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EDITOR'S NOTE



A very warm and excitingly welcome to The Bulletin. I believe it is safe to say a lot has transpired since our last published edition of this newsletter. This edition is set out to bring our readers' attention to the positive contributions that the department has made in our communities. Much as they say a man should always refrain from tooting their own horn, I must say though, it feels comforting to know that we still belong to a team that continues to keep the esteem of an extensively self-reliant and caring society.

Although it is been just over two months since the President and his cabinet ended the National State of Disaster, it is safe to say that the grappling effects felt across our economic borders have had a lot of us in the working-class bracket struggling to stay afloat with the price of commodities at the highest peak.

Be that as it may, the change in our economic climate for the past couple of years has forced a lot of young people to go back to the drawing board. Whether you are out of work looking to be employed or have been lucky enough to be part of the corporate world, many of us have found it increasingly hard to meet our day-to-day basic needs.

Times are tough and the bar has indeed been raised. Having our backs against a financial wall has forced a lot of young people into exploring different skills and talents to join the new trend around the block, the "side hustle" movement. Although the plight of what the class of 1976 was fighting for is completely different from what our millennials are up against, it still requires the same amount of zeal, tenacity and bravery to counter a lot of the socio-economic and political challenges young people are battling today.

Not all is lost. I believe the millennials and zoomers of this generation have it in them to make a progressive contribution to the economy with the little steps taken in their respective corners. Each of us have the implicit responsibility of making use of our varying God-given talents.

With the list of insurmountable challenges our youth faces today, ranging from lack of ethical and knowledgeable leadership to unemployment and inaccessibility to opportunities, it safe to say that indeed the ball lies in our courts. It is the small contribution we make in our immediate families and communities that will induce the change we all want for our country.

With that in mind, did you know that as large as a total of 7,9 million young people are out of work around the globe? With this crisis in our hands, it is only fair to outline that most departmental programmes do go out of their way to make various youth programmes accessible to most young people at the very root of our communities. It is only reasonable that we admit that not all of us can look to be saved by our government. The culture of "side hustles" has become the new kid on the block. This is one phenomenon many of us may need to start exploring in an effort to close the gap of inequality and ultimately working towards economic freedom.

The effects of Covid-19 are still being felt across many households to date. A side-hustle is identified as additional work which one is more passionate about than their full-time day job and this work adds a supplement to their primary income.

Although necessary observations must be made to ensure one does not obscure their primary employment contract when carrying out these "side-hustle" duties, these have become one of the most exciting and lucrative ways in which many young people may grow their respective talents, skills and financial horizons. Some of these "hustles" include growing in future industries such as, freelances, creative writing, copy editing, transcription work, digital, drone, green economy, urban farming, global business service and many more. Young people should never lose hope.

I pause here. Have a wonderful read.

FROM MEC'S DESK



Dear readers, we are meeting once again over this publication, The Bulletin that comes to you on a quarterly basis. It is heart-wrenching that we present this publication against the backdrop of many incidents of gender based violence that involve the most vulnerable group of people in our society, the children, women and people with disabilities. Despite the constitutional rights at our disposal, children remain vulnerable and are often exposed to many forms of abuse such as violence, assault and rape, corporal punishment.

The recent crime statistics showed that child murders went up by 37% at the time when our country commemorated Child Protection Week. The number of sexual offences reported to the police increased by 13.7% to 10 818 during the first three months of this year.

Gruesome killings, rape and abduction of children have been making headlines in the media. In some of these media reports, family members, neighbours and old men are being implicated. This shows a broken moral fibre of our society. Government alone cannot eradicate the scourge of child abuse as it often occurs in homes. It is the duty of everyone to report those who hurt, exploit and abuse children so that they can be arrested and

convicted. We call on all our communities to work with police, prosecutors and courts to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book.

We are working towards the implementation of a Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy to promote childcare and empowerment of families. This strategy will enable the Department of Social Development to work in collaboration with other government departments including civil society organisations and other stakeholders to ensure commitment in the prevention of child abuse, maltreatment, neglect, child exploitation and domestic violence.

As we implement our programmes to eradicate child abuse, we appeal to women to play their role in protecting children at all costs. Women should not allow the socio-economic challenges to force them to compromise the rights of their children.

Some women do choose not to report an abuser who rapes their stepdaughter or girl child because the abuser is the only bread winner at home. In some families, blessers do entice parents by buying them groceries or giving them money to have access to their young girls.

