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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR



district.

Once again let me invite our communities and stakeholders at large, to read this publication and clearly understand plans that have been put in place by government in the district to improve living conditions of our people. These plans are a response to a number of issues that have been raised by communities during our Integrated Development Plans (IDP) outreaches and other interactive sessions that we have conducted with our communities, throughout the

This publication serves as a platform to simplify and communicate government's programme of action as tabled in the State of the District Address and through this publication we want to clearly outline programmes that are planned for the next financial year and beyond, and also reflect on programmes that have been conducted.

Through this platform, we further invite communities, stakeholders and private partners to partner with us to fulfil these set plans. We are indeed, excited as the district, with progress that has been made by government in changing peoples lives, and we are well aware of significant strides that have to be put in place to address socio-economic challenges.

We are well prepared to rollout massive infrastructure development to address water and sanitation backlogs. We will be conducting various public participation outreaches and we call upon all our communities to support the implementation of this government programme of action.

We will be intensifying our communication approaches with communities through various public participation platforms like we did with the Open Council Day that was conducted at Ward 13 in Umzimvubu Local Municipality.

In responding to various issues that have been raised by communities across the district, we have allocated R800 million towards infrastructure development, from the R1.2 billion budget for the year 2013/14. This allocation indicates a clear commitment from the leadership of the municipality to eradicate poverty, unemployment and underdevelopment in the district.

Let me also congratulate the new leadership of the District Youth Council that has been recently elected and as the district we are committed to the summit declarations.

Working Together We Can Indeed Do More!

EUNICE DIKO
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

COUNCIL MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER



Let me take this opportunity to invite our communities, stakeholders and civil society partners to join us, as we conduct various public participation approaches working together with ward based structures and other agents of change in our communities.

Collectively we must channel our focus towards effective and functioning of ward committees, community development workers, ward based structures and specifically we need to look at a model for accountability and

the resourcing thereof.

A database of all interest groups like school governing bodies, sport formations, community police forums, rural small farmers, child welfare institutions and organisations caring for abused women and children, their needs must be catered for in government plans.

These groupings will be central in advancing our developmental agenda. The Council in any decision that it takes must also consider vulnerable groupings like people who cannot read and write, people with disabilities and women.

We are also pulling all stops to improve our financial accountability, as a mean to improve good governance within the institution and we are also improving our audit committee, as well as the Municipal Public Account Committee (MPAC) to fulfill their oversight functions as determined by the Council.

Continuous interactions with traditional leaders, on matters affecting traditional authorities will harmoniously improve working relations to ensure that the needs of the community are addressed by government.

On behalf of the Alfred Nzo council I wish to congratulate the newly elected District Youth Council, hoping that they will play a vital role in advocating and lobbying for young people in the district.

We also conducted a successful Open Council Day, where communities of the district converged at Hlane village in Umzimvubu and directly interacted with their government and we will soon be embarking on similar programmes across the district.

Let me express the Council's gratitude to all who participated in Council business in the last financial year and from their inputs we have managed to adopt an IDP and budget for 2013/14 and we urge our communities to monitor the implementation.

Local Governance is every body's business be involved and let's work together to build our district.

SANDILE SELLO
COUNCIL SPEAKER

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE



As we enter the new financial year 2013/14, we are putting concerted efforts to strengthen functionality of intergovernmental relations with local municipalities, sector department and relevant stakeholders, within the district, so as to ensure a better coordination, which will culminate in an integrated service delivery approach.

The Council has declared June as the Alfred Nzo month, as a special dedication to the struggle icon, whom the district is named after, we have rolled out a number of programmes targeting the youth, on various projects such as skills development, and business opportunities.

The district municipality recently conducted youth summit and a new leadership has been elected to lead this structure and as the municipality we are looking forward to work with the structure in advancing youth agenda in the district.

The Council adopted the IDP and Budget for 2013/14 financial year and we are working hard as administration in finalising an implementation plan as per the adopted programme of action, that was tabled during the State of the District Address.

MZUBANZI SILINGA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Highlights of the State of the District Address



Executive Mayor delivering State of the District Address at Hlane village in Mount Frere

Community members came in thousands to witness the tabling of the State of the District Address by the Executive Mayor, Eunice Diko in an Open Council Day event held at Hlane village 50 km outside Mount Frere. Community members travelled from across the district through busses, vans and on horse back to be part of the event.

Addressing the gathering, Speaker of the Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Cllr. Sandile Sello called upon communities to participate in planning phases at ward level to influence development.

The Open Council was attended by mayors, speakers, chief Whips of various localities. Mayor of Umzimvubu Local Municipality Cllr. Khulukazi Phangwa applauded the district for conducting the Open Council Day in the outskirts of the municipality as this has provided a rare opportunity for communities of the area to interact directly with government.

The Executive Mayor tabled a R1.2 billion budget for the year 2013/14, which indicates an increase of 33 percent or R301 million, when compared to the 2012/2013 adjustment budget which was R907 million.

