this will raise awareness to the community as a whole. The event is done yearly with different themes each year. The theme for 2018 was “My Sexuality-My Rights-My Responsibility”. This theme was decided and aimed at mostly the youth for them to take action in doing the right thing at all cost.

Government departments, various stakeholders and organisations came to address the youth, share information that could assist them to flee away from this plight. The day was not only packed with information but entertainment was also provided for the young minds, drama, dance and music were the order of the day.



**One of the houses which was handed over to a family with two people living with disabilities**

**D**epartment of Social Development is a custodian of people living with disability in the province. It aims to provide social services towards improving the overall quality of life through implementation of various programmes to better the lives of people with disabilities. In improving the lives of people with disabilities, the department

through its Office on the Status of Disabled Persons witnessed one of many breakthroughs as Buscor in partnership with the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport donated a house to a family with 2 persons living with disabilities in Bushbuckridge, on Friday, 5 October 2018. This was done as part of the Disability Rights Awareness Month of the department and Transport Month activations of the Department

## **A NEW HOUSE FOR A FAMILY OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES; A GOOD STORY TO TELL**

of Public Works, Roads and Transport.

Both the husband and the wife are deaf people and rely on sign language for communication.

The department is pleased with this initiative as it created awareness of the right and protection of persons with disabilities.

# *"Our Culture Our Pride"*

## SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS CELEBRATED THEIR DIVERSITY IN STYLE



**H**eritage Day is celebrated yearly on the 24<sup>th</sup> September annually, the aim is to recognize the importance of the cultural wealth of our nation. South Africans celebrate the day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. The day is all about celebrating our diversity and what makes us unique as a country.

South Africans heritage define who we are, how do we do things – choosing to embrace diversity, recognizing the rich natural resources and our potential as people, and the collaborative innovative peaceful approach that we bring to everything we do have marked our remarkable rebirth. The Heritage Month focuses on the transformation of the South African heritage

landscape over our democratic journey. The transformation of our heritage landscape over our democratic journey has helped foster national unity. It has allowed us to move away from the vestiges of apartheid to reflect a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous society.

This year Social Development officials remembered and embraced their various cultures through their different dress codes on Friday, 21 September 2018 officials from the Department of Social Development were wearing their traditional attires to embrace and honor their cultures and educate one another on how each culture is represented. Understanding and Living heritage plays an important role in promoting cultural diversity, social cohesion, reconciliation, peace and economic development.





# Department Supports

## CHAMPIONS AND FIGHTERS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN THE PROVINCE



The department supported the Event on Gender Based Violence that was initiated by Mrs K Ntini, Finalist for Mrs Mpumalanga 2019. There were issues raised related to Gender Based Violence, and there were

speakers which some of them confirmed they kept quiet while violated hoping that one day things will change. They emphasized that Violence is Violence, there is no better way to name it. It must be reported; it is not acceptable in any manner. One speaker from the South African Police Services,

mentioned that there is no need for people to be afraid to report such incident because there is a room where they can be made comfortable to report, they have a right to privacy. Also elaborated that there many cases related to GBV and most are scared to report it, and that it happens everywhere either home, work, schools, communities and more. Mrs R Mothilal on behalf of the department mentioned services that the Department offers in terms of victims of Gender Based Violence. She further mentioned that the Department offers Prevention Programme, shelters as well as skills programme that assist victims to move forward and rebuild their life in a better manner. Also provided the Departmental Helpline for Support.



# *Gearing up for the* NATIONAL ACTIVE AGEING FITNESS PROGRAMME IN FREESTATE



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*Social Development joined all other provincial departments in delivering and pushing services closer to the community of Nokaneng under Dr JS Moroka Municipality during the Taking Legislature to the People*

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**T**he Department continues to support Older Persons in the province by ensuring their healthy living and stress free lifestyles through Active Ageing activities known as Golden games. These activities promote older person's rights, socializing, safety and healthy lifestyle. The active ageing programme is characterized by sporting activities amongst older persons, which

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# Province well prepared for presentation at national



are both competitive, fun and also help older persons to age actively and healthy. This program targets older persons who are 60 years and above. The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development (DSD) in collaboration with Department of Culture, Recreation and Sports (DCSR) and the Department of

Health (DoH) hosted the 2018 Provincial Active Ageing Games and known as Golden Games in Gert Sibande District on the 16th to the 18th of September 2018 in Badplaas, under Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality.

