

FARMERS DAY AT NKANTOLO VILLAGE

Alfred Nzo Development Agency hosted a farmer's day at Nkantolo Village in Mbizana.

The purpose of the day was to expose farmers and community members on how to take care of their livestock. The objectives of the agency is to develop the economy of the district and assist projects or businesses in the tourism sector, livestock and other forms of Small Micro Medium Enterprises (SMME). Key partners in the implementation of these initiatives includes role players in the economic sector. One of the issues emphasized during the session was communities need to take care of live stock and also need to be branded in order to easily identified when they are stolen. Chairman of Farmers association in



Farmers listening at Nkantolo village during farmers day

Nkantolo Village Mr. Tshukwa thanked the agency for making the day possible and government for equipping them with skills. He further said they've been through tough times without an option before but now all is well thanks again to all stakeholders.

LAUNCH OF OLDER PERSONS FORUM

District Older Person's forum was launched and its purpose is to identify and articulate the concerns and needs of older persons as voiced by them in consultation with government and other role players.

The consultation is done to ensure that their needs are taken into consideration during planning by various organs of state and other partners.

The forum encouraged Social Development and Special Programmes to partner with Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture to develop sporting codes suitable for older person.

The new structure of the district Older Person's Forum was elected as follows:

Mrs. C.V Damane	—	Chairperson
Mr. M.D Mpengula	—	Deputy Chairperson
Mrs. E.P.N Mpephanduku	—	Secretary
Mr. M. Maphekula	—	Deputy Secretary
Mrs. A.M Majikijela	—	Treasurer.

An outgoing chairperson Mr. Mlenzana said he would like to see local municipalities developing these structures especially in Ntbankulu and Mbizana. He further said system must be put in place to address abuse of elderly people.

COUNCIL EMBARKS ON A COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community of Ward 20 in Umzimvubu came out in numbers to interact with government leadership during Mayoral Outreach held at Essek village in Mount Frere.



Communities listening attentively during Mayoral/EXCO outreach at Essek in Mount Frere.

The primary focus for the outreaches is to provide direct interactions between government and communities.

This platform further affords an opportunity for government leadership to assess progress on the implementation of government programme of action.

Communities raised issue about services that are provided by government in the ward and also highlighted areas that government need to improve on in its quest to improve peoples lives for the better.

Among the issue raised were around electrification of villages in the ward, water provision to households in the area, high rate of unemployment which have contributed immensely on increasing number of crime incidences.

They called upon the Executive Mayor, Eunice Diko to assist the community by coordinating various organs of state to priorities issues raised.

Addressing the community, Executive Mayor Diko urged the community to support various initiatives that have been implemented by government in the ward and also encouraged them to plan effectively taking into consideration the financial shortfalls that are faced by government, which in turn affect allocations that are provided to municipalities.