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VISION

A caring, humane and developed society.

MISSION

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

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Mandela Day

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a 46664 celebration.

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Editor's Note
Mr. Ronnie Masilela

Welcome to the second quarter edition of Ta Nhluvuko.

A number of celebrations took place in the past three months. These include amongst others; Madiba Month in July, women's month in August and Heritage and tourism month in September. True to our core mandate of reaching out to the less privileged and vulnerable groups in Mpumalanga, the Department spent two days with boGogo in Tweefontein, KwaMhlanga during Madiba month.

The International Youth Day was celebrated on 29 August and it presented an opportunity for public and private sector organizations to share information with young people on employment and self-employment opportunities. A 2-day Provincial consultative Not-for-Profit Organisations (NPOs) summit was held at Ingwenyama Lodge, White River with delegates from NPOs, other stakeholders and Government Departments all over the Province. The prime aim of which was to strengthen the relationship and partnership with NPOs.

The month of October is annually celebrated as Social Development Month. It presents an opportunity for the Department to assess itself, improve, intensify and market its services.

The Department will continue to work in partnership with SASSA, NDA and other Government Departments, agencies and Not for Profit Organizations in dealing with the social ills faced by our communities.

This is done 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.

Systems have been put in place to ensure access to these services where they are needed the most.

A team of Social Workers, Social Auxiliary Workers and Community Development Practitioners are deployed to communities to strengthen services at community level. Communities are therefore urged to make use of our Social Workers, Social Auxiliary Workers, Community Development Practitioners and Social Development Offices to enquire about services that are provided by the Department which include amongst others; services to children who are in need of care and protection, foster care services, abuse of children and women, youth development, women empowerment, older persons, persons with disabilities, NPOs, HIV and AIDS and families in general.

Members of the community and media are invited to participate in all the planned activities, see upcoming events inside for details. We would like to hear from you. Your voice always counts.

Happy Social Development Month!



HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
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MEC FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Dr Clifford Mkasi

She received a blanket, plates, an umbrella, a scarf for winter, towel and a necklace with a washing cloth from SAPS. Gogo Sikhosana's daughter thanked the Department for such a heart warming surprise for her mother. This day was chosen specifically for Bogogo by the Department. The department went to the Tweefontein H Sports grounds for the community gathering which saw over 500 BoGogo receiving blankets.

Mandela Day on 18 July 2011

The Department of Social Development celebrated Mandela day at Tweefontein H, KwaMhlanga, where the Nakekela Hospice and Ekukhanyeni Assisted Living for older persons were visited, the Nakekela Hospice is a place where people living with disabilities are taken care of.

Officials from the Department of Social Development spent their 67 minutes by making a difference at the two Centres painting, washing, ironing and cooking. The manager of Ekukhanyeni Assisted Living received on behalf of the Centre, an amount of R163 200.00 from the Department of Social Development. Ms. Annah Ntuli said "today you have made my day I thank the Department's principals, I am so happy ". The Department acknowledged that Ekukhanyeni Assisted Living has a need for government and business to intervene and give further financial assistance.



17 JULY 2011 BUILDING UP MANDELA DAY
CELEBRATION AT TWEEFONTEIN H
(Top right) Abo'Gogo were competing against each other on the dance floor!



Older people of Ekukhanyeni Assisted Living
(which is not only an Old Age Home but assist people with disabilities as well)



DSD Official's dedicated their 67 minutes
washing dishes, cleaning, dishing up and painting walls



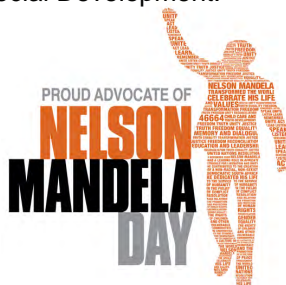
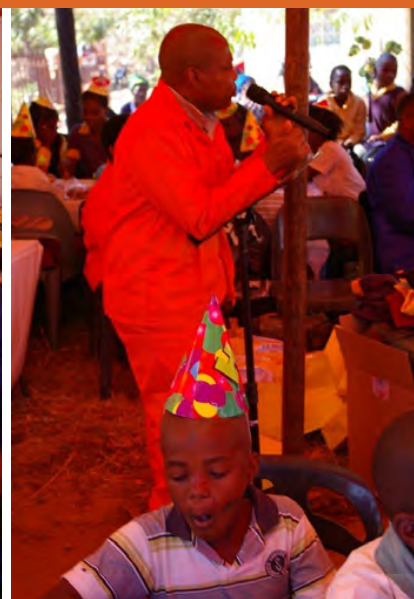
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

brought hope to a child headed household in Mkhuhlu

The Bulungwa family, which is a child headed household consisting of 3 children namely; Nomvula (11), Sharlote (15) and Mgelosi (28) could not believe their eyes when **MEC for Health and Social Development, Dr Clifford Mkasi handed them a brand new house.** The house was donated by a local business man, Mr Julius Fankomo. Bushbuckridge Local Municipality donated furniture.