Indications are that for the two outer years, operational revenue will increase by 10% and decrease by 0,3% respectively, equating to a total revenue growth of R3,8 billion over the Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF), when compared to the 2012/2013 financial year.

The final budget comprises of R407 725 703 total operating expenditure and R800 764 606 of capital expenditure. "An improved revenue collection will ensure that the institution does more in terms of improving the levels and quality of services that it provides to our people said Executive Mayor, Eunice Diko during the address.

The revenue collection for the municipality has also significantly improved, as at the time of printing it was standing at 56%, which is a reflection of the past 10 months, compared to the 27% collected in the 2011/2012 financial year, which indicate a 30% increase in the municipalities revenue collection.

Mayor Diko further said door to door campaigns to register and verify information on customers will be conducted and she the approach, will further build strong relations between the municipality and its customers and Debt Collection Unit (DCU) has been established to drive this campaign.



Chief Whip, Cllr. Phumzile Nyangana speaking to Nkonjane Community Radio during Open Council Day at Hlane village in Mount Frere

Youth Summit Sets The Tone For Youth Development



District Youth Council New Leadership

Alfred Nzo District Municipality as part of celebrating youth month held a District Youth Summit, where youth councils from all local municipalities converged to discuss youth development agenda and also to elect district youth council.

Meanwhile, national commemorations of Youth Day this year marked the 37th anniversary of the June 16 Soweto uprising of 1976 and nationally it was celebrated under the theme “Working Together For Youth Development and a Drug Free South Africa” this was in line with the government focus on job creation and socio-economic development for youth in the country.

The theme emphasised the government commitment in fighting substance abuse, as this has serious implications for millions of South Africans because alcohol and substance abuse contributing to crime, gangsterism, domestic violence, family dysfunction and other social problems. Moreover, it has been reported that drug abuse in South Africa is twice the world norm in most cases, in particular, youth have borne the brunt of abuse since the emergence of local drugs such as Nyaope and Kubar. Government in the Alfred Nzo district and nationally recognises that the drug problem is complex and requires decisive and collective multi-stakeholder action. The district youth month commemorations were held under the theme:

“Restoring Youth Dignity and Full participation in Socio –Economic Development ”.

The summit declarations touched on various issues like rollout of programmes targeting HIV/Aids affected youth, awareness's and access to health facilities.

Youth also raised issues about government policies that are not bias to youth needs.

Among some of the issues that dominated the summit was the increasing rate of drugs and substance abuse. Economic empowerment and development of youth was also highlighted as among some of the issues that needed to be prioritised.

The summit further indicated that youth advisory centres needs to be develop in the district and information communications technology (ICT) centres to be prioritised.

TAKING GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE

Government took stock of the former Izimbizo outreach initiative in an effort to enhance impact and arrest shortfalls associated with implementation of the government programme of action

Alfred Nzo District Municipality in partnership with its local municipalities conducted community outreaches to various communities across the district.

These outreaches were intended to have direct interaction with communities through community meetings, engage stakeholders, visit service delivery sites to check progress and also engage government departments on issues raised during outreaches to find integrated lasting solutions.

The Mbizana outreach kicked off with a visit to Zinini village to meet the community following disturbances on construction work that is taking place across in the area as part of the Mbizana Bulk Water Regional Scheme.

The municipal delegation led by the Executive Mayor, Speaker, Chief and Councillor assured the community that their water connection concerns will be addressed as a priority during the construction.

The delegation moved to Lucwaba village in Ward 11, where they met project steering committee for the sanitation projects that is taking place in the ward, also visited water source at Dipini village, inspected sanitation facilities and met household owners where sanitation facilities have been built.

The community identified critical issues on various development initiatives taking place in the ward like access to water in some villages, electrification of villages and schools in the ward.

They also highlighted shortage of classroom in schools, bad state of access roads, high rate of poverty, access to enabling documents like identity documents, birth certificates and assistance that needs to be prioritised for people with disabilities.



LEFT to RIGHT :Cllr Noziphiwo Tobo MMC LED, Cllr Linduxolo Ntantini MMC Sport, Art & Culture , Cllr Zoleka Busuku, ANDM Executive Mayor Eunice Diko, Musician Nkunuz'emdaka and his wife receiving music equipment at Nkantolo Village in Mbizana during Council outreach.

The outreach proceeded to Nkantolo village outside Mbizana to check progress on Presidential project that is taking place in the area. The leadership emphasised that South African Postal Services must fastrack the building of Thusong Service Centre.

Meanwhile they also handed over music equipment to maskhandi music sensation Inkunz'emdaka.

Community of Ward 27 met at Nkantolo and also raised various issues ranging from urgent need for tar road, bad state of access roads, access to clean water, unfinished housing development, need for an Further Education and Training (FET) college in the area and mobile clinic to service the community. The outreach also visited Mthukukazi village where community members were

RATE PAYERS ENGAGEMENT SESSION

As part of the district wide outreach the leadership of the municipalities also engaged with ratepayers in Mbizana, to understand challenges in relation to services that are provided to this area. Ratepayers raised critical issues that needs to be addressed by government in the town of Mbizana, like upgrading of access roads, address water cuts that are a daily occurrence in the town and also called in government to close potholes that are all over the main and access roads in the area. They further called upon government to build a bypass in the town of Mbizana to address traffic congestion.