In the name of culture some children are being abducted and forced into harmful marriage such as 'Ukuthwalwa' or 'shubediswa' (that is child marriage). This is a serious violation of a child's rights and perpetrators should be reported to law enforcement agencies. It is illegal for any person under the age of 16 to consent or be involved in any sexual act. This should be prosecuted as statutory rape.

Let me share some few tips on how to protect our children: know where our children are at all times, know their friends and be clear with them about the places and homes they may visit, be extra vigilant over the safety and whereabouts of children, guard against harmful content that children consume from internet and social media. The list is endless.

It is in our hands to stop the cycle of neglect, abuse, violence and exploitation of children.

Till we meet again over this publication. Have a nice read.

On the cover: National Council of Provinces Chairperson Sylvia Lucas, MEC Boitumelo Moiloa and Deputy Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature Viola Motsumi at a Women's Charter for Accelerated Development feedback session.

BAKING HOBBY TURNS INTO A ROARING BUSINESS

By Obusitswe Keboneilwe



Orica Metswamere pictured here baking some cakes

Her cakes and biscuits are the most sought after in Kgetleng Rivier and beyond but she cannot stomach eating one. What started as a hobby is now turning into lucrative business with prospects to go provincial.

Orica Metswamere is one of many women who the department has identified as a change agent and provided her with material support. There are many success stories, while others are gaining pace to establish their businesses from the ruins of devastating Covid-19 effects.

Sitting down with Metswamere one picks great dosages of passion, commitment, drive and unbridled ambition. She is also well-spoken and a people's person. Taking THE BULLETIN through her journey, Metswamere says her confectionery business started as just a hobby around 2011. she said she was inspired by her mother, who used to work at a bakery. Baking was part of their lives and never let it fall within the cracks.

With compliments coming thick and fast, she decided to turn her passion into a professional business in 2017. "I used to cater for clientele in both Koster and Tlhabane," Metswamere who everybody calls 'Baba.' In 2019 she decided to move full time to Koster but it was very challenging for her to penetrate the market.

The residents in the township used to get their baking products from town. This has never deterred her to stick to what she knows best - baking." When the community warmed up to the business, Covid-19 struck with all its hard regulations. I had to repay close to R25 000 for the bookings I had received for my clients especially during the festive season.

She added: "Words fail me when I remember the day that the Department of Social Development resuscitated my business. The department bought a state of the art oven for me, including cake mixer and scale", continues Metswamere who uses her intuition to get her recipes to the desired quality. Since she got the machinery from the department, her financial situation has improved for the better. She can now cater for the needs and educational developments of her children and their lifestyle. "My child is also taking interest in the business, which makes her appreciate my sacrifices and value of the business," she remarked.

Metswamere says she intends to grow her business but she does not want to cut corners. "It will not wake up tomorrow and have all my dreams realised", she says, "I know it will take time but I believe one day I will own a bakery in Reagile township. I will expand my goodies from biscuit and cakes, to include loaves and other types of bread for the community.

Her clientele is not only around Kgetleng but goes as far as Pretoria, with her home-style baking giving me an edge. Her pie pastry is firm favourite among schools in Reagile and Koster. The pie is mostly mince with vegetables with shredded chicken breast fillets being an alternative.

"I am very strict on pricing to enable the business to make profit. "I will not chase profit over quality though because in the long run that could spell disaster". I do proper costing and make sure that the books balance."

Community members and her family do word of mouth marketing for her business. Early in the morning, round about 4:00 she wakes up to prepare pies for the local schools. Her advice on aspiring business people is that they must believe in themselves and support one another by buying from each other.

"There are still challenges, which I hope to overcome in running the business. I still rely on public transport to deliver. During rainy seasons it becomes very hectic.

The department is determined not to stop in changing the lives of our communities for the better. As the MEC Boitumelo Moilola said, the department will continue "to provide a basket of interventions in the form of equipment and stock to women owned entities and small businesses as part of the support to sustain their livelihoods.

NPO FUNDING CHANGES THE LIVES OF THE NEEDY

By James Moche

Maria Dintoe is a 25-year-old resident of Diretsane village outside Delareyville. She stays with her parents and child, and eight siblings. At some point only one member of her family was working - until she started volunteering at the Divine House community centre, a non-profit organisation based at Kopela village near Atamelang.

Divine House centre which receives funding from the Department of Social Development, specializes in providing care and support to vulnerable children, assist foster parents in developing parental skills, educate communities about prevention of HIV/AIDS and coping mechanisms for those who are already affected with day to day life.

