

BROUGHT TO YOU BY MULTI-AWARD WINNING DEPARTMENT



LIMPOPO
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

COGHSTA

ONLINE NEWS

OFFICIAL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

MEC NDOU LOOKS BACK ON HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE



COGHSTA
LIMPOPO
BRINGS YOU

COGHSTA
LIMPOPO
BRINGS YOU



Consumer Call Centre toll free number : 0800 687 432 / Disaster Management toll free number: 0800 222 111

Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements

Media is allowed to use published stories from this Newsflash at no cost.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

AS THE DEPARTMENT WE PRIDE OURSELVES FOR HAVING BEEN ABLE TO FULFIL OUR CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OF BUILDING AND HANDING OVER HOUSES TO NEEDY FAMILIES

Once again it is my pleasure to welcome you to this edition of the first quarter of 2018/19 Financial Year. Words cannot describe the feelings I have for the rave reviews we got from you our readers as a result of the previous editions of CoGHSTA NEWS, the official mouthpiece of our Department. Let me as well take this opportunity to thank the editorial team for the sterling work in putting this edition together.

This edition comes to you at the time when the people of South Africa are celebrating the lives and legacies of two gallant fighters of our struggle for liberation; Tata Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu. We take this time as the Department to join everyone in acknowledging the role they played in turning our country into

a beacon of hope for all the oppressed masses of our country.

The people of South Africa are celebrating the lives and legacies of two gallant fighters of our struggle for liberation, Tata Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu

As the department we pride ourselves for having been able to fulfil our constitutional mandate of building and handing over houses to needy families so that they too can enjoy the spoils of freedom. This we have managed to do working hand in glove with our stakeholders in the built environment, who dug deep into their reserves to assist us in getting the most needy of our people out of housing poverty. It is upon this backdrop that we call upon everyone to deploy their resources both human and capital to ensure that the backlog in housing delivery is eliminated once and for all.

As we kick start the 2018/19 Financial Year, the Department has through the Budget Vote speech made some



Mr MOTUPA SELOMO
Chief Information Officer

commitments to the people of Limpopo. We commit ourselves as the official mouthpiece of the department to keep you our valued readers updated as the department, implement all programmes that are aimed at ending housing poverty and bringing stability in our traditional leadership.

We once again hope that in this edition you will find one piece that will touch and make you feel proud of being the resident of this beautiful province. As you read this, rest assured that the department is hard at work implementing all the issues raised in the previous editions.

Our readers are important cog in the wheel that keeps this newsletter moving. Like with the previous edition, we call upon you to engage us on how to improve because it is through engagement and especially constructive criticism that we can become a force to reckon with.

ENJOY YOUR READ.

CoGHSTA NEWS TEAM

Publisher:

CoGHSTA

Editor-in-Chief:

Motupa Selomo

Editor:

Tsakani Baloyi

Sub-Editor

Khatu Razwiedani

Journalists

Rirhandzu Nkombyani

Selei Makgaba

Mosima Mashao

Callies Matlala

Nkateko Chavalala

Photographers:

CoGHSTA News Team

Layout & Design

Clement Makwana

MEC NDOU LOOKS BACK ON HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE



Promised fulfilled: MEC Ndou is photographed with Cllr Xihlamariso Mavhikani from Collins Chabane Municipality (From left, wearing a shirt), the Mayor of Musina Local Municipality, Cllr Mihloti Muhlope (wearing a blue dress) and Khosi Tshikundamalema (wearing a black hat) and the Mireyo family. MEC Ndou visited the family last year in December during a sod turning of their house and promised them to visit them again once their house is complete. The visit was part of the celebration of the MEC's 100 days in office.

MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou handing over sanitary towels to Vinolia Muleya (a learner at Tshikundamalema Secondary School). The MEC is photographed with the Mayor of Musina Municipality, Cllr Mihloti Muhlope.



Rirhandzu Nkombyani

The Maramanzhe Village, Musina Municipality and Makwarela, Thulamela Municipality in the Vhembe District Village were a hive of service delivery activities on Wednesday, 31 January 2018. This is where the MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Jerry Ndou celebrated his first 100 days since he was deployed by Premier Mathabatha to head the Multi-Award Winning Department. During the Morning School Assembly, MEC Ndou handed over 830 sanitary towels, 10 pairs of socks and shoes to the needy learners at Tshikundamalema Secondary School at Maramanzhe. Addressing the learners, Ndou encouraged them to never let where they come from to prevent achieving their dreams. He told the learners to never undermine the role played by

education in the society. "It is through education, that doors of prosperity can be opened", he said.