Mpondombini S.S.S. Learners Listening During The Visit.

Mpondombini Senior Secondary School Acknowledged

Leadership of the Alfred Nzo District Municipality and Mbizana Local Municipality visited Mpondombini Senior Secondary School to acknowledge the 2012 matric performance, as the school was the third (3rd) best performed school in the Eastern Cape. **Mpondombini Senior Secondary School got 100 % in Matric results in 2012 and positioned themselves among the best schools in the province.**

Addressing the assemble former Speaker of Alfred Nzo, Makhaya Twabu congratulated the learners and teachers for their performances and also encouraged them to keep up this excellent performance. Edward Gabada a principal at Mpondombini S.S.S. was excited with the visit and said despite the success of the class of 2012, there are challenges that they are facing as the school like urgent need for fencing and the road leading to the school that is in bad state.

“We are still awaiting delivery of books for some of the grades and we also need classrooms to be built.” said Gabada. Meanwhile, 18 year old, Nobanda Ongezwa was excited by the visit, she promised that as the class of 2013 they will pull all strings to bring glory home once again in 2013. Sakhile Yisa who is doing grade 12 appreciated the support that they are getting from educators in the school. Sakhile said unity among teachers and learners is the secret of our success and next year he is looking forward to enrol for dental therapy or physiotherapy in one of the best tertiary institutions in the country.

The Mbizana outreach was closed off with government to government engagement session where political leadership convened all organs of the state in the district to table the findings of the outreach and develop an action plan to address issues raised during the outreach.



Government to Government Engagement session in Mbizana Local Municipality

SERVICE DELIVERY SITES VISITED IN NTABANKULU

Alfred Nzo District Municipality in partnership with Ntabankulu Local Municipality with various state organs visited Ntabankulu service delivery sites as part of the public participation programmes. The outreaches are intended to provide direct interactions with communities and also visit service delivery sites within the municipality to check progress.

Some of the challenges sighted by the community during the outreach include request for emptying of septic tanks, delays on surfacing of internal roads in town due to sewerage pipe burst and

water flowing from the yards and water also flowing from the sport field. The door to door campaign at 471 was conducted by Councillors accompanied by government officials. Critical issues were raised by communities such as electricity, shortage of taps, sanitation facilities that are far from where they stay.



Councillors and officials checking the progress on sanitation project that is currently under way in the town of Ntabankulu.

High rate of crime, was identified as one of the big challenges, moreover that the area is dark at night as there are no lights and Community recommended the installation of high masts. Teenage pregnancy and HIV and AIDS was prevalent among issues raised in most households.



Community of Ntabankulu Local Municipality raising questions during stakeholders engagement in the town hall.

The community of Ntabankulu raised a quite a number of critical issues that need to be addressed like public toilets in town, as well as the quality of water that they are drinking and also called for urgent intervention on water cuts that are experienced frequently in the area.

Street lights were raised as one of the major contributors in the high rate of crime incidences that have been recorded in the town.

Job opportunities among community members residing at 471 settlements top the list of concerns.

The community further called upon government to assist with sanitation facilities in the area.

Community Visited Service Delivery Site in Umzimvubu

Alfred Nzo District Municipality in partnership with Umzimvubu Local Municipality visited various service delivery to check progress on various programmes that are rolled out within the municipality. Delegation visited Silver City informal settlement where door to door campaign was conducted. The team also visited Gubhuzi village in Ward 15, Qwidlana village in Ward 23, they also proceeded the following day to Sigidini village in Mount Ayliff and was closed off with engagement with ratepayers in Mount Ayliff and Mount Frere respectively.

The delegation checked progress on Qwidlana Water Scheme which will bring much more needed water to supply communities in the adjacent wards in the area.

A door to door campaign was held at Silver City where political leadership and officials visited households to interact with communities.

The following day the delegation proceeded to Sigidini village in Mount Ayliff in Ward 04, where a community meeting was conducted to interact with the community.

Community members raised a number of issues like lack of monitoring and evaluation of government initiatives. The community further raised concerns around electrification of villages.

The engagement provided an opportunity for communities to interact directly with government.



Community of Ward 4 during community engagement session at Sigidini village in Mount Ayliff.



Alfred Nzo District Municipality Councillor and Umzimvubu Local Municipality listening attentively to communities during stakeholders engagement session that was held in Umzimvubu Local Municipality in Mount Frere during the Outreach.