These Departments have since 2008 hosted Provincial Golden

Games on rotational basis in the three (3) districts namely; Ehlanzeni, Nkangala and Gert-Sibande District Municipalities. The event is one of those important events that happen yearly in the nine provinces of the country focusing on the wellbeing of elderly people. It is also to let the elderly be aware on how important it is to stay healthy and loving themselves even on their ageing days.

The event commenced with a Art Festival, of Choirs and Beauty Pageant then followed by officially opening on the following day led MEC for Social Development, Ms B.P Shiba.

In honour of ageing with grace, the spirit of the event as a token of appreciation to all the elderly, the MEC presented them with medals and take home packs.



## *Encouraging a healthy lifestyle* FOR THE PRODUCTIVITY AND WELLNESS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

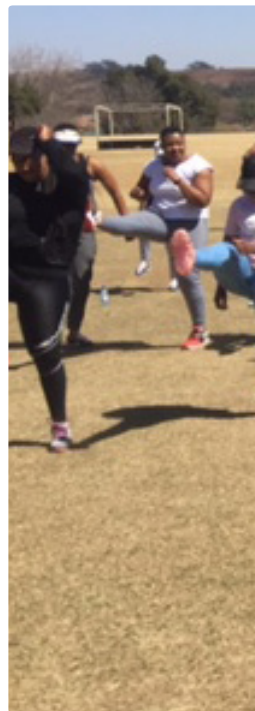
**E**mployee Health and Wellness Programmes in the Public Service are rapidly transforming the nature of holistic support provided to employees to ensure risk management, occupational wellness, productivity and wellness of government employees and their immediate family members. South African workplace, like the rest of the world, is facing a variety of challenges, incorporating everything from obesity, cardiac disease, diabetes, respiratory ailments, an ageing, an increase in inactive lifestyles and therefore loss of personal interaction and fitness International Labour Organization (2016).

Employee Health and Wellness Programmes coordinate Wellness day session in an effort to enhance effective

focus on the employee's wellbeing through on site services catered for all employees. Global research highlights that by 2030, in the absence of intervention intended to address the impact of obesity, and chronic diseases (and related ailments emanating from lack of or declining physical activity) on the health of global citizens, 50% of citizens will be obese. Here at home, South Africa is sitting with 3% of South African women over the age of 15 being obese and 42% of urban women obese.

The unit has worked with the following stakeholders in good who have supported the Wellness Day Events which took place as follows namely Kinros for Gert Sibande District, and Middleburg for Nkangala District. The following organizations GEMS Health Screening services, GEMS Fitness, Care-ways Group,

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GEPF, CANSA Mpumalanga, South African National Blood Services, Virgin Active, Herbal Life, and Right to Care, Absa, Sanlam, Nkangala Municipality, Govan Mbeki Municipality. Right to Care, Broad Reach Health, Foundation for Professional Development, and SANTA have committed to supporting the initiative and contributing with their specialities on financial health, diseases, and team building.

Two Wellness Days will be hosted for Ehlanzeni and Provincial office in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and fourth quarter with the same enthusiasm and order to encourage a healthy lifestyle behaviour in the workplace.





# FREE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

A REMEDY FOR COMMUNICATION BARRIER IN THE WORKPLACE

*Government officials at the provincial office continue making strides towards curbing language barriers in the workplace, by rendering sign language classes as a remedy for effective communication channels.*



**Mr Innocent Magagula the department's sign language practitioner interpreting during the Mandela Centenary Celebrations in Amsterdam, Mkhondo Local Municipality**



**Social Development officials getting sign language lessons in Kruger National Park as part of deaf awareness month**

**A**s part of celebrating deaf awareness month the Department of Social Development empowered its employees with sign language classes to help them with knowledge and ability to communicate with deaf people. On 28 September 2018

employees from the provincial office attended a deaf awareness work shop at Kruger National Park.

The month of September is regarded as the international Month for Deaf People with the year 2018 being themed **“taking back Deaf Education”**. The

World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) which is an international non-government organisation representing approximately 70 Million deaf people worldwide, working together with Deaf Federation of South Africa (DeafSA) are aiming to promote awareness of Deaf people in South Africa and promoting

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**Some of the department's officials receiving sign language lessons pose for a picture after fruitful morning lessons at the Son Joy DSD offices**

Equality. This theme brings Deaf people together to recognise the contributions to domestic and global prosperity, to secure the Human Right of all deaf people, and to prepare the deaf community for challenges in the future.

This theme will celebrate the linguistic, artistic, social, political and cultural contributions and accomplishments of deaf people. It will strengthen DeafSA to work towards the recognition of South African sign language as the 12<sup>th</sup> official language and the rights of Deaf people in South Africa.