In the same vein, MEC Ndou handed over a house to a furnished brand new RDP house to the Miroye family. Khaukanani Mireyo is married with two kids. The family of four has been living in a dilapidated one roomed house for more than two decades. Khaukanani (41) is unemployed and they depend on food parcels from Social Development. When the MEC visited their home last year in December during a Public Participation event, he promised the family that the Department will build a home for them. The family was identified by the assistance of a CDW (Community Development Worker) and a Councilor. The family thanked MEC Ndou for coming to their rescue and urged to assist other families that find themselves in similar situations.

At ten hotel, Ndou hosted a Media Networking Session which was graced by Senior Traditional Leaders, Journalists and other guests. Subsequently, he had an interactive meeting with Community Development Workers (CDWs). The CDWs explained to the MEC the kind of challenges that they come across on a daily basis and makes the work they do difficult. These challenges include lack of tools of trade (laptops, phone and vehicles). Ndou said they will look at all these challenges and see how they can assist. He did mention that the Department is in the process of purchasing over 100 laptops that will be allocated to CDWs. The last activity for the day was the MEC being a guest on Capricorn FM Talk with Thabiso Kotane. Listeners of the show were afforded an opportunity to interact with the MEC.

COGHSTA CELEBRATES

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM OF NO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN



The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko, Cllr Marcus Makone, Kgoshi Shongoane and MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou and Ms Kedibone Monyeki (beneficiary)

Rirhandzu Nkombyani

The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) joined the people of the globe in celebrating the 16 days of Activism for no violence against Women and Children. The Campaign aims to oppose violence against Women and Children. It also aims to raise awareness of the negative impact that violence and abuse have on women and children and to rid society of abuse permanently. The Campaign is held from the 25th to 10th December every year. The Campaign is celebrated under the theme. 'Count me in, together moving a non-violent South Africa forward'.

CoGHSTA took the celebrations to Matladi Village in Lephalale Municipality, where the MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou and Mayor of Lephalale Municipality, Cllr Jack Maeko and other relevant stakeholders handed over a house to Ms Kedibone Monyeki (37). The house was handed over on Thursday, 30 November 2017.

Speaking during the event, MEC Ndou, called upon all South Africans to support this initiative and not to abuse women and children. He urged citizens especially men to be the protectors, providers and not the abusers. Ndou condemned violence against women and children. He said the he is aware that there are other people who find themselves in vulnerable situations



This is the house that was handed over to Monyeki as part of celebrating 16 days of activism for no violence against women and children.

like Monyeki and said CoGHSTA will not rest until their situations are changed for the better. Ndou calls upon all stakeholders to heed the call and assist government in providing houses to deserving beneficiaries. Monyeki was overwhelmed and thanked all the stakeholders who ensured that they have a proper house to live in. "Ke itumetse," she said.

COGHSTA MEC

MOTIVATES THE 2018 GRADE 12 CLASS



MEC for Coghsta Mr A.J.D Ndou motivating learners during the back to school campaign at Kopano Secondary School, Lebowakgomo, Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality.

The MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Jerry Ndou devoted his time to visit the underperforming and the performing schools across the province. Ndou along with the Executive and Local Mayors embarked on an endeavor of the Back to School Campaign to motivate the class of 2018. Addressing the learners, Ndou said: "Through hard work, discipline and dedication, anything is possible. You must never allow your background to define who you are. Government is there to offer support in all your curriculum programme".

The province has shown an impressive 2017 matric results improvement from 62.5% in 2016 to 65.6% in 2017. The target the Province has set to achieve in 2018 is 80%. The High Schools that were visited by the MEC include Tshivhase, Thengwe, Derek Kobe, Kopano, Kheodi and Rammila.



MEC Ndou also visited Tshivhase High School at Thulamela Municipality

According to Ndou, schools are at the coalface of basic service delivery. He congratulated them for the sterling work that they do and said the country has placed the future of the learners in their hands. The MEC also thanked the teachers, principals and

parents and all stakeholders who gave immense support to the learners during the 2017 academic year.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH A WONDER GIRL FROM MAHWELERENG

March 08 is celebrated globally as the International Women's Day. South Africa and Limpopo in particular celebrated this day at the Nirvana Hall in Polokwane, in an event presided by the MEC for Health, Phophi Ramathuba who was representing the premier.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. It has occurred for well over a century, with the first gathering supported by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland.