ALFRED NZO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AWARDS BURSARIES TO DESERVING LEARNERS

The Alfred Nzo District Municipality initiated an external Mayoral Bursary Scheme to benefit deserving students wanting to pursue studies in areas deemed to be critical/ scarce within the district amongst others like Civil Engineering, Quantity surveying, Building ,Finance, Accounting, Auditing, Information and Communications' Technology, Town and Regional Planning, Economics and Environmental Health Management.

The main criteria for the bursaries are as follows:

- Applicants were to demonstrate academic potential to succeed with their studies in their chosen areas of study.
- Beneficiaries have to come from poor households and show necessary financial need to pursue studies on their own.

A total of 28 applications were received by the Human Resources Development (HRD) unit and a task team was formed from the skills development committee members and officials from the Human Resource Development unit leading to the awarding of bursaries to students who in the view of the task team met the requirements.

The district municipality is committed to improving the lives of its people hence this kind of a scheme that is supported by both the political leadership led by the Executive Mayor Eunice Diko and the administrative leadership as well.

The bursaries will be advertised and be awarded to deserving students on an annual basis, with the purpose of investing on youth and also improve skills base that could be used by the district in its developmental agenda.

ANDM PARTNERSHIP BRINGS HOPE TO NEEDY STUDENTS

Alfred Nzo District Municipality has initiated a good relationship with King Hintsa Further Education Training (FET) College since 2012. The municipality has sent 61 students to King Hintsa FET College for them to further their studies in various fields.

Some students who benefited in this program have finished their qualifications like Mandla Aphiwe who was doing civil engineering he hails from Umzimvubu Local Municipality.

Meanwhile Afika Luzipo also was part of this program and has finished his civil engineering studies.

Alfred Nzo District Municipality Special Programmes Unit has expanded networks to other universities and has assisted a number of students with study guides.

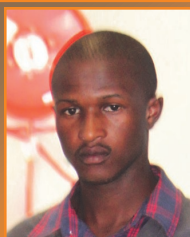
The study guide consists of career guidance, how to choose a career, application to tertiary institutions.

The municipality does not only give study support, it also monitor the academic path of the selected students.



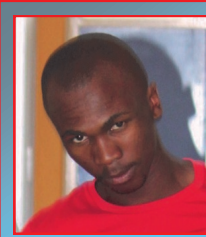
Aphiwe Ggiza

Is a first year student currently doing **Bachelor's Degree in Education** at Walter Sisulu University



Afika Luzipo

Studied at King Hintsa FET College has obtained a **Diploma in Civil Engineering**



Mandla Aphiwe

Studied at King Hintsa FET College has completed a **Diploma in Civil Engineering**



Above :Alfred Nzo barefoot plumbers during training in P.E.

BAREFOOT PLUMBERS ON A CRUSADE TO ADDRESS WATER LEAKS

Alfred Nzo District Municipality is a water service authority and its primary focus is to provide clean credible water service to communities.

In its attempt to improve water services that the municipality provide to communities, it is in a process of recruiting and capacitating new recruits that will be central in fixing water leaks on pipes across the district.

The recruitment and skilling of these new recruits is done by Alfred Nzo District Municipality

in partnership with the Department of Water Affairs. The new recruits have been selected from various communities across the district and they have been trained as barefoot Plumbers in Port Elizabeth.

Currently thirty (30) barefoot plumbers went through an intense three weeks training. The barefoot plumbers will travel across the district attending to water leaks and they will play an important role in addressing water losses that are currently experienced throughout the district. They will fix water taps and geysers that have leaks in households and in communities. Community members are invited to call the Alfred Nzo District Municipality to report water leaks on: **086 000 3781**.

GOVERNMENT LENDS A HELPING HAND

During a Mayoral Outreach held in Ntabankulu in February at Mthukukazi village an elderly member of community reported to the Executive Mayor about the plight of the Mbana family which has eleven (11) kids staying in one dilapidated room. The child headed household is relying on a social grant of one of the 11 kids. The Executive Mayor accompanied by councillors visited the household as part of the door to door campaign during the outreach. They also donated some money to the family to buy groceries. Some of the kids have no identity documents, hence they are not receiving social grants.

Executive Mayor, Eunice Diko recently visited the family again to handover uniform to the family as promised, as she also visited the area as part of the International Women's Day activities held at Mthukukazi village. Meanwhile the Department of Home Affairs has registered the

kids for birth certificates, Social Development and Special Programmes and South African Social Services Agency (SASSA) have registered these kids for social grants.



Alfred Nzo District Municipality Executive Mayor Eunice Diko and Mbana kids that were given uniform

PROMOTING HEALTHY FOOD STANDARDS

Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Municipal Health Service (MHS), Environmental Health Practitioners (EHP's) in all local municipalities have embarked on an awareness campaigns to educate communities about meat safety targeting meat consumers to address the meat scandal that has dominated headlines in recent months. In the recent findings meat products have been found contaminated with mixed products like horse, meat, donkey and pork. Municipal Health Services in Alfred Nzo will continue inspecting butcheries and supermarkets that process meat and sell meat to consumers.