The NPO was registered in 2012. The other services provided by the centre are care and support to vulnerable children. It assists foster parents in developing parental skills, educate communities about the prevention of HIV/AIDS and coping skills for those who are already affected. The project focuses 100% on destitute households.

The centre also provides other services like the provision of nutritious food to two hundred profiled beneficiaries, job creation, psycho social support services, child care, after school, elderly, and spiritual support programmes.



Some workers at Divine House centre working on the vegetable garden.

Through the department's financing of the centre, Dintoe as a volunteer, earns a stipend at the centre. Dintoe says the stipend makes a significant difference in her life. She says it helps her buy grocery and pay schools fees for her siblings – before she received a stipend, she volunteers without an incentive for two years. Dintoe is not the only beneficiary.

Barnard Setlhabi 44, is also a volunteer general worker at the centre receiving a stipend. Setlhabi also says the money he receives help his family to put food on the table and other needs.

"I would not have done these things because I was unemployed before I started volunteering," says Setlhabi.

Kebarileng Mafulako (40), and EPWP worker, benefits differently. She is part of about two-hundred villagers from Kopela and neighbouring villages who receive a meal daily from the nutrition centre. "Many people would be struggling with hunger if it was not because of this programme, says Mafulako.

The entity has created a number of opportunities for the locals. It has twenty volunteers. They include six people under their nutrition programme and six under an extended public works programme. The twelve receive a stipend while eight others volunteer without a stipend.

According to the centre's Project Manager, Siphon Mazibuko, who is also its treasurer, they were given the right to disburse fund because of their impressive compliance status. The centre has also established a bakery and brick making cooperatives.

The Expanded Public Works Programme conditional grant within the social sector is being implemented through recruitment of participants in the form of volunteers from NPOs which have partnered with the department of social development to provide services to their respective communities.

FORMER DRUG ADDICT TURNS HIS LIFE AROUND

Drug addiction is a serious challenge that most users battle to beat and lead a drug-free life. Fezile Mtshatsheni (26), from Huhudi near Vryburg, is one of the young people who battled with drug addiction for many years before he received help from the department of social development's "Ke moja" (I am fine without drugs) campaign. He started using drugs when he was in Grade 9 and continued with them through to the university. He dropped out of the university in his first year because the drugs were now controlling him and he could not cope without them.

Former drug addict Fezile Mtshatsheni and his mother Mtshatsheni narrated his story to The Bulletin: "I started experimenting with alcohol because I wanted to fit in with my peers, but then my addiction grew bigger and bigger and I then moved from alcohol to crystal meth and cocaine. That's when I realised that I am now hooked and it was difficult to quit." Said Mtshatsheni. Because cocaine and crystal meth are expensive drugs and I could not afford them, I decided to move to nyaope and that's when I started to harass and be a problem child in my family. As if harassing my family was not enough, I started doing shoplifting and robbing other people so that I could feed my addiction."

"Before the department of social development came to my rescue, I attended rehabilitation centres for a duration of 21 days during matric and first year but I relapsed on both changes. That is when I decided to ask my family for help as I realised that I could not do it on my own. My grandmother, the woman who raised me and my pillar of strength, came to my rescue and contacted the social workers for help."

"The department did not waste any time and they referred me to Freedom Recovery Centre with the help of a social worker. I have never looked back since that day, and I have been clean for a year now. I will forever be grateful to social development for saving my life and that of my family. I also urge other young people to seek help and stay away from drugs because



Former drug addict Fezile Mtshatsheni and his mother

they have no future. People must know that government cares and that they are there to assist and listen to you in your time of need."

After going through intense rehabilitation process, Mtshatsheni managed to turn his life around and has recently got a job in Kuruman.

Treatment to substance abuse is provided to both inpatient and outpatients users in various centres. The centres have aftercare programmes that equip users with skills to maintain their treatment gains, sobriety and how to avoid relapses.

In her recent budget speech MEC for Social Development Boitumelo Moiloa said one thousand two hundred and eighty (1 280) service users accessed treatment services at JB Marks Treatment centre. Moiloa said they have also reached six five thousand nine hundred and forty two (65 942) people through substance abuse prevention programmes across the province.

"We have budgeted R4,2 million to fund eight (8) organisations that provide aftercare and prevention services in our communities for all districts. The department also registered six (6) community and private organisations that also deal with the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse.

