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UMZIMVUBU MAYOR CLLR SOBANE MNUKWA OPENS A NEWLY REFURBISHED COMMUNITY LIBRARY AT COLANA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KWABHACA

By Namhla Magada

Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr Sobane Mnukwa, accompanied by the Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture (DSRAC) representatives opened the communal library at Colana Primary School on the 22nd September 2021. More than R600 000 was invested on the refurbishment of the old building. The library has over 10 000 items (books and other materials) as well as computers with free internet access provided by the National Education Collaboration Trust, KwaBhaca Public Library and DSRAC. Access to the internet will assist library-goers to improve their computer skills, do research and to look for jobs online.

"This library will indeed contribute towards our vision of a socially inclusive, creative, active and connected Municipality, as libraries are the social hub of our communities" said Mayor Mnukwa.

"In our efforts to really support the notion of education, we ought to rectify the mistakes of the past. This means we need to be creative in our thinking as leaders and support programmes like "Adopt a School Library Campaign" whereby books are distributed to libraries across the Municipality by ordinary citizens in order to promote the culture of reading amongst our learners." concluded Mayor Mnukwa.

The Municipality has invested over R900 000 on the maintenance and fencing of communal libraries during the past 5 years and remains committed in providing a conducive environment for learning.

EASTERN CAPE MEC WELCOMES MORE THAN 90 FAMILES TO THEIR NEW HOMES IN KWABHACA.

By Namhla Magada

Eastern Cape Human Settlements MEC, Hon. Nonceba Kontsiwe accompanied by Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr Sobane Mnukwa, officiated the multi-million-rand rural housing project that benefited more than 90 families at Umzimvubu Local Municipality on the 16th September 2021. The Mbodleni 1000 units rural project is implemented in phases, with the first phase of 479 units already handed over to its rightful beneficiaries.

The Department handed over the second phase of the project which is comprised of 93 units. For this phase, the priority was on the destitute and vulnerable groups which include child headed families. Under this phase, 21-Year-old Bulelwa Hlutshwa who is from a child headed family received her new home on the day. Hlutshwa and her 5 dependents are currently homeless and are dependent on foster care grant.

"As beneficiaries, you now have something to pass on to the next generation. As a municipality, we are proud that we could be part of this special day in your lives and we want you to enjoy your new homes. We are glad that this initiative will bring families closer and restore dignity of our people" said Umzimvubu Mayor.

"The Department of Human Settlement sees this as a favourable move to our previously disadvantaged communities. We are committed to working towards an Eastern Cape where everyone has a decent place to live. Through this housing project, our target is to assist a total of 1000 families' in gaining access to housing opportunities that will allow the individuals and the Umzimvubu community to thrive and live dignified lives" said MEC Kontsiwe.

The Department is in the process of awarding the construction of the third phase which is comprised of 521 units. The houses under this project have been built through rural human settlements development programme that aims to eradicate homelessness and collapsing mud structures by building decent, safe and secured houses for poor households in villages.

UMASIPALA WASEKUHLALENI WASE MZIMVUBU UTHE WABHIYOZELA INYANGA YE ARBOR DAY BEBHIYOZELA E SOPHIA PARK.

Ngu Nolukholo Tshezi

Ngomhla wesithandathu kwinyanga yoMsintsi kwakulo nyaka umiyo, uMasipala wasekuhlaleni uMzimvubu ebambisene kunye neSebe lemicimbi Yendalo ,uKuloba naMahlathi lithe labhiyozela usuku lwe Arbor Day nalapho bekukhuthazwa abafundi bezikolo zeli ukuba bakhumbule iveki yotyalo nolondolozo lwemithi, nethi ibhiyozelwe rhoqo kwiveki yokuqala ngenyanga yoMsintsi minyaka le. Lo msitho ububanjelwe kwidolophu yaKwaBhaca eSophia Recreational Park.

USodolophu uphawule wathi uziva echulumancile ngolusuku lwanamhlanje nalapho lomasipala uthe wathabatha igxathu lokufundisa abantwana bezikolo kwakunye nabafundisi ntsapho ngokubaluleka kwemithi kunye nococeko kwizikolo zabo. Ukanti uphefumle wathi uyabongoza ukuba abantu beli bephela mabanakekele indalo kwakunye neendawo abahlala kuzo. "Ingase abantu bangayazi ukuba eminye imithi sithi siyisebenzisele nditsho nokuzinyanga nanto leyo isibonisa ukuba iyimpilo, imithi enjengalowo usematheni kutshanje umhlonyane."