These 3 kids were living in a cracked house left for them by their late mother. **"Today we will be sleeping in a decent house like any one else"** said Sharlote Bulungwa holding MEC Dr Mkasi's hand. She concluded by saying "we are not feeling neglected anymore we know that the Department of Social Development is our parent now".

MEC Dr Mkasi proceeded to Mkhuhlu Home Community Based Care Centre where he handed school uniforms to children attending at the Centre and a cheque for an amount of R R376 000.00 as funding from the Department of Social Development.





WORLD POPULATION DAY SEMINAR

ON THE 19 JULY 2011

the Department gathered with other Government Departments to celebrate world population day held at the Basket Hall in Witbank. The theme for the seminar was “the demographic dividends”.

World Population Day 2011 was celebrated at the Basket Hall at Emalahleni on 19 July 2011. This year's celebrations took the shape of a seminar, and the speakers addressed the audience on the Prospects of the Demographic Dividend for South Africa. The focal point of the seminar was the youth, since the current world population structure indicates the importance of creating opportunities for young people, who constitute the majority of our Province's population. Also, it is believed that when young people exercise their right to health and education and have access to decent work, they can significantly contribute towards improving the Province's ability to escape poverty.

The Departments of Health, Education and National Youth Development Agency presented papers, after the Chief Director, National Population Unit Mr. J. Van Zuydam had set the scene with his informative opening address.

A number of learners joined in the celebrations and participated by entertaining the audience with their performances. They sang, presented drama and poetry that carried the key messages for World Population Day.

World Population Day 2011 marked the launch of the campaign on “The World at 7 Billion”, wherein the world population is expected to reach 7 billion by the end of October 2011. The United Nations Population Fund came up with 7 key messages for this purpose.

- Reducing poverty and inequality also slows population growth.
- Unleashing the power of women and girls will accelerate progress.
- The largest population of young people is changing our world and future.
- Ensuring that every child is wanted and every childbirth safe leads to smaller and stronger families.
- All seven billion of us, and those who follow, depend on the health of our planet.
- Lower fertility and longer lives add up to an unprecedented challenge: ageing populations.
- The next two billion people will live in cities, so we need to plan now.

The seminar was very informative and those who attended got an opportunity to interact with population and development issues affecting young people. World Population Day affords the Department an opportunity to touch-base with civil society on development issues affecting them.

For further information on World Population Day and other issues related to population and development, please contact the Population Unit on 013 766 3197/3303/3057/3029.



MINISTER HAVING A DIALOGUE WITH OLDER PERSONS

It was a day that the Gogo getters from Love life and Older Persons from Nkomazi will never forget. They had an opportunity to interact with the Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini during an event which was organised by the Department and Love life. The event took place at Langelooop (Nkomazi Municipality) on 12 August 2011.

The event started with a dialogue between the Older Persons and the Youth which was facilitated by Love life. The purpose of the event was to talk about challenges facing Older Persons and the Youth and come out with solutions. Gogo Khoza one of the attendees said “thank you Minister for spending your time with us we wish we can have these dialogues often”.

Minister Bathabile Dlamini said “it is our responsibility to take care of Older Persons and not to chase them away from our home”. She concluded by saying that the elderly must continue to teach the youth “amasiko” (culture) so that they do not forget where they come from. ●



At the Exhibition stall from left: Nikiwe Nkuna (Social Worker), Nonhlanhla Mpja (Social Worker) and Acting Social Work Manager Thabisile Nhlambo

Minister having a dialogue with Older Persons



Continued support and services to a child headed household in Cho Cho Cho ▼



Sunday, 21 August 2011 SABC 1 (Touching Lives Programme) showed a story of a child headed household in need of urgent assistance. It was indicated that the family (Khumalo/ Mhlanga) needed urgent attention as it does not receive services from Government. On investigation it appeared that the Department of Social Development has known about the conditions of the family and assisted in various ways. The investigation revealed that DSD had assisted the family in receiving Child Support Grant for 4 of the 5 kids since 2008, provided the family with food parcels and blankets. A local Home Community Based Care Centre funded by the Department had given school uniform to some of the kids in January 2011.

It was revealed that the four (4) kids were placed on foster care and the elder son being the foster parent. He started receiving the foster care grant in September 2011. ●



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION IN TJAKASTAD

ZERO TOLERANCE TO WOMEN ABUSE

Members of the community mostly being women gathered at the Tjakastad Community Hall to have a one on one session with women representatives the Government.

The aim of this year's celebration was to encourage women to work together to enhance the opportunities of economic employment and to empower them to continue being the pillar of strength, because one empowered woman equals hope to many.