A stone throw away from Nirvana Hall, there is a disabled girl in Mahwelereng, in fact she refuses to be referred to as disabled, but rather differently able. Gomolemo Owethu Caroline Maitelsetsa, aged five years, lives with Mobius Syndrome, which is a paralysis of the face with Klap Feet. She cannot walk, can only crawl her way around the house with her mother in close proximity in case she needs assistance.

But what makes Gomolemo's a touching story. She is a genius whose intelligence is way above her age. In conversation with her mother, Caroline would always throw some few comments that would make one eat humble pie. She is an ardent consumer of news both television and radio, and this is evident by her grasp of the current socio political dynamics of not only South Africa, but SADC and the rest of Africa. One was left in awe when Gomolemo narrated the story of the ascension of President Cyril Ramaphosa to the highest office in the land.

This wonder girl, who had me weeping and overwhelmed with emotions knows the life and times of President Cyril Ramaphosa like she knows the palm of her hand. Her intelligence swept me over my feet. I dropped my lower jaw and my ears felt melodies when she told a story of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first woman president in Africa, and mentioning the current Zimbabwean President by his African name, Dambudzo. Oh what a girl she is.

Obviously at her age, Nkosi Johnson, a child AIDS activist had already passed on when she was born, but she knows everything that Nkosi Johnson was all about, even the mother who adopted him, Gail Johnson. This is a history told by a child, a history that most of the grown-ups have forgotten or don't even know. With resources permitting and proper education, she will grow up to be the brick that the builders of this country have been looking for.

Gomolemo attends a day care centre in Mahwelereng, but her IQ is way above her age and that of her peers. Her mother tells of a touching story of how her child had been discriminated against at the crèche because of her conditions. Gomolemo is currently undergoing medical treatment in a George Mukhari hospital, where doctors have detected in her signs of intelligence. They in fact say she is a genius.

She is proud of her physical appearance and says that that she cannot walk does not make her a lesser human being. In her own words she said "I have what you don't have, and you have what I don't have. I have Mobius Syndrome. I cannot



make facial expression. My smile comes from my heart".

She says she would be the happiest child in the world if her wish of meeting President Cyril Ramaphosa, Gale Johnson and Somizi Mhlongo could be realised, saying that she had always been praying day and night for President Cyril Ramaphosa to be the President. She said she sang for the President on his birthday.

As I folded my notebook and closed the door behind me, I could not help but wipe my wet and teary, but also highly fulfilled that indeed dynamites do come in small packages. One only wishes that her dream is fulfilled and believe me the president will leave the house highly motivated and inspired by one of the inspirational young women in the league of Masingita and the late Ontlametse, may her soul rest in peace.

Happy International Women's Day and let us take care of our girl child, irrespective of their physical conditions and may the President, as he appealed for "Thuma Mina", be sent to Mahwelereng to see this queen of hearts.

As part of celebrating the Human Rights Month and the International Women's Day, the Department of CoGHSTA, in partnership with SABC Foundation and Zohra Khan Developers donated a fully furnished house to the Maitelsetsa Family.



#WOMENS DAY

8TH PROVINCIAL ANNUAL TECHNICAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WORKSHOP – AN ICEBREAKER FOR HOME INSPECTORATE.



Delegates attending the Inspectorate Workshop that was held at Karibu Lodge in Tzaneen from the 1st –2nd March 2018.

Continuous implementation of new, improved ways of conducting home inspections and following the correct legislations. Ensuring that all the key role players are on board when conducting home inspections. These were some of the issues that were discussed during the 8th Provincial Annual Technical Human Settlements Workshop that was held at Karibu Lodge in Tzaneen from the 01st –2nd of March 2018. The multi stakeholder workshop organized by the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) in partnership with the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC), South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and the Housing Development Agency (HDA) was attended by Project Managers and Town planners from CoGHSTA, Building Inspectors from NHBRC and municipalities and other officials that work in human settlements sections. The Chief Director for Human Settlements Sector Performance and Municipal Support, Ms Ivy Makamu said the workshop is a stage where stakeholders use to share ideas and forge an integrated approach to home inspection. According to Makamu, it aims to strengthen existing relations and come up with new improved approaches. She presented an interactive presentation on the Auditor General's report. The NHBRC's Regional Manager, Ms Nurse Chavalala said the challenges in construction include unregistered builders, incomplete contracts, unenrolled projects, unethical professionals, unethical inspectors and incompetent builders. She emphasized that all the key role players have a responsibility to come up with ways to deal with these challenges. Mr Caiphus Molamodi, a Town Planner in the Department, said he has benefitted