It will prepare us to look towards the future with a clear vision and renewed capacity for positive change in local communities. It will draw us together in renewed appreciation of our common heritage, common challenges and common aspiration.

The Department of Social Development and Kruger National Park employees were uplifted with sign language communication skills that will assist them with service delivery to the deaf People of Mpumalanga. The delegation was led by Deputy Manager of Office on The Status

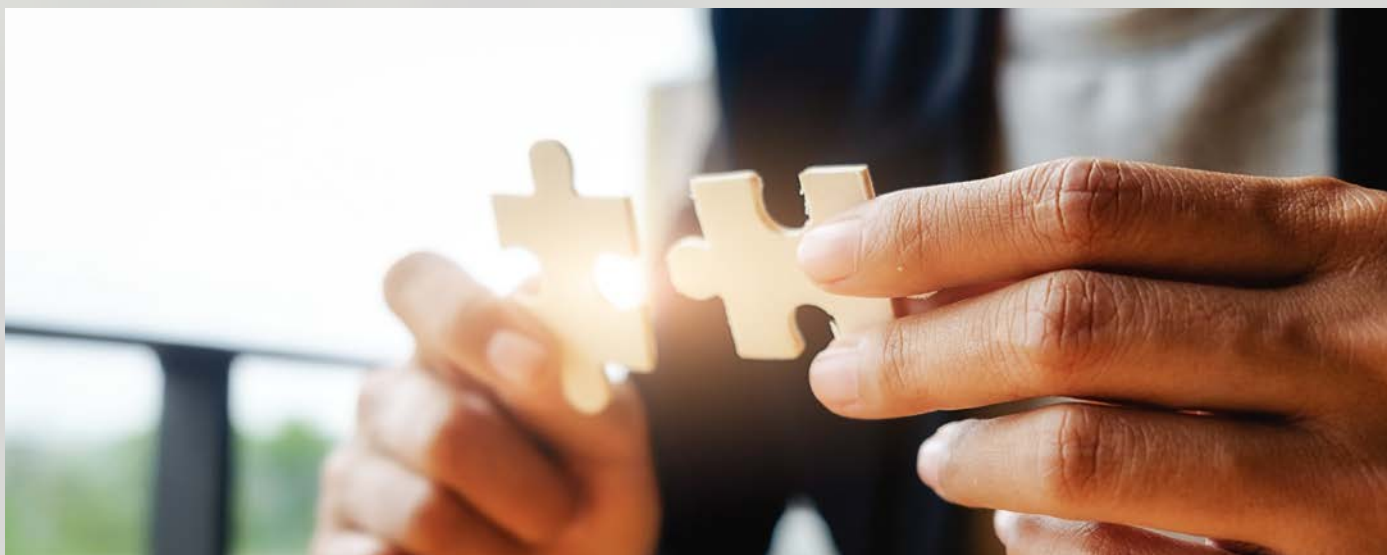
of Disabled People (OSDP) Mr Dutoit Nkambule who made an eye opening Speech on how disable people must be treated and how his office helps on making lives of disabled people better. He emphasised that disabled people should be treated fairly and with respect, "wether a person is disabled or not we are all equal and should be treated as such, and we deserve the same treatment and opportunity.

A person must not be discriminated and excluded because of their disability but means must be made for every person to be accommodated in our society." said Mr Nkambule.



**Mr Donald Mzimba a deaf sign language teacher posing with some of his students**

# GET HELP! TAKE ACTION! H



## KNOW YOUR SERVICE CENTRES

**BELOW IS A LIST OF ACCREDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES IN MPUMALANGA**

ACCREDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES IN MPUMALANGA			
Name of facility	Location	Services	Contact person
<b>EHLANZENI DISTRICT</b>			
Swartfontein Treatment Centre	White River	<p>Swartfontein Treatment Centre is a public inpatient treatment facility. It caters for service users who are 18 years above. The duration for treatment programme is 12-16 weeks</p> <p>They provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social work services</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Spiritual services</li> <li>• Occupational therapy services</li> <li>• Recreational services</li> <li>• Vocational skills</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> </ul>	<p>Acting Centre Manager: Mr. S. Mnisi</p> <p>Contact No: 013 750 7716/18</p>
SANCA Lowveld Alcohol and Drug Help Centre	Nelspruit	<p>SANCA Lowveld is a Community Based facility. It caters for all persons who abuse or dependent on substances.</p> <p>They provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial supports services</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> <li>• Group work services</li> <li>• Aftercare services</li> <li>• Prevention services</li> </ul>	<p>Director: Ms. M. Erusmus</p> <p>Contact No: 013 752 4376</p>
Healing Wings South Africa Youth Inpatient centre	Schagen	<p>Healing Youth is a private inpatient Centre. It caters for service users who are between 13 and 17 years. The duration for treatment program is 36-52 weeks</p> <p>They provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social work services</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Spiritual services</li> <li>• Psychological services</li> <li>• Recreational services</li> <li>• Educational (schooling) services</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Justin Swart</p> <p>Contact No: 079 812 0898</p>