Unkosikazi Khethiwe Tshazi Dlamini nongumphathi wesebe likaMasipala ebelisingethe lomsitho uthe waphakamisa izizathu zokubaluleka kotyalo lwemithi, kunye nococeko nokuhlaziywa kweendawo esihlala kuzo. Ucacise ncakasana ngolusuku lwe Arbor, esithi lwasungulwa ngomnyaka ka1983 yaye lubhiyozelwa rhoqo ngenyanga yoMsintsi minyaka le. Uthe kwamanye amazwe bathi balubhiyozele ngenyanga kaTshazimpunzi olusuku lwe Arbor day.

Unkosikazi Ndedwa Dyantyi Gxarisa ophuma kwiSebe leZemfundo uthe bayavuya ukuba uMasipala uthe wabhiyozela olusuku olubaluleke kangaka, lokufundisa abantwana bezikolo ngendlela yokuhoya izityalo kunye nolondolozo lwendalo ezikolweni. Ukanti uqhwabele izandla abafundi ngokukwazi ukothula intetho mlomo besebenzisa ubuxhakaxhaka bale mihla, kwaye ucebise ukuba abafundisi ntsapho babafundise kangangoko ezikolweni abafundi ngobuxhakaxhaka balemihla ukuze bagqwese xabedibene nezinye izithili.

Evala lenkqubo uMasipala uthe wawonga izikolo ebezisingathe lomsitho ngolusuku lwale Arbor, nalapho izikolo zithe zanikezwa izipho ezinjengamaphekepheke acacisa ngotyalo lwemithi, izitifikethi kunye nemithi abazothi bayityale ezikolweni.

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OBSERVES HERITAGE DAY IN KWABHACA

By Nolukholo Tshezi

Heritage Day in South Africa is celebrated on the 24 September each year. On this day South Africans celebrate South African culture and heritage, the different languages and the different foods eaten. People get to reflect on beauty of their surroundings, celebrating culture wealth and diversity which is known as the Rainbow Nation. This is to inspire all citizens to take pride in living in a country where diversity is embraced and participating in events and dialogues around embracing cultural differences is encouraged.

On the 23 September 2021 Umizmvubu Local Municipality also commemorated Heritage day, through hosting a Heritage Day - Traditional group's competition at Sophia Park in KwaBhaca. More than fifteen local cultural dance groups and traditional music groups from both KwaBhaca and Emaxesibeni shared the stage performing in traditional attires showcasing the different tribes within Umzimvubu tribes. Amongst the performing groups all tribes within Umzimvubu's jurisdiction were represented, Amabhaca, Amahlubi and AmaXesibe.

The Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture also honoured the Heritage programme and assisted with adjudication of the performances. The runner-up's were as follows, 1st prize was Buhle BamaBhaca that walked away with R5000, while the second prize went to Bambhelela dance that won R3000 and the 3rd prize bronze winners awarded to Dalimvelo at a value of R2000.

"As much as we celebrate our customs and traditions on this day, let us also appreciate that in practising our cultures freely and openly, and in speaking our native languages, we are reclaiming not just our heritage, but our pride and our dignity as South Africans. Let us allow the flow in lingual dialogue enrich our knowledge of knowing and learning about the two dominant customs in area; AmaBhaca and AmaXesibe" said Special Programmes and Communications Portfolio Head, Cllr Ntombizandile Garane.

"We inherited the language, tradition and the ways of living from our ancestors and this placed a huge responsibility on the shoulders of all of us to ensure that the heritage left for us by our ancestors does not cease to exist. I'm proud of all the groups that showed their talents here today and I can only remain hopeful that our culture and customs are in the right hands" concluded, Umzimvubu Mayor.

More heritage day celebrations took place at EmaXesibeni the 22nd of September 2021. These were hosted by the Department of Sports, Recreation Arts and Culture in Lubaleko Village, to honour tradition, heritage and culture.

UMASIPALA UMZIMVUBU UBAMBE USUKU LOLWAZI NAMAQUMRHU ABUCALA KWAKUNYE NAMASEBE ORHULUMENTO

Ngu: Babalwa Makhalima

Ngomhla weshumi elinethoba kwinyanga yeThupha kulonyaka umiyo, icandelo lezonxibelelwano loMasipala wasekuhlaleni uMzimvubu lidibene namaSebe ohlukeneyo athi enze iqumrhu labanxibelelanisi kweli loMzimvubu, lithe labamba usuku lolwazi nalapho amaSebe ebephosa nzulu ekwaziseni abahlali ngeenkqubo abaziqhubayo bandule ke baphendule nemibuzo abanayo. Ukanti lo mnyhadala nobubanjelwe kwindawo yeevenkile ezininzi (Mall) KwaBhaca uthe wayimpumelelo.