PROCESSED MINCE MEAT IN LOCAL BUTCHERY



PROCESSED SAUSAGES

EXHUMATION OF HUMAN BODIES

Municipal Health Services in Alfred Nzo amongst its priorities is to manage, control & monitor exhumations and burials or disposals of human remains in a proper and dignified manner. Municipal Health Services unit is currently conducting awareness in different areas across the district to educate communities about processes that need to be followed when conducting exhumations of body remains.



Exhumation in progress, funeral parlour personnel wearing disposable protective clothing under the supervision of ANDM Environmental Health Practitioners (MHS).

The requirements for exhumations from the applicant are as follows:

Family letter of agreement amongst themselves to exhume the body remains.

Letters from both authorities (from exhumation place and to reburial place)

Copy of death certificate or affidavit.
Letter from the Funeral Parlour to conduct the exhumation.

SEDA BRINGS INFORMATION TO COMMUNITIES



ABOVE : SEDA staff assisting learners with information on stalls during SEDA Fair in Mount Ayliff.

Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) in partnership with the Eastern Cape Development Co-operation (ECDC), Productivity SA, National Empowerment Fund (NEF), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), NAFCO, MINITEK, ECITI, NYDA and SARS, Small Enterprise Financial Agency (SEFA) and local municipalities of this district recently conducted an Entrepreneurship Fair in Mount Ayliff.

The fair was intended to empower Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) to grow and be self-sustainable.

The fair provided an opportunity for co-operatives, business people and communities at large to take advantage of various programmes that are intended to support SMME's.

Speakers during the fair emphasised that support of SMME's is central in achieving the five government priorities, as this will influence economic growth and intensify approaches towards creation of decent job opportunities and be central in reducing crime.

The SEDA fair was conducted over a period of two days and it was preceded by a gala dinner where all SMMEs in the district were invited to interact and be given advice and avenues that they need to explore to sustain SMME's within the district.

The fair was attended by pupils from various schools from across the district like Zwelakhe S.S.S, Mariazel S.S.S, Advent Comprehensive School, Rhode S.S.S, Ntsizwa S.S.S, Mpondombini S.S.S, Mzamba Comprehensive School and Dumsi S.S.S, pupils were invited to the fair as part of SEDA strategies to cultivate business culture among youth within the district.

The fair was also attended by students from Further Education and Training (FET) colleges coming from Mbizana Sithetho Ingwe College, Ntambankulu Ingwe College, Maluti Ingwe College and Mount Frere Ingwe College.



ABOVE: Collin Leshou, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholder Relations and Record Management from national SEDA office in Pretoria addressing the fair.

EDUCATION IS A SOCIETAL MATTER

It's been five months since schools were opened but government continues with its aim of encouraging young people to prioritise education through its back to school campaign. Department of Social Development and Special Programmes handed over school uniform to thirty (30) learners at an event recently held at Cabazi village in Mount Frere.

Speaking during the event Dr. Pemmy Majodini, who is the MEC for Department of Social Development and Special Programmes said the back to school campaign has been started in January throughout the province targeting various district. MEC also said all parents have a responsibility to take care of their children and children have a right to be loved and be taken care of.

Litha Mpisane, who is 13 years old from Dabula Junior Secondary School (J.S.S.) who is doing grade 7 said he is happy to be given a school uniform and he is going to look like other pupil in the school. Mpendla J.S.S. learner, 14 year old Anele Siduka thanked government for assisting them. Anele said the uniform will make us love school because there will be no excuses of saying I do not have uniform and I cannot go to school”.

Speaking during the event Umzimvubu Local Municipality, Mayor Councillor Khulukazi Phangwa said the partnership with Department of Social Development and Special Programmes is helping extensively in assisting needy families. She further said the Umzimvubu Local Municipality has been continuing with the back to school initiative since the re-opening of the school in January and they have handed uniforms to many schools within the municipality.

“In the district of Alfred Nzo we will give four hundred learners (400) school uniforms touching all four local municipalities and the criteria of choosing beneficiaries is coordinated by the Department of Education” said Majodini. She further said additional seventy (70) learners will be given to other schools in the Umzimvubu Local Municipality.



Learners from Mpendla J.S.S. and Dabula J.S.S., Mayor of Umzimvubu, M.E.C. Of Social Development and Special Programmes as well as councillors, and officials.

Giant Leap to Push Economic



Stakeholders during workshop on New Economic Growth recently held.

In an effort to ignite local economic development, the Alfred Nzo District Municipality in partnership with the Department of Local Economic Development and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Trade and Industry organised a two days' workshop aimed at developing strategies to improve economic development inline with the National Growth Path.

The New Growth Path (NGP) framework policy focus is on creation of decent jobs and is also aimed at exploring strategies intended to sustain businesses, with primary focus on Small Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMME's). The workshop thoroughly discussed plans on how to assist small businesses and also explore various opportunities within the district.

The meeting was also attended by co-operatives and they were also exposed to various funding methods that can be explored by upcoming business people.