Ms Sizakele Shongwe, Director: Gender at the National Department of Social Development explained the different types of gender abuse and violence faced by women on daily basis and also motivated these women to come forward and seek for help in any way possible. She made it clear that there is no excuse for women abuse.

When addressing the delegates, Ms. Pulane Sihlangu, Manager for Victim Empowerment in the Department said "Our objective as a Department is to help communities and in order for the government to do this, we need you to tell us your problems so that we can provide support and also teach you how to deal with conflicts and abuse at home and in communities". She also explained the Community Development



Report and highlighted on the problems identified in the area, she also said that this is just the beginning of many more positive things to come and that the Community should know that they are not alone.

Mr Ikan Zulu an employee within the Department blessed every one with his heart warming poem directed at women and child abuse "women are cursing life; women are weeping every day, who will come to their rescue? for they are the weaker ones".



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION IN TJAKASTAD

ZERO TOLERANCE TO WOMEN ABUSE



**Alter Nkosi and Mumsy Ndlovu
from the Provincial Office**



Sizakele Shongwe



Ikan Zulu the poet

**Sizakele Shongwe, Director:
Gender from National Department of
Social Development**



[*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.

[**www.sassa.gov.za • 0800 60 10 11**]



International Youth Day Seminar, 29 August 2011

The 12th of August is annually marked as International Youth Day. The Department of Social Development in collaboration with private sector organisations and agencies observed and celebrated this day in a one day seminar targeting youth from all sectors on Monday, 29 August 2011. These included amongst others; out of school youth and youth in projects.

The theme for the seminar was “Economic freedom in our lifetime”.

In his speech, Director: Youth Development in the Provincial Office, Mr Kanego Thete said that the Department’s mandate is to deal with socio-economic development and deal with issues such as drugs and alcohol abuse. He added by saying that the prime aim for this Seminar was to disseminate information based on the theme for the day.

Some of the organisations and private sector organisations that were present are; Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), SASOL, NDA, ESKOM and SANACO. They all worked together to share ideas on opportunities for young women and men and answered their legitimate demands for dignity, development and decent work.





MHALA VEP CENTRE CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY

The Chairperson of Mhala Victim Empowerment Centre (VEP) who is also Councillor at Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Cllr Lindiwe Sithole led her troops from the VEP and various Departments such as our twin sister the Department of Health; SAPS (Mhala) in partnership with the Department of Social Department to celebrate Women's Day at Gottenburg which is a CRDP area in Bushbuckridge, Ward 34. The celebration took place on 30 August 2011.

It was encouraging was to see all the VEP Centres of Bushbuckridge under one roof.

Presentations made at the event focused on issues of Rape, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Child Abuse and other related challenges of life that are affecting Women in totality.

Social Workers assured the community of Gottenburg that the office will always be open and ready to meet their social challenges. All presenters closed their presentations with the words "Wathinta'bafazi, wathintha'imbokodo".





Women's day celebration in collaboration with the Department of Culture, Sports and Recreation.

This year's women's celebration was under the theme *"working together to enhance women's opportunities and the economic empowerment for women"*. An event to celebrate this day took place on 9 August 2011 at Mandla Magudulela Stadium in Thandukukhanya Township in Piet Retief. Together in the spirit of integration, the Mpumalanga Government did it. The Department of Social Development provided five households with furniture for houses they had received from the Department of Human Settlements.



Social Workers assisting Communities in Piet Retief.



Department
of Social Development

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct/Nov/Dec
2011



OCTOBER

01 October

International Day for Older Persons
VENUE/PLACE: Ehlanzeni
SCALE (PROVINCIAL/DISTRICTS)
District

18 October

International Day for the Eradication
of Poverty
VENUE/PLACE: Ludlow, Bushbuck
ridge
SCALE (PROVINCIAL)
Provincial

25 October

Official opening of Bethal Offices
VENUE/PLACE: Bethal
SCALE (DISTRICT)
District

21-23 October

Minister's Visit
VENUE/PLACE: Matsulu & Man
gweni
SCALE (PROVINCIAL)
Provincial

31 October- 02 November

Taking DSD to Communities
VENUE/PLACE: Tjakastad
SCALE (DISTRICT)
District

25 Nov - 10 Dec

16 Days of Activism on No Violence
Against Women and Children
VENUE/PLACE: Gert Sibande
SCALE (PROVINCIAL/DISTRICTS)
Provincial

03 December

International Day of Disabled
Persons
VENUE/PLACE: TBC
SCALE (PROVINCIAL/DISTRICTS)
District

DECEMBER

01 December

World AIDS Day
VENUE/PLACE: TBC
SCALE (PROVINCIAL/DISTRICTS)
Provincial (Health)

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.

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