Kwingxelo yakhe uSomlomo waloMasipala uCeba Florida Ngonyolo ucangcathe kwinto ethi, kulenyanga yamanina bayakhuthaza ukuba abantu abangomama bazikhumbule ukuba babalulekile. Esitsho esithi mabasukume bazimele, bazisebenzele kwaye bazixhobise ngezinto ezingundoqo ebomini. "Eli lizwe akulilo elabantu abankenenkene kodwa lelabo baxhathisayo yaye bazixelela ukuba akukhonto ingena kwuphumelela xa unendzondelelo," utshilo uSomlomo.

Ephefumla uMnu. Njozela weArhente Yokhuseleko lwezeNtlalo yaseMzantsi Afrika uthethe wathi, ngenxa yobhubhane iCovid-19 athe ancipha amathuba okudibana nabantu ukuze bancedakale ngokukhawuleza kuba akusetyenzelwa ezi-ofisini amaxesha amaninzi, esitsho esithi abantu mabaqhelane nezicelo ezenziwa ngobuxhakaxhaka balemihla i-Internet ukutsho kuba yiyona ndlela ilula ngoku yokwenza izinto. Uyichazile ukuba abakho amagingxigingxi kwinkqubo yokushicilela umsebenzi wabo kodwa lonto ayithi abantu mabayekelele umxakatho koko mabathi gqolo bazame de bancedakale.

Ukanti obemele amanina akwishishini lezithuthi zeebhasi uNkosikazi Rooimes uthe, "ndirhalela ukuyicacisa into ethi akukho lula ukubalibhinqa kwelicandelo kuba kaloku longanyelwe ngabantu abangamadoda nathi ngamaxesha athile angabonakalisi kusixabisa, kodwa kuyo yonke lonto sima ngesibindi nangokuzimisela ngenxa yokuba enyanisweni siyakwazi ukuphila yaye sifuna ukubona amanina eza emvakwethu eqhube amanyathelweni ethu. Ndiyakhuthaza abantwana bethu ukuba basondele apha kuthi ngelixa sisenamandla okusebenza ukuze bafunde kabanzi ngelicandelo," utshilo.

Ongumhlali uNkosazana Nozalise Makaula uthe bayabulela kakhulu ngolusuku bengabahlali, esitsho esithi enyanisweni bafumene ulwazi olubanzi noluzakubancenda kanobomi. Ukwayibeke yacaca into ethi imibuzo ebebenayo eqondene nawo wonke amaSebe ebekhona ithe yaphendulwa yaye bakwazile nokufunda nangezinto ebebengazazi ezithi zifumaneke kumaSebe ohlukeneyo.

UMASIPALA UMZIMVUBU UNIKEZELE NGOKUSESIKWENI NGEHOLO YOLUNTU KWA WARD 11 EMZINTO

Ngu: Babalwa Makhalima

Ngomhla weshumi kweyeThupha kulonyaka sikuwo uMasipala wasekuhlaleni Umzimvubu uthe wanikezela ngokusesikweni kuluntu lwaseMaXesibeni ngeholo yoluntu ethe yakhiwa kwilali iMzinto. Le holo nekuzakuthi kuxhamle bonke abahlali bakwa ward 11 kuyo kuvakele ukuba ithiywe ngelinye lamagqala endawo uNkosi Lukhilibane.

Ukanti uCllr Florida Ngonyolo onguSomlomo kulomasipala nobevula le holo ngokusesikweni uvakalise wathi, singurhulumente okhathalayo noluphakamelayo uphuhliso lwabahlali. Eyona nto ndiyibalulekisayo namhlanje kukuba eziholo zikhathaleleni kangangoko yaye ningalibali ukuba urhulumente olawulayo uyasebenza. Sinochulumanco nathi singuMasipala xasibona lomsebenzi ugqityiwe kuba umbono wethu kukuzisa iinkonzo eluntwini ezikumgangatho ongayiwayo," Utshilo uSomlomo.