The stakeholders that were part of the workshop included NAFCOC, SAMWU, IMATU, Youth Council ,Alfred Nzo Development Agency and Council of Churches.



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CO-OPERATIVES ARE AT THE CENTRE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

Alfred Nzo District Municipality Local Economic Development department and Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC) conducted a workshop targeting co-operatives within the district in a workshop that was recently held in Mount Ayliff.

The purpose of the workshop was to provide co-operatives with information on how to access funding provided through the Imvaba Fund and also be exposed to criteria to access this funding.

The district co-operatives were encouraged to take advantages of various strategies that are developed to assist businesses and to explore various funding methods.

Co-operatives during the workshop emphasised that they have challenges hence a number of them are struggling to sustain their businesses and they want to be assisted in acquiring funding from government and private institutions.

ECDC called upon co-operatives to visit their offices and also indicated that they no longer need business plans when co-operatives are applying for Imvaba Fund.

RATEPAYERS, WATER AND SANITATION CUSTOMERS IN THE DISTRICT

All ratepayers and or the water and sanitation customers of the Alfred Nzo District Municipality are requested to visit their nearest Alfred Nzo District Municipality offices between 08h00 and 16h30 Monday to Thursday and 08h00 and 15h15 Fridays with their IDs for the purposes of updating their account details.

The Alfred Nzo District Municipality wishes to have an updated personal and contact details of all its customers in its customer's database for accurate billing.

The municipality has offices in the district municipality offices in Mount Ayliff and in Mount Frere (Umzimvubu Local Municipality), Mbizana offices (Mbizana Local Municipality), Cedarville in the Matatiele offices and in the ANDM Water Services offices opposite the Matatiele Local Municipality offices, Ntabankulu (Ntabankulu Local Municipality offices) and Maluti (ANDM Disaster Offices).

For more assistance you may call our customer share call line on **086 000 3781** for any further information in this regard. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

STRATEGIES TO AVERT DISASTER INCIDENCES

Alfred Nzo district is known for being a disaster prone area, which have negatively affected communities across the district. In responding to these natural phenomenon Alfred Nzo District Municipality in partnership with the Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs recently conducted a Disaster Management workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to develop strategies to avert disaster phenomenon's within the district and also develop guidelines on disaster risk management, conduct advocacy and public awareness campaigns. The guidelines that needs to be developed are to be aligned to United Nations principles and other intercontinental strategies which are aimed at developing uniform approaches to disaster management.



ABOVE: Representative from South African Weather Services (SAWS) doing presentation during the Disaster Management Workshop.

Stakeholders that participated in the workshop included Traditional Leaders, Council of churches, government departments, non-governmental organizations (NGO), South African Weather Services (SAWS) and Community based organizations (CBO).

The workshop called upon the South African Weather Services working with various institutions to improve levels of detecting of early warning signs and sensitise various community structures to communicate message to affected communities.

INTER-DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SKILLS



Alfred Nzo District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr. Eunice Diko and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Moon from Service SETA being interviewed by Alfred Nzo Community Radio journalist just after the signing ceremony.

Alfred Nzo and O.R Tambo District Municipality in partnership with Services SETA signed a memorandum of understanding to stimulate economic growth and skills development.

The memorandum of understanding is intended to stimulate skills development as part of the broader rural development strategy to support government's focus on the five priorities. The partnership is intended to ignite economic growth, employment creation, poverty eradication and support small enterprises working with other relevant strategic partners.

Service SETA working with the offices of the Executive Mayors of Alfred Nzo and O.R. Tambo District Municipalities will provide bursaries to matriculants targeting 20 pupils in each district municipality.

The memorandum of understanding signing ceremony was held in the Alfred Nzo Conference Centre.

HEAVY STORMS AND HAIL CAUSED DAMAGE TO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED AND ONE (201) HOUSES IN CEDARVILLE

Hheavy rains accompanied by strong winds have caused damage to more than 201 houses in Cedarville in Matatiele in Ward 26.

Strong winds hit the farming community living a trail of destruction with more than 201 houses being flooded and roofs being loosened by strong winds.

Nine (09) families were accommodated at a nearby community hall throughout the night while disaster management teams from Alfred Nzo District Municipality and Matatiele Local Municipality were still assessing damages and families were given relief material in the form of blankets and sponges.

The Matatiele Local Municipality is currently working with various stakeholders to develop a long term solution to assist the low lying settlement in this farming community.

PARAFIN SAFETY AWARENESS



Learners from Cedarville Primary and Sive Special School showcasing their winning safety charts

Cedarville is one of the areas that uses paraffin and the paraffin campaign was conducted to educate communities about safety measures. The campaign targeted Kennersly Primary, Cedarville Primary and Sive Special School. The awareness exposed communities on hazards associated with using paraffin and safety measures to follow when using paraffin appliances. Some of the lessons provided to communities include lessons like: when using paraffin stove keep your windows open so that fresh air can enter your room or house.