# ELP IS ALL AROUND YOU!

ACCREDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION , TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES IN MPUMALANGA			
Name of facility	Location	Services	Contact person
Laapeng foundation	Kabokweni	Laapeng foundation is a Community Based services.  They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention services</li> <li>• Early intervention services</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> </ul>	Manager: Mr. H. Sithole  013 796 0021
<b>NKANGALA DISTRICT</b>			
SANCA Witbank Alcohol and Drug Help Centre	Witbank	SANCA Witbank is a Community Based facility. It caters for all persons who abuse or dependent on substances.  They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial supports services</li> <li>• Prevention services</li> <li>• Community outreach services</li> <li>• Group work services</li> <li>• Treatment services</li> <li>• Aftercare services</li> </ul>	Director: Ms. Z Makhubela  013 656 2371
SANCA Thembisile Alcohol and Drug Help Centre	Kwaggafontein	SANCA Thembisile is a Community Based facility. It caters for all persons and their families who abuse or dependent on substances.  They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial supports services</li> <li>• Prevention services</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> <li>• Group work services</li> <li>• Treatment services</li> <li>• Aftercare services</li> </ul>	Manager: Ms. J. Mello  013 989 0899
<b>GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT</b>			
Mkhondo Alathia Rehabilitation Youth Centre	Piet Retief	Healing Youth is a private inpatient Centre. It caters for service users who are between 13 and 17 years. The duration for treatment program is 12-16 weeks  They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social work services</li> <li>• Treatment services</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Spiritual services</li> <li>• Psychological services</li> <li>• Recreational services</li> <li>• Educational (schooling) services</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> </ul>	Director: B. van Rensburg  083 650 7653 071 200 0073 071 670 8533 Secunda Satellite Office (Embalenhle) 078 339 7895
SANCA Mkhondo Alcohol and Drug Help Centre (Outpatient)	Piet Retief	SANCA MARC is an Outpatient treatment facility. It caters for all persons who abuse or dependent on substances.  They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial supports services</li> <li>• Treatment services</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Prevention services</li> <li>• Community outreach</li> <li>• Group work services</li> <li>• Aftercare services</li> </ul>	

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SERVICES RENDERED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED SHELTERS.

Feel free to contact the department of Social Development's toll free number

**0800 20 40 98**

You may also follow our social media pages for more information and other Social Development services



**CONTACT US**

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS REAL EDUCATE YOURSELF TO PROTECT YOU AND THOSE CLOSER TO YOU

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*Although Human trafficking scope in South Africa remains a mystery, it poses a great concern as it has since became the country's centre of attention and priority focus area. Noting with great concern the number of reported cases of missing persons in the country, this has called on the introduction and implementation of strict visa laws and requirements with the view of curbing the issues of illicit trafficking in the country.*

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***Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of the threat of use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, of fraud of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or giving or receiving payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation.***

**D**ue to its hidden nature, it is not an easy task quantifying human trafficking in the country, however thousands of women, men, and children around the country fall into the trap of being trafficked in and out of the country every day for various reasons.

Traffickers target and recruit victims from diverse backgrounds with rural poor communities taking the lead as victims are taken advantage of due to the nature of their poor living standards. In an attempt to curbing human trafficking, it is important to acknowledge



that everyone and anyone can fall into the trap of being the next victim of human trafficking. Without knowledge of how traffickers operate and human trafficking itself, anyone from any background can find themselves doing odd jobs in a foreign country without their consent.

Although traffickers use different methods for getting attention from their targets, it is important to know and understand some of their strategies, tricks, levels and stages of trafficking they use to trap their clients.

Following are some of the tips that one might need to consider knowing as a measure to preventing and getting help for themselves or someone who has been trafficked.

### How does trafficking work?

Trafficking process consists of three stages namely:

- Recruitment of a person
- Transportation of a person and
- Exploitation of a person.

### How do Traffickers recruit their victims?

The recruitment process comprises of three elements on how contact was initiated between the individual and the recruiter.