MORE THAN TWELVE DECADES AND NOT OUT

By Obusitswe Keboneilwe

When South African (Anglo-Boer) war was fought, she was a toddler. By the time the Union of South Africa was declared, she was a teenager. Had South Africa allowed Africans and women to vote back then, she would have cast her first vote when the current governing party was just a few months old. MEC Boitumelo Moiloa and Matlosana Executive Mayor James Tsolela flank Granny Johanna Mazibuko during her 128 birthday in Jouberton, Matlosana

When an invitation from the mayor of Matlosana local municipality landed on the desk of the MEC, it was met with excitement and disbelief. Disbelief that there is someone who could still be alive at the age of 128. That her memory is still strong and sharp added a pleasant surprise when a centenarian, was honoured in Jouberton, Klerksdorp.

Replying on her special day, Mme Johanna Mazibuko, the granny of the moment whose birth date reads 11 May 1894, dismissed any thought of a secret to her longevity. "There is no tip I can give you to live for such a long time, because even myself I do not know how I reached this age", says Mazibuko in a voice that belies her age. "Sometimes I wish the Lord would call me because all my friends of my age have long past on. It hurts when I am informed of the passing of people, wondering why it is not me. Mazibuko displayed her strong memory by singing "Ha le mpotsa tsepo eaka" word by word to the amazement of all her well-wishers.

One of her surviving children, Moloantsoa Mazibuko in his 80s says his mother was a hard worker and very strict. "Our childhood was not different to many in the height of oppressive Apartheid. We joined our mother as cheap labourers in Geduld farms near Tigane. "Our staple diet was pap and milk, nothing fancy", recalls the widowed father of two. "We enjoyed happy moments under the circumstances with our mother who never holds grudges.

"To live longer we must not abuse drugs and substances", MEC Boitumelo Moiloa said as well-wishes were conveyed to the Nkoko Mazibuko. "We must be proud to have people like Nkoko Mazibuko in our midst. It is a blessing for our township, province and our country. We wish her s



MEC Boitumelo Moiloa and Matlosana Executive Mayor James Tsolela flank Granny Johanna Mazibuko during her 128 birthday in Jouberton, Matlosana



trength and health to add to her years so that she can set the world record. Moiloa said North West is a home for many centenarians that deserve to be honoured.

Matlosana local municipality mayor, James Tsolela called Jouberton township as a township of its own. "Today we have arguably the world's oldest person - something we must push to have recorded in Genius Book of Records. No other area can boast of such a gift, not forgetting we once had twins whose heads were conjoined. This day is an important day for Matlosana. Happy Birthday Mme Mazibuko, we are super proud of you", remarked Tsolela.

Prophet Jameson Madikong, who organised clergymen to honour the North West's oldest granny, said Mazibuko was a living testament of 'honour thy father and mother.' Father and mother phrase, Madikong said, do not restrict anyone to the biological parents only. "Every person who is older is your parent. Parents likewise must show their children respect because it is a two-way street," he remarked. He said they are still on a mission to find people who have lived for many years in the North West and honour them for the role they have played in the society.

MEC MOILOA OUTLINES HER DEPARTMENT'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEW SERVICE DELIVERY FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

Migration of ECD to Education

The Department of Social Development will continue to provide the necessary support to the Department of Education following President Cyril Ramaphosa's pronouncement in his 2019 State of the Nation Address (SONA) that early childhood development should be moved to the department of education to improve the development of children and the quality of early education as enshrined in the National Development Plan -Vision 2030.

social development were transferred to the department of education. The Department of Social Development remained with other functions such as child protection, psycho-social services, access to social services and parental support programmes. Other remaining services are partial care facilities that relate to aftercare services, private hostels and respite care centres for children with disabilities.

Job creation

An amount of R19, 339 200 has been set aside for the creation of work opportunities which are in line with the EPWP ministerial determination.

Women empowerment

The department has provided a basket of interventions in the form of equipment and stock to women owned entities and small businesses as part of the support to sustain their livelihoods.

Youth development

The department has budgeted an amount of R8m to implement a National Youth Service (NYS) programme, targeting 1000 unemployed young people who have been profiled from the deprived wards and assessed to be change agents within their respective households.

Tackling gender based violence

The Department of Social Development will strengthen District Gender Based Violence Coordinating structures. Departmental plans are at an advanced stage to develop a comprehensive LGBTIQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer Plus) programme with the aim of preventing victimisation of LGBTIQI community and promoting tolerance and social cohesion.

The department has budgeted R15m to strengthen and fund 23 Non-Profit Organisations to enable them to continue to provide care and support to victims of GBV and crime. Furthermore the department has launched Orange Day initiative to eliminate all forms of violence by wearing an orange colour on the 25th of every month.