Pupils in these schools were targeted to be champion of the awareness in their homes and they were tasked to design a safety chart sensitising communities about paraffin safety measures. The best safety chart was awarded by the Paraffin Safety Association.

Cedarville Primary and Sive Special School shared an amount of R5000.

The awareness campaign was attended by various stakeholders that included the Department of Health, Department of Education, Disaster Management Centre, Fire and Rescue Services and petroleum companies.

Toll Free Paraffin Association: 866 - 341-8191

MVENYANE POST OFFICE WAS OFFICIALY LAUNCHED

As part of the rural development strategy and also intensify telecommunication to reach rural communities, the South African Postal Services (SAPOS) officially opened the Mvenyane village post office in Matatiele. Mvenyane village is situated in the outskirts of the small town of Cedarville and its in the borders of Mount Frere. Communities in this area used to travel long distance

to access services in Matatiele and Mount Frere respectively. Community members could not hide their excitement, as they came in numbers to witness the official opening of the post office.

The post office was built after communities made a request to SAPOS due to long distance that they were travelling to receive or post letters, deposit cash and buy airtime to nearby towns. During the construction of the post office, ten (10) community members got employed and currently four people are in the process of getting permanent jobs to run the post office.



ABOVE: Deputy Minister of Communication delivering her speech

The traditional council of the area, under Chief Njeje applauded the initiative done by government to improve people's lives in the area.

Chief Njenje pleaded with government to upgrade services in the newly built post office to include payment of social grants so that community members can access this critical service close to their homes.

The opening was graced by the presence of the Deputy Minister of Communications Mrs. Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams accompanied by Chief Executive officer (CEO) of Media Development Diversity Agency (MDDA), Lumko Mthimde, Board Members of South African Postal Services, Mayor and Speaker of Matatiele Local Municipality. Services that are rendered in the newly built post office include photocopying, faxing and also banking.

Speaking at the event Deputy Minister stated that people of Mvenyane will soon have access to SABC channels as they are planning to upgrade the signal soon, as the community is struggling to access public broadcaster stations.

KNOW YOUR HEALTH STATUS

Symptoms of Sexual transmitted infection (STI)

You can acquire a sexually transmissible infection (STI) without developing any signs or symptoms. However, signs and symptoms may appear in the genital area and include :

- Discharge from the penis, vagina or anus.
- Pain or discomfort during sex or
- When urinating, lumps and bumps on the genitals,
- Abnormal bleeding, a rash or itching on the genitals.

For assistance or guidance please visit your nearest clinic.

LOCAL MEDIA TAKES CENTRE STAGE



The CEO of MDDA (standing) and Executive Mayor of KSD (seated) responding to questions by the local media and communicators during the dialogue.

The local media from Alfred Nzo, OR Tambo and Joe Gqabi met in Mthatha in the first of its kind Vukuzenzele community media breakfast dialogue that was organised by Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). This media dialogue was one of the post State of the Nation Address (SoNA) communication activities, where in stakeholders are engaged about SoNA.

The dialogue was attended by communicators and it served as a platform to strengthen communication partnerships with the local media on communicating the five key priorities of government. The session also sought to understand the local media better as a communication channel closest to the people and to support the local media. The session was addressed by both the Executive Mayor of King Sabatha Dalindyebo Municipality, Cllr. Nonkoliso Ngqongwa and the CEO of Media Development and Diversity Agency, Mr. Lumko Mthimde.

In their inputs, both of them were vocal in stressing the use of local media as opposed to the main stream media when municipalities are communicating with their residents. “The statics from SAARF show that 1.4 million people in Eastern Cape listen to community radio stations and this is a reason enough that the content of government should be communicated through the local media” said Mthimde. The Executive Mayor highlighted the importance of communications as a critical component when it comes to the planning process of the municipality and the role of the media, especially the local media when it comes to Integrated Development Plan consultations. Members of the local media complained that most

often they are not taken seriously and called for radical steps to be taken by government to ensure that they are recognised and supported as much as the mainstream media.

Some of the recommendations from this dialogue were that hubs at the district levels be established, a continuous support (non-financial) and funding of the local media. Meanwhile calls were made for support to local media to be sustained and more training to be prioritised for political principals and communicators to utilise community media effectively.



Members of the local media and communicators at the dialogue

District Commemorated International Women's Day



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT : Thami Mlenzana Ward Councillor of Ward 07, Zanekhaya. Gxarhisa from the Department of Justice, mama Lufimia Mgudu representing traditional healers, Nomakhaya Ngabase from District Women's forum and Pastor Soul a motivational speaker

International Women's Day is intended to mobilise society to take a stand against women abuse, also highlight their rights. The commemorations for the district were conducted in various communities across the region.

These activities seek to educate people on gender based violence and the campaign is also targeting men, women and youth.

Lufimia Mgudu who represents the traditional healers emphasized that as traditional healer they want to call upon sectors of society to take a stand against abuse and they also want to call for an end to the perception that all healers cut body organs to make muti.

Mgudu also called all traditional healers to work closely with the department of health to fight the high rate of diseases that are affecting women and communities in general.