- **Forcible recruitment** – the victims are forcibly taken.
- **Fully Deceptive Recruitment** – victims are lured by promises of employment or educational opportunities and /or financial gain and are fully deceived as to the true intentions of the traffickers.
- **Partially Deceptive Recruitment**- victims may be aware that they are to be employed in a given activity, but do not know under what conditions.

### Why are people trafficked?

- For the purpose of exploitation of the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labour or Services, Removal of body parts, forced to engage in criminal activities and other unlawful activities known to them.

### Types of identified trafficking in South Africa

- Forced labour ( sweat shops and illicit mining)
- Illegal adoption
- Trafficking for purpose of organ theft

### How are children Trafficked?

- By strangers and people known to them, parents, care-givers, family members and friends.
- By organised gangs who are involved in criminal activities
- Bribed with monies or gifts
- Victims of child trafficking may be moved from one place to another within a country, or across borders to another country
- Child trafficking are people who make money or gain in some way from the transport and exploitation.

### How can i protect myself?

Potential victims are usually unaware they are being trafficked. But look out for the following warning signs.

- **Sudden Undying Love** - a total stranger who will suddenly profess his undying love within a few days of knowing you. Victim are made to be emotionally involved to get into the trap.
- **Job Promises** - lookout for job opportunities that are too good to be true
- **Willingness to Pay** - traffickers will be eager to do what ever it takes to convince their victims to pay them a visit. Although some men will be genuinely willing to sponsor their romantics, do look out for any suspicious person who will be willing to spend on you for no valid reason.

## SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Department of Social Development has the responsibility to assist victims of human trafficking by providing social services to these victims. Victims are referred to the Department through the SAPS and other stakeholders.

According to the Prevention and Combatting of trafficking in Persons Act 7 of 2013 the Department of Social Development is mandated to provide psycho-social services and sheltering of victims of human trafficking. The Department currently has a shelter that is accredited to provide shelter to victims of human trafficking.

Once a suspected victim of human trafficking is referred to the Department, the victim has to be assessed to confirm whether the victim is indeed a victim of human trafficking.

Once a suspected victim of human trafficking is referred to the Department, the social worker will conduct an assessment of the victim to determine whether the victim is indeed a victim of human trafficking. A needs assessment is also conducted to ensure that the immediate needs of the victim is met. This would include medical care, physical care and shelter. Psycho-social support is offered to the victim and continued counselling and support is offered until the victim is repatriated to home of origin. Follow up monitoring is also done to ensure that the victim is coping and is empowered.

## CONTACT THE DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATORS FOR HELP.

Ms Rennie Mothlal  
Provincial VEP Co-Ordinator - 013 766 3106

### District Co-Ordinators:

Mr Junior Mavayeya - 013 747 2618  
Ms Zana Khumalo- 017 819 7672  
Ms Maphiri Lelaka- 013 658 4158

## Social Development participated in the Mpumalanga Public Private Partnership (PPP) Symposium 2018 to encourage investment. Symposium 2018



The department of Social Development participated in the Mpumalanga Public Private Partnership “PPP” Symposium. The department showcased its social infrastructure projects for possible funders/ sponsors. The aim of the symposium was to create a platform for investment linkages, showcase opportunities, promote capacity development and high – level networking. PPP symposium comes as a tool for enhancement of infrastructure development and achieving socio-economic transformation including job creation, reducing poverty and inequality. Infrastructure development is key to unlocking the potential of Mpumalanga. It is key in promoting and sustaining economic development, trade and Investment.

The PPP Symposium offers a vibrant and



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collaborative atmosphere where experts in diverse disciplines come together to present, discuss and exchange best practices and emerging concepts in transforming the Province of Mpumalanga through mutually beneficial partnerships.

## KEY OBJECTIVES

- Examine the role of PPPs as a catalyst for socio-economic development and industrialisation
- Promote Mpumalanga as an investment and tourism destination
- Learn from leading industry experts on what to consider when implementing and assessing PPPs and, appreciate the lessons-learned from various case studies.
- Preview the latest opportunities as project owners discuss their project pipelines and upcoming procurement projects during the project showcase.
- Attract potential partners & investors, establish wider networks and build on the relationships through various networking events and exhibition
- Establish synergies through practical information, sharing capacity development and networking
- Investor Matchmaking

Representatives from various government departments such as Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, Public Works, Roads and Transport as well as from the Social Development were present to grace the event.



# WAR DECLARED AGAINST THE DRUG LORDS IN COMMUNITIES OF MPUMALANGA

**D**epartment of Social Development in partnership with Local Drug Action Committee, VEPs, SAPS, Calcutta Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Pastors Fraternity, School Learners with their Educators, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality and other NPOs held a Walk against Substance Abuse at Mkhuhlu, Bushbuckridge.