Capacity building of NPOs

The department will provide capacity building to 2 530 Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) in areas of good governance, compliance monitoring support, resource mobilisation and financial management. Most NPOs do not comply with the NPO Act and their non-compliance is a serious concern to the legitimacy and vibrancy of the NPO sector to partner with government and the private sector. The department will undertake 'Your NPO Status' campaigns to all districts to enhance their compliance to NPOs Act.

Social relief of distress programme

The Department of Social Development continues to provide social relief of distress in the form of food parcels, sanitary towels and school uniform to households that experience hunger and undue hardships. The target for this year, is to provide food parcels to 16 000 households across the province. A total of 5 500 vulnerable women including teenage girls will receive dignity pack on a monthly basis.

Solidifying services for older persons

The department has thrown its weight behind the Premier's flagship project on the establishment of a new old age home in Matlosana Local Municipality. The project, which is at the planning stage is in honour of the late Archbishop Desmond Emerald Tutu. The department will continue to collaborate with the Office of the Premier, Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality and other stakeholders to ensure that this directive is realised.

In the year under review, over 1 982 older persons have enjoyed the residential care services across the province. This impressive figure is despite some hurdles, experienced in Greater Taung old age home, which delayed the official opening following some structural defects and heavy storms that damaged its roof twice in November 2021.

The repairs have been done on the state-run facility, which is at 95% practical completion. The facility has finalised the recruitment process of the key nursing staff and the department is now working towards operationalising this facility in the current financial year. As it is with all funded residential care facilities, the department will ensure that they comply with the norms and standards as stipulated in the Older Person's Act 13 of 2006.

Substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation services

In 2021/22 financial year service users accessed treatment services at JB Marks Treatment centre. The Department has also reached 65 942 people through substance abuse prevention programmes across the province.

The department will intensify its collaboration with all other stakeholders and funded NPOs in the implementation of the Drug Master Plan that responds to the scourge of substance abuse through programmes on prevention, support, treatment and aftercare. An amount of R4,2m has been set aside to fund eight organisations to provide aftercare and prevention services in the communities. The department also registered six community and private organisations that also deal with the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse.

In the current financial year, the department will facilitate the establishment and resuscitation of Local Drug Action Committees in collaboration with local municipalities. Furthermore, the department will intensify substance abuse prevention programmes at TVET colleges in order to curb the risk and increase in substance abuse disorder among the students.

NDA and SASSA plans for 2022/23 financial year

National Development Agency (NDA) North West has been allocated R2m to implement its primary mandate of contributing towards the eradication of poverty and its causes by granting funds to civil society organisations and this will see the creation of three hundred (300) work opportunities in the current financial year.

SASSA will contribute to poverty reduction by continuing to provide social assistance to older persons, people with disabilities, children and people facing undue hardships. With regard to access to Covid-19 SRD grant, an additional

qualifying and assessment criteria has been added in the new applications and those in need of assistance will have to reapply for this grant even if they were previously in receipt of the grant.

The entire application system remains a purely digital process, thereby enabling quick access and turnaround times. Applicants should browse through SASSA website to apply for the grant.

Departmental budget per programme

| Programme | Budget Allocation |
|------------------------------------|---|
| | R' 000 |
| 1. Administration | 227,079 Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Million and Seventy Nine Thousand |
| 2. Social Welfare Services | 587, 476 Five Hundred and Eighty Seven Million, Four Hundred and Seventy Six Thousand |
| 3. Children and Families | 345, 313 Three Hundred and Forty Five Million, Three Hundred and Thirteen Thousand |
| 4. Restorative Services | 303, 840 Three Hundred and Three Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand |
| 5. Development and Research | 190, 684 One Hundred and Ninety Million, Six Hundred and Eighty Four Thousand |
| Total Budget | 1 654, 392 One Billion, Six Hundred and Fifty Four Million, Three Hundred and Ninety Two Thousand |



SOCIAL MEDIA: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

By Lerato Digoamaje

We have entered a new age with the Fifth Industrial Revolution (5IR) upon us. It has become clear that social media is a phenomenon that revolutionized human interaction and businesses alike - whether it be for social engagement, introducing a new product, selling an idea or service, the familiar platforms seem to be the go-to for the Gen Z's, millennials, and all other generations.