District Women's forum secretary Nomakhaya Ngabase encouraged all stakeholders to work together to support women who have been abused and she further called for justice to be done to cases that they have been reported.

"As women of this district we must stand together and support victims of abuse by uniting to call for no bail for suspect when they appear in court" said Ngabase.

Department of Justice magistrate Zanekhaya Gxarhisa said rape cases have increased in Mount Ayliff, with twelve (12) cases of children less than sixteen years (16) having been reported in the past months. Gxarhisa indicated that these statistics indicates and confirm that crime has increase in this small town compare to previous years.

THROUGH THE LENSES

Council Outreach



Councillors checking progress on sanitation project in the town of Ntabankulu during community outreach



Executive Mayor of ANDM Cllr Eunice Diko, Nandi-pha Ngwenze a resident at Ntabankulu South (471) and Mayor of Ntabankulu Zuko Lwana during door to door in the area.



A community member at Mthukukazi village in Ntabankulu raising questions during community engagement held J.J.J. Ntlabathi Community Hall.



Zwelakhe S.S.S. Learners Listening Attentively To Councillors During Visit As Part Of Back To School Campaign.



Executive Mayor, Mayor of Mbizana Cllr. Twabu and Cllr. Busuku Checking VIP Toilet at Lucwaba Village in Mbizana during



From left to right : Cllr. Busuku, Mayor of Mbizana Cllr Twabu, Executive Mayor, Cllr Eunice Diko and technician Noncolela Visiting Water Source at Dipini in Mbizana

“ALFRED NZO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IS A WATER SERVICE AUTHORITY AND SANITATION”

“South Africans must recall the terrible past so that we can deal with it, forgiving where forgiveness is necessary but never forgetting” Nelson Mandela.

THROUGH THE LENSES



Community members at Sigidini Village ward 04 Mount Ayliff in Umzimvubu Local Municipality during a community engagement.



Community members at Mthukukazi village in Ntabankulu Local Municipality during community engagement.



Girls in action during wellness day in Mount Ayliff stadium.



Soccer team in action during wellness day



Hawkers at Mbizana Taxi Rank posing for a camera.



Communicators conducting pre - State of the Nation Address (SoNA) rank activation held in Mbizana Taxi Rank .

2010 SOCCER WORLD CUP LEGACY



ABOVE: AFCON Truck Entertaining Communities

The Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) triggered memories of the 2010 FIFA World Cup as the nation was gripped with excitement towards the second hosting of the prestigious continental show piece. The campaign to mobilise South Africans to rally behind the national team, Bafana Bafana and to support the African tournament, roadshows were conducted throughout the country. AFCON mobilising truck reached the length and breadth of the country and the people of district joined in the excitement, they had high hopes for the national team, that

Bafana will make it through to the finals of the tournament.

During an AFCON roadshow held in Matatiele and Ntabankulu taxi ranks, residents were entertained with local, kwaito musos, mixed with a taste of house and maskhandi from the truck co-ordinated by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS).

The truck travelled to all hosting provinces with a view to create vibe, create awareness and mobilise South Africans to support the tournament by buying tickets and support this spectacular tournament. Government Communications (GCIS) working in partnership with district based office of the Premier, Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Matatiele and Ntabankulu Local Municipality co-ordinated the events. Excitement gripped the small town of Matatiele and Ntabankulu and communities appreciated the roadshow.



Simphiwe Mdunyelwa of Ntabankulu at Sikhulu Village said he was very happy with South Africa hosting the AFCON tournament and had high hopes the tournament will position the country to continue to be amongst the best in the world.



Azile Mpongwana of Ntabankulu at Lubala said he was very happy with us hosting the tournament because it gave us an opportunity to interact with other people from the African countries that were here to support their national teams".



ABOVE: Community of Colana village in Mount Frere came in numbers to view the match between Bafana and Mali in a big screen held at Colana Mission.



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Brief History of *Alfred Baphethuxolo Nzo*



In 1969, Nzo was elected ANC Secretary-General at the Morogoro Conference in Tanzania.

He was re-elected to this position at the Kwabe Conference in 1985.

After the unbanning of the liberation movement in 1989, Nzo formed part of the ANC delegation that entered into deliberations with the National Party government.

Nzo lost the position of Secretary-General to Cyril Ramaphosa at the ANC July 1991 National Conference held in South Africa for the first time after the unbanning of the liberation movement. He was then elected deputy head of the ANC's security department.

After the first democratic elections, Nzo was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the government of Nelson Mandela.

Nzo received the award of "Order of Friendship Among People, Praesidium of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republic's Supreme Soviet" in 1985.

In 2003, Nzo was posthumously awarded 'The Order of the Luthuli' by President Thabo Mbeki.

After 1999 national elections, Nzo retired from politics and in December of the same year he suffered a stroke.

On 13 January 2000, he passed away at Olive-dale Clinic in Randburg, Johannesburg at the age of 75.

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