Mkhuhlu recently is known as a place infiltrated by drugs which had led to an increase in Social Crime with rape in particular.

During the month of August several rape cases were reported to the department around Mkhuhlu/Oakley and neighbouring communities as a result of substance abuse by children around the area.

The Department of Social Development decided to engage the stakeholders and came with a decision to stage a Walk against Substance Abuse in which all stakeholders said it is the warning shot to the Drug Lords and because it is important to deal with the root cause than the disease itself. Amongst the participants who took a Walk against Substance Abuse was officials from the Magistrate in Mkhuhlu Circuit, Station Commander Colonel Mayindi from Calcutta SAPS, Ward 2 Councillor: Cllr Nkuna and Dr Banda from Pastors Fraternity in Mkhuhlu. Mr Usinga the Chairperson of Local Drug Action Committee said to the people present that they should focus their energy and free time in identifying and dealing with these drug lords.

Speakers agreed in principle that they will engage on the enemies of the communities which are Drug Lords toe to toe, head to head and making sure that

they face the full might of the law. "The Drug Lords run before we are saying on you mark because as SAPS we are coming for you", said Mr Usinga.

The SAPS said it is ready to deal with them and requested the community to assist them with information and work together with every stakeholder present. Dr Banda said that Pastors fraternity will go and mobilise the church members to come together and visit the places where they heard that drugs are trending and pray for the users because divine intervention is also vital to curb the use of drugs in the community of Mkhuhlu.

The School children present declared themselves as Ambassadors to deliver messages to their peers that "Drugs Kills and Drugs are treatable". Ward Councillor Mr Nkuna said the Mayor of Bushbuckridge Cllr S Nxumalo and MMC for Social Development Cllr B Mokoena are behind the campaign and they are ready to fight left, right and centre against Substance Abuse. What gave us confidence and power to continue in soldiering on is that the walk was dominated by the young people. We shall win this fight!

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**  
24 hour toll-free substance abuse help  
line (free from telkom line)

0800 12 13 14 or SMS to 32312 for ad-  
vice, support and referral.

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
0800 20 40 98





# SCAM ALERT

**TO ALL ECD CENTRE'S IN AND OUT OF MPUMALANGA.  
Please be aware and share the below message:**



The department has noted with great concern the on-going scam in the province in which people are claiming to be Social Development officials. These people are unlawfully requesting funds from ECD Centres for the establishment of movable ECD's and other equipment. Please be advised that the department is not in anyway involved in such business and that the department will not ask any ECD Centre, individuals or any entities for funds for whatsoever reasons. The department funds such organisations and therefore cannot be asking funds from the centres it funds.

The public and most specifically ECD centres are encouraged to beware of this fraudulent activity and further verify the validity of information provided to them, credibility of any information source. Please report any suspicious activities to the numbers below

**Toll Free numbers at 0800 20 40 90  
Gert Sibande District at: 017 819 7672**

**Ehlanzeni District at: 013 747 2617  
Nkangala District at: 013 658 4100**

# social development

DEEPENS THE HAND OF SERVICES DELIVERY  
AS PART OF THE TAKING LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE

***Social Development joined all other provincial departments in delivering and pushing services closer to the community of Nkangala, under Dr JS Moroka Municipality during the Taking Legislature to the People***



activities, entrepreneurial skills of young people in the community are provided by the centers. The municipality assist with giving Learnership to the centers so they can identify young people within communities that are in need of skills development and education assistance.

## ***Department's responsibility***

On 20 September 2018 the Public hearing took place where every department had to take responsibility of what they are responsible for and the MEC Ms B.P Shiba continued taking questions from the public and responded to them.



**T**he Mpumalanga Legislature took its business out of the norm to reach the community of Mametlake Local Municipality from 17 September 2018 to 21 September 2018. The event took place in a form of a legislature business organized outside the traditional seating at Nkangala District.

the legislature more visible and reachable to the communities and to ensure that voices of the people are incorporated in the legislature oversight work.

## **The work of the TLP**

The Chief Director of Community Development Ms Ouma Dlamini along with her delegates visited various youth centers funded by the Department of Social Development at Mametlake. These youth centers assist young people with applying to universities and getting bursaries to further their studies after matric. Skills development such as computer skills, sporting

## **The aim of the TLP**

The programme forms an integral part of the legislature's public participation to strengthen participatory democracy in the province. It is aimed at making



# Unlocking Potential



The NDA continues to play a critical role in contributing towards the eradication of poverty. This is achieved through provision of grants to civil society organisations that carry out development projects of poor communities. The agency also capacitates civil society organisations to enable them to run sustainable programmes.