The Regional Manager for NHBRC, Ms Nurse Chavalala with the Chief Director for Human Settlements Development Region B, Mr Moshweu Mokgala.

from the workshop. He is now aware of other rules and policies one should follow working in construction and development industries. Mr Kenny Mhlongo who is Chief Construction Project Manager said the Workshop remains a great initiative and the most important part is making sure that all the stakeholders implement the resolutions taken.





KGWATALALA PUTS COGHSTA ON THE MAP

Mr Gregory Makoko, Deputy Director General: Corporate Services, Ms Nkwadi Kgwatalala (Chief Director: Government Information Technology Office (GITO), Mr Tjebana Mamokgaghe (Director: Service Delivery Improvement and Batho Pele) and Ms Thando Mubva (Deputy Director: ICT Infrastructure).

The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) congratulates the Chief Director: GITO, Ms Nkwadi Kgwatalala for obtaining the second position under the category: Best SMS Employee of the Year. The announcement was made during the National Batho Pele Excellence Awards held at Birchwood Hotel, in Gauteng on the 2nd March 2018.

The Awards seek to reward excellence in the public service to men and women who go beyond call of duty to ensure that citizens receive quality services. The significance of the awards is to work towards realizing the National Development Plan (NDP)'s vision 2030 which is inculcated by professionalism, accountability, development-oriented public servant, and sharing of best practices.

COGHSTA MANAGEMENT JOIN HEADS TO TAKE THE DEPARTMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Members of the Senior Management during the Departmental Strategic Planning Session.



**MEC for CoGHSTA,
Mr Jerry Ndou.**



**CoGHSTA HOD,
Ms Ngaka Dumalisile.**



**DDG for ISHS,
Mr Phillip Chauke.**



**DDG : CoGTA
Dr Modjaji Malahlela.**



**Former DDG for
Corporate Services,
Mr Gregory Makoko.**

In terms of the AG report, CoGHSTA received a qualified audit in the 2016/17 financial year. As per the Departmental Annual Performance Plan, it was necessary for CoGHSTA HOD, Ms Ngaka Dumalisile and her Senior Management to converge to a Departmental Strategic Planning Session to rejuvenate and address the gaps which were identified in the report from 23-24 January at Karibu Lodge, Tzaneen in the Mopani District. The

road map of the session was to include amongst others to establish priorities within the Department, draft action plans and also allocate resources.

The MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou was also invited to address Senior Management staff. In his address MEC Ndou said " CoGHSTA can only move forward if all the relevant stakeholders are on board. Strategic Planning Sessions offer Senior staff members to overhaul the Department's performance as a whole and check whether the department is moving towards the right direction or not. Check

gaps, then Management come up with strategic ways to close the gaps and also check how progress will be monitored."

CoGHSTA HOD, Ms. Ngaka Dumalisile thanked everyone for attending the Workshop and said it is very important to meet from time to time and discuss with all the relevant stakeholders and assess how the Department can be taken to the next level. In her closing she said that CoGHSTA is regarded as one of the best performing Departments in the province because of men and women who go beyond the call of duty when executing their duties.



LIMPOPO
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF
CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

COGHSTA PRIORITIES FOR 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR!

INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

- We shall build 9242 quality houses.
- We shall build 200 houses for military veterans.
- We shall transfer 3 000 houses through our registration and endorsement programme at a cost of R3,5m.
- 100 housing units from former R293 towns shall be transferred through the Enhanced Extended Discount Benefit Scheme.

CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE

- We shall deliver 4850 serviced sites for residential purpose in both rural and urban areas.
- We shall provide water services through Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Municipal Water Services Infrastructure Grant (MWSIG).

TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

- We shall have two sittings for the provincial House of Traditional Leaders
- We shall, together with the Traditional Leadership, improve our systems to ensure the eradication of illegal initiation schools in the province

MULTI-AWARD WINNING DEPARTMENT