The impact has grown obvious at every turn you take. It is now a norm to see a co-worker with their head always bowed onto the screen of their mobile phones. It appears that the different social media platforms that people prefer might not be as obvious as it seems. Different generations, socio-economic classes and cultural groups prefer different platforms based on the accessibility, affordability and motivation behind the use of that particular platform.

Facebook and Twitter are the old favourites. Instagram seems to be the most preferred by those with high-end smart mobile phones whose main interest is interacting with the world via audio visuals and inspiring imagery. TikTok, the new kid in town, appears to be taking the world by storm. According to Ryan Coogan (writer of *The Independent*), TikTok had the highest monthly user growth at a staggering 756 million users at the end of 2020 to 1.2 billion users by the end of 2021.

The question now on everyone's mind is what is the real impact of these new age applications on family structures, socialization, businesses and the manner in which we interact with each other. Are we able to communicate as we used to, with our peers and family members? Is the use of social media a distraction or as some might see, an escape for the restless minds?

Though it does impact the quality of real-time conversation, it is evident that social media has become a platform where young talent is being developed, and moulded. It makes it easier for young people to have access to the world at large. It is no secret that some of the recent breakthroughs of artists and professionals alike were achieved through the influence of social media.

There is a world of opportunities for those looking to jump start their corporate careers - small to medium businesses or grow their existing careers in varying directions. LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, The Dots, Pinterest, Jobster, Reddit and Upwork are some of the more progressive and prevalent social media applications that youth can look into, when seeking to build corporate and business profiles.

In a time where youth unemployment has reached an all time high record of 63,9% for those aged 15 to 24 years and 42,1% for those aged 25 to 34 years, while the current official national rate stands at 34,5%, these platforms have become the go-to for inexpensive marketing and client interactions for small businesses



Lorato Digoamaje, a Communicator at Bojanala district office

and an option in growing and managing one's corporate reputation in the comfort of your office space or home.

Older generations are still accustoming themselves to this fast-paced world where most of them grapple with some of the negative effects these apps have on the younger generation. Most elderly people worry about the defects of this digital world, especially when it takes away from the family experience. However, to some families, it has become the remedy for a dull home. The net is rife with influencers whose brand is based on family, relationships, and mothers. It was always clear that the net is the beacon of all information, where people relay information that they have learned through a more interactive form.

Although social media is the new fast paced kid in town, this world comes with a hefty price of disadvantages. Through the constant sharing of information, people's privacy is constantly at the risk of impersonations, theft and stalking. Moreover, children are the vulnerable groups most likely to fall victim to recently growing child sex trafficking domains or have their productivity and development drastically reduced as social media is addictive. Cyberbullying has also gained prevalence, where perpetrators now have easier access to traumatizing their victims.

Remedial actions for these loopholes lie in the introduction of controlled online parenting. This is where parents and/or guardians must learn to navigate, control and minimize their children's activity in these spaces. Monitoring software such as Kidlogger, Kaspersky Safe Kids and Open DNS Family Shield have proven effective in allowing parents to guard their children's activities on social media. 5IR and social media alike are worlds families that communities at large must accustom themselves to, while guarding against being swayed to lose focus, leaving any negative footprint on the net or irrelevant information overload.

TEMOTHUO E NAMOLA BAAGI TLALA

Ka Winnie Mampo

Temothuo ke mokokotlo wa ikonomi mo nageneng ya Afrika Borwa. Ntle le pelaelo temothuo jaaka mofama o mogolo mo dikunong tsa naga, e fokosa bothhoka tiro le lehuma gape e kgontsha bontsi jwa batho go baya sengwe mo ntshung. le Se se netefaditswe ke Kagiso Dirapelo (45), motlhami le motsamaiisi wa porojeke ya Lorato Esculate and Projects Primary Limited.

Morago ga gore a dire mo mofameng wa boijeneri mo ditheong tse di farologaneng go fitlha kwa dinageng tsa Aforika, Dirapelo o ne a bona go tshwanela go boela mono gae go tswaledisa tsa morero ya temothuo ka go simolola porojeke ya go lema dijalo. Bogolosegolo, maikaelelo a ga Dirapelo, ene e le go fedisa bothhoka tiro le go ruta thaka e tshesane go iphedisa ka temothuo.