**An appeal is made to the private sector and other organisations to partner the NDA in fighting poverty.**

## **Contact Details**

Tel: 013 755 1427

Fax: 013 755 2244

Website: [www.nda.org.za](http://www.nda.org.za)

NAME OF OFFICE	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	CONTACTS
Emalahleni Branch & Sub-District Office	22 Beatty Avenue Emalahleni	013 658 4100
Kriel Branch Office	Municipal Building, Quintin Street Kriel 2271	017 648 3253
Steve Tshwete Sub-District Office	37 Dr Beyers Naudé Street Middelburg 1050	013 243 4190
Middelburg Branch Office	37 Dr Beyers Naudé Street Middelburg 1050	013 243 4190
Hendrina Branch Office	Scheepers Street Hendrina	013 293 9906
Emakhazeni Sub-District	41 Coetzee Street Belfast 1200	013 253 1792
Belfast Branch Office	41 Coetzee Street Belfast 1200	013 253 1791
Waterval Boven Branch Office	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue waterval-boven 1195	013 257 0308
Victor Khanye Sub-District	47 Sarel Cilliers Street, FC Dumat Building Delmas, 2210	013 665 1271
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Thembisile Hani Sub-District	Building 3 Government complex Kwamhlnga 1022	013 947 3906
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Moloto Branch Office	Block 7 Moloto	013 948 8900
Verena Branch Office	Four Way Stop Municipal Building Verena	013 963 7111
Mkobola Branch Office	Government Building DSD Mkobola	013 986 1014
Dr JS Moroka Sub-District	Department of education Circuit Building, siyabuswa	013 973 0017
Mdutjana Branch Offices	357 Job Sikosana Street Siyabuswa B Old Government Complex	013 973 3927
Marapyane Branch Office	DSD buiding Ga-Matsiki Section A	012 724 9927
Mmamethake Branch Office	861 Governors Building Mmametlhake	012 721 3872
Mbibane Branch Office	Old TLC Building Vaalbank Mbibane	013 976 7479
Hendrina Secure Care	Hendrina	013-293 9910
Leseding Victim Support Centre	Kwamhlnga	013 947 3415

Office of the District Director	102 Cnr. Industrial & Wedgewood Avenue, Ermelo, 2350	0178197672
Msukaligwa Sub District Office	10 Oosthuise Street, Ermelo, 2350	0178112108/ 2158
Lothair Branch Office	579 Slindile Location, Lothair, 2370	0178454906/ 07
Sheepmoore Branch Office	601 Park Street, Sheepmoore, 2352	0178650071/ 76
Warburton Branch Office	323 Nganga Village, Warburton	0178451930
Breyten Branch Office	Thusong Centre, Cnr Ous Grobler & Breytenback Street	0178195080

Lekwa Sub District	Cnr Paarl and Princess street, Jerry Van Vuuren Building , Standerton 2430	0177125933/7/9
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Morgenzon Branch Office	166 Siphwe Dlongolo Street , Thusong Centre, Morgenzon, 2315	0177933153
Dipaliseng Sub District Office	625 Maqhawe Street, Balfour 2410	0177730452/ 449/ 447
Greylingstad Branch Office	Kutlwano Drop-in –Centre, 280 Sechaba drive, Nthoroane, 2015	0177730452/ 449/ 447
Grootvlei Branch Office	Grootvlei Clinic, Springfiled Road, 453 Extension 1, Grootvlei, 2420	0177730452/ 449/ 447
Chief Albert Luthuli Sub-District Office	Stand no 12, Next to the community hall, Elukwatini, 1192	0178833251/ 1451
Carolina Branch Office	Stand No.6434 Ext 4 Silobela, Carolina, 1185	0178431142/ 3180
Mayflower Branch Office	D275, Mpuluzi 2335	0178813240
Glenmore Branch office	E419, Dundonald, 2335	0178879900

Badplaas Branch office	Stand No.42 Brink Street, Badplaas, 1190	0178431142
Mkhondo Sub District office	35 Cnr Joubert and De wet Piet Retief, 2380	0178260545/ 0546
Amsterdam Branch office	President Str next to clinic, Amsterdam, 2375	0178469012/ 9013
Saul Mkhize Ville Branch Office (Driefontein)	New stand Clinic, Saul Mkhize 2383	0178207064
Dirkiesdorp Branch Office	Stand no 1 Main street Cnr Vaalbank and Piet Retief Road, Dirkiesdorp, 2386	0177306900
Pixley Ka Isaka Seme sub district office	2741 Vukuzakhe Location Volksrust, 2470	0177353898/ 4790
Daggakraal Branch Office	EFR 801 Sinqobile B Daggakraal, 2491	0177539903

Amersfoort Branch Office		0177539903
Perdekop Branch office		0177353898
Wakkerstroom Branch office		0177353898
Govan Mbeki Sub District Office	64 Solly Zwane Street Evander, 2280	0176324640/ 1235
Embalenhle Branch office	Moved Back to Evander	0176324640/ 1235
Leandra Branch office	Currently in temporary office. New office to be constructed.	0176324640/ 1235
Bethal Branch office	34 Simon Street, Bethal 2310	0176476453/ 6485
George Hofmeyr CYCC	84 Coligny Street, Standerton, 2430	0177140152/51
Ethokomala CYCC	1 Zondagskraal Farm, Kinross, 2270	0177140241





[ *paying the right social grant, to the right person,  
at the right time and place. NJALO!* ]



## **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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# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## 1. Families

- ✓ Shelter for Destitute Families
- ✓ Marriage Enrichment
- ✓ Family Support

## 2. Community Development

- ✓ Profiling of Households and Communities
- ✓ Community Mobilisation
- ✓ Funding and Support to Community Based and Household Initiatives

## 3. Victim Empowerment

- ✓ Shelter for Abused Women
- ✓ Victim Empowerment Services
- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Income Generating Activities

## 4. Older Persons

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Residential Care Services
- ✓ Service centres
- ✓ Community Based Care and Support Services
- ✓ Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Protection Service
- ✓ Prevention Programmes

## 5. Persons with Disabilities

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Residential Care Services
- ✓ Protective Workshop
- ✓ Day Care Centre for Children with disabilities
- ✓ Community Outreach Services
- ✓ Support Groups Service
- ✓ Prevention Programmes

## 6. Children

- ✓ Foster Care
- ✓ Alternative Care
- ✓ Adoption Services
- ✓ ECD and Partial Care
- ✓ Child Protection Services
- ✓ Child and Youth Care Centres

## 7. Youth Development

- ✓ Funding of NPOs Rendering Youth development Services (Youth Development Centres)
- ✓ National Youth Service Programme
- ✓ Life Skills Programmes
- ✓ Youth Empowerment Programmes
- ✓ Socio-economic Development programmes
- ✓ Youth Mobilisation
- ✓ Linking Youth to Work Opportunities

## 8. Crime Prevention and Support

- ✓ Counselling
- ✓ Diversion Programmes
- ✓ Secure Care Facilities
- ✓ After Care Services
- ✓ Life Skills Training and Development

## 9. Social Relief

- ✓ Counselling
- ✓ Material Assistance for Families in Distress

## 10. Population Policy Promotion

- ✓ Population Information for Planning

## 11. Women Development

- ✓ Empowerment Programmes
- ✓ Life Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Socio-Economic Empowerment
- ✓ Support to Cooperatives

## 12. Substance Abuse

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Prevention Services
- ✓ Treatment Service
- ✓ Inpatient and Outpatient Services
- ✓ Community Based Services
- ✓ Re-integration and After Care Services
- ✓ Life Skills Training and Development Vocational Skills
- ✓ Funding of NPO's
- ✓ Monitoring of Compliance with minimum Norms and Standards

## 13. NPO Support

- ✓ Facilitate Registration of NPOs
- ✓ Funding of NPOs
- ✓ Monitor Compliance to Norms and Standards
- ✓ Monitor Compliance to Relevant Legislative Frameworks, Policies Norms and Standards
- ✓ NPO Support and Capacity Building
- ✓ Quality Assurance

## 14. HIV and AIDS

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Community Based Care and Support Services
- ✓ Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Prevention Programme

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A caring, humane and developed society.

### Our Mission

To provide equitable, integrated and quality sustainable social development services in partnership with all stakeholders to eradicate poverty and protect vulnerable groups in all communities of Mpumalanga.

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# 2019 CALENDAR

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1 JANUARY New Year's Day | 21 MARCH Human Rights Day | 19 APRIL Good Friday | 22 APRIL Family Day  
 27 APRIL Freedom Day | 1 MAY Workers Day | 16 JUNE Youth Day | 17 JUNE Public Holiday | 9 AUGUST Women's Day  
 24 SEPTEMBER Heritage Day | 16 DECEMBER Day of Reconciliation | 25 DECEMBER Christmas Day | 26 DECEMBER Day of Goodwill  
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