“Mo dingwageng tse some-a-mabedi (20) tseo ke dirileng jaaka Moijeneri ka tsona, ke ile ka lemoga fa ke tla nna thari go fitlhelela maikaelelo ame. Se, se ne sa nthotloetsa go boela gae go simolola setheo sa temothuo sa Lorato and Projects Primary Co-operative Limited,” Dirapelo a re jalo. Dingwe tsa dikuno tsa porojeke ya Lorato Esculate. Fa godimo fa, badiri ba bonwa ba phepafatsa lefelo la dijalo. Porojeke ya Lorato Esculate and Projects Primary Co-operative Limited, e simolotse ka ngwaga wa 2008 ko motseng wa Moletsamongwe ko ntlenyana ga toropo ya Mahikeng. Porojeke eno, e simolotse ke maloko a le maratara (6) bao ba tswelletseng go dira ka natla mo mererong ya tsa temothuo e leng go dira ka leruo la dikoko, mae a dikoko le temo ya merogo. Morago ga dingwaga dile lesome (10), porojeke eno e ne ya ikwadisa go dira jaaka kgwego-tshwaraganelo.

Ka ngwaga wa 2021 kgwedi e le ya Tlhakole, Lorato Esculate and Projects Primary Co-operative Limited, e ne ya tsenya kopo ya matlole kwa setheong sa National Development Agency (NDA). Morago ga gore NDA e atthaatlhe kopo ya matlole le go lebelela boleng jwa tiro ya porojeke eno, ya ba abela madi a kana ka R282, 855.98 ka ngwaga wa 2022. Ka ledi leno porojeke e ne ya kgona go reka didiriswa tseo di farologaneng jaaka terekere, megoma le terata go kamepelela setsha.

Ke ikutlwa ke le motlotlo thaata ka dithuso tsa madi a re a reboletsweng ke National Development Agency, ka ntlha ya fa re kgonne go dira tseo re



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neng re batla go di fitlhelela. Gompiano jaana dikoko tsa rona di bolokese gileng, gape re kgonne go jala dikete tse masome-a-marataro (6000) tsa dicabbage', ga tlhalosa Dirapelo ka boitumelo.

Gompiano, Porojeke eno e tswelletswe go tsharolola diphuka ka go rekisetsa mabentlele a magolo a a farologaneng le barekisi ba mo mebileng merogo, mae le dikoko.

“Re dirisana thata le mabentlele a farologaneng le barekisi ba ba mo mebileng mo toropong ya Mahikeng, re ba rebolela diungwela gotswa kwa porojekeng ya rona. Ka ledinyana leo re le bonang go tswa mo thekisong eno, re kgona go tswaledisa porojeke ya rona pele le go tlamela malapa a rona', ga tlhalosa Dirapelo.

Dirapelo a re fa ba sa bone kamogelo epe go mo porojekeng ya bone, ga ba lape pelo kantlha ya fa ba batla go bona porojeke ya bone e gola go feta le go tsaya karolo mo di mmarakeng.

R15 MILLION SET ASIDE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

By Ofentse Letlape and Obusitswe Keboneilwe



MEC Boitumelo Moiloa, Ngaka Modiri Molema Executive Mayor Khumalo Molefe and Okgopotse Tiro principal Teach Kgonothi, SAPS and school governing body representatives present sanitary towels to learners at the launch of child protection week held at Onkgopotse Tiro comprehensive school.

The department of Social Development in the North West has set aside more than R5-million to implement measures to prevent violations of children's rights. This was revealed by MEC, Boitumelo Moiloa, during her keynote address at the provincial launch of child protection week, at the Onkgopotse Tiro Comprehensive Secondary School in Klippan.

Moiloa said the campaign will educate parents on the subject of abuse of children. "We'll make certain that the majority of the children, including the boys, are included. We want all of our stakeholders to feel like they're a part of us, so that the budget set aside is used effectively.

"The challenge we face now is that some parents get comfortable when a person gives them groceries whereas they are using the girl child. There are parents that don't even understand that what they're doing is wrong. They don't know that they could actually go to jail. So they need to be educated about such," Moiloa said, that most women choose not to report an abuser who rapes their stepdaughter because the abuser is the only bread winner at home.

In the current financial year, Moiloa said her department will develop and implement a Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy to promote childcare and empowerment of families. This strategy will enable the Department of Social Development to work in collaboration with other

government departments including civil society organisations and other stakeholders to ensure commitment in the prevention of child abuse, maltreatment, neglect, child exploitation and domestic violence.

Ngaka Modiri Molema Mayor, Khumalo Molefe believes children need to be empowered. "We can overcome not only by protecting a child but by empowering a child and educating a child. The child must know his or her rights and be able to exercise them," said Molefe. Noxolo Bosilong, a 23-year-old who gave birth at the age of 16, counselled young females to avoid getting pregnant.

"I would advise young females to concentrate on their education rather than becoming pregnant. I became a mother at the age of 16 and had to drop out of school to care for my child. My 6-year-old son now has no idea who his father is. Girls who are pregnant unintentionally should not lose upon their aspirations as a result of their pregnancy. They must return to school after giving birth and finish their degrees in order to obtain work and nurture their children properly," Bosilong said.

The week is observed every year to increase awareness of children's rights as outlined in the constitution and the Children's Act.

THUSO GO BAAGI BA KWA DEELPAN

By Freddy Tikane

Baagi ba motse wa Deelpan kwa Tswaing ga ba kitla ba lebala seabe sa puso mo koduong e e kileng ya ba wela ba sa solofela mo tshimologong ya ngwaga wa 2022. Pula e e neng e na e sa kgaotse ya emisa ditirelo tsotlhe tse di botlhokwa di akaretsa, tsa pholo, dikolo, dikereke, diphitlho, dituelo tsa madi a dikotlo le dithuso tsa sepodisa jalojalo letsona tsa ema tsi!

Se ele kantlha ya merwalela e e padimotseng motse ono moo metsi a neng a elela a kgaotse go ralala dikarolo tsa motse di akaretsa Makweteng, Mzansi Merakeng le dikarolo tsa dingwe tse dintsha tsa motse. Mebila e ne e sa tsamaege. Mabitla a ribegela. Megobe ya tlaala metsi ya ba ya penologa. Kgelelo leswe ya kgoberega.

Jaaka gale, Lefapha la Tlhabololo Loago le le eteletsweng pele ke Mokhuduthamaga Boitumelo Moiloa ka tshwaragano le batsaya-karolo ba akaretsa segosi, setheo sa SASSA, le masepala wa selegae wa Tswaing ba tsibogile ka bonako go thusa malapa a le somearobedi-robongwe le bana ba le lekgolo le borobongwe ba ba neng ba gaeletswe ka go ba batlela mafelo bonno a nakwana a akaretsa kereke ya selegae le ntlo lehalahala ya motse. Teng koo, badiredi loago ba ne ba ntse ba tlamela bafalodi bano ka dijo, dikobo le dilwana tse di tlhapang fa ba santse ba emetse gore maemo a boele sekeng. Lefapha le setse le dirisitse madi a kana ka R886, 448.28 go thusa baagi.

Mokhuduthamaga Moiloa, a re fa e sale koduo eno e wetse baagi, badiredi loago ba ntse ba tswetsetse go rebolela baagi ditirelo di akaretsa tshidilo ya maikutlo le go netefatsa ba dira gammogo le batsaya-karolo ba bangwe go thusa baagi ba motse wa Deelpan le metse e e mabapi.

Mongwe wa baagi, Monicah Marumo yo o phologileng merwalela wa metsi, a re o leboga puso thata ka go ba tlhaga thuso ka bonako. A re lefa ntlo ya gagwe e santse e le bongola, maemo a gaufi e go boela sekeng. "Fa e puso e ka bo e ne e sa re thusa, ruri re ka bo re latlhegetswe ke matshelo a rona gammogo le bana ba rona." Marumo a re gangwe e gape lefapha la tlhabololo ya loago le ne le ba abela dijo tse dintsi mme bona ba di apaya le go di arogana fa ba ntse ba nna nakwana kwa mo ditheong tse di mo motseng.



Mokhuduthamaga Boitumelo Moiloa o bonala fa, le baagi ba Deelpan ba lekola tshenyo e tlhodilweng ke merwalela. Fa godimo fa, ke nngwe ya matloa a a mo gare ga metsi



Fa e sale merwalelo e padimola motse wa Deelpan, Tonakgolo ya Bokone Bophirima Bushy Kaobitsa Maape, bakhuduthamaga ba mafapha a a farologaneng go akaretsa le batlatsa-tona ba gotswa kwa pusong ya bosetshaba ba ntse ba etela baagi go lekola seemo sa bona le go itlhaganedisa ditirelo kwa go bona.

Ga jaana, puso e ntse e buisana le baagi go ba fudusetsa kwa lefelong le lengwe go tla merwalo mo isagong.

Motse wa Deelpan ke o mongwe wa metse e e fudusitsweng ka dikgoka mo dingwageng tsa tlhaolele ke mebuso ya bokoloniale le kgatelelo go tswa kwa motseng o o neng o itsege ka Ga-Maloka mme ba pharwa mo Deelpan.

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