UCllr Gcinikhaya Makhanda noyintloko yecandelo leZiseko Zophuhliso Nocwangciso (Infrastructure and Planning) akutsho echaza ngesisakhiwo uthe, bengulo Masipala bazibetha isifuba ngeliholo elithe laxabisa imali engange R2 068 966,46 nalapho kuthe kwavuleka amathuba engqesho alishumi elinanye ze ikati yasuka eziko kumakhaya abathile beli. Uchaze wathi yakhiwe ngemigangatho eneethayile zeseramikhi, izibane zombane zexesha langoku, indawo yangasese yamadoda, abantu ababhinqileyo kubandakanywa naleyo eyenzelwe abantu abaphila nokukhubazeka, indawo yokuhlamba izandla emva kokuba umntu esebenzise indawo yangasese, indlela ehamba ngekhonkrithi eya kwindawo yangasese, iitanki zamanzi emvula, izitulo kunye neetafile, ukubiya kusetyenziswa iipali zentsimbi kunye namasango amabini; enye yeyezithuthi kwaye enye yeyabahambi ngeenyawo. Emva kwako konke oku uthe ubone kufanelekile ukuba kubulelwe ukuzinikela, ubunye kwakunye noncedo olunikezwe ngabahlali balewadi ngelixa kusakhiwa leholo.

UNkosikazi Mantshinase Mzozo oneminyaka engamashumi asixhenxe anesibini nongumhlali osele esaluphele kulewardi uvakalise wathi bayabulela kakhulu bengabahlali balewardi kunjalo nje abasoze basilibale esisenzo, esitsho esithi bebefudula behlala phantsi kwemithi xabebamba iintlanganiso. Engathethi ke ngobuncinci beeyadi ebebengcwabela kuzo nebebebambela amatheko asekuhlaleni kuzo. Uyibeke yamhlophe okwekati ehlungwini into ethi ubomi babo abusayi kufana nakuqala.

YIMINCILI YODWA KUBACHWELI BASEMAXESIBENI EPHEPHENI EMVENI KOKUFUMANA IZIXHOBO ZOKUSEBENZA

Ngu Babalwa Makhalima

Ngomhla wesihlanu kwinyanga yeThupha kwakulonyaka umiyo, iqumrhu labantu abaphila nokukhubazeka libambisene neSebe lophuhliso lwamaphandle kwakunye necandelo lezokhenketho kwiphondo leMpuma Kapa lithe lanikezela kubachweli baseMaxesibeni ePhepheni boMasipala wasekuhlaleni uMzimvubu ngezixhobo zokusebenza. Ukanti lo mnyhadala uthe wabanjelwa kuMasipala oMbaxa okwidolophu yaMaXesibe e-Alfred Nzo.

uMphathiswa weSebe lezeMali, uPhuhliso lwezoQoqosho, ne Micimbi yezeNdalo uMnu Mlungisi Mvoko nobezimase lomsitho uvakalise wathi, ufuna ukubulela uMasipala kakhulu ngokuqeqesha ababantu wagqiba emveni koko wenza amalinge okuba bafumane izixhobo zokusebenza ezizakubagcina beshukuma ukuze uqeqesho olu balufumeneyo lungabilizile. Uqhube wathi ukuze ilizwi lomntu ophantsi koxindzelelo oluthile liviwe kufanele kuphakame abantu abangekho phantsi kweloxindzelelo kubengabo abamayo bathi nakubeni nathi singabantu ababonakala bengenanto, kodwa sima kanye nabo aba baphila nokukhubazeka kuba ekugqibeleni bangabantu abafana nathi yaye kuyinyaniso ukuba sonke siphila nako ukukhubazeka.

USodolophu woMasipala wasekuhlaleni uMzimvubu uCllr Sobane Mnukwa ephefumla uthethe wathi bengumasipala uMzimvubu bakhe balixhasa eliqumrhu ngaphambili ngezixhotyana ezithile zokusebenza, esitsho esithi abakhange baphelele apho kodwa baqhubile ukumana befaka isandla pha naphaya. Uvakalise uvuyo olukhulu xa namhlanje abasomashishini bebonakala befumana uphuhliso olubhetele kunjalo nje kubonakala ukuba bayakhula usuku nosuku, esitsho esithi uhambo lwabo nabasomashishini aluphelelí apha.UMnu Thabiso Phethuka nongumphathi kwaDEDEAT uzityande igila ngelithi kuyinkqubo yabo ukuphuhlisa amashishini abantu abakhubazekileyo yaye ayiyonto intsha le bayenzele abasomashishini beli. "Ndikhumbula ukuba ukusuka kukaMphathiswa kwiSebe leZeMfundo ewelela kwelicala lethu, senza isivumelwano sokuba siyiqhube ngononophelo lenkqubo de sabona ukuba masongeze iminyaka emihlanu siqwalasele ngqo kuphuhliso lwabantu abakhubazekileyo. Siyakuphumla thina okanye siyakuwuyekelela umxakatho mhla saqala sabona abantu abakhubazekileyo bekwazi ukuzimela, bephangela yaye bekwazi ukuzivulela amashishini wabo njengeli sivuyisana nalo namhlanje," utshilo okaPhethuka.

Ongusihlalo weForamu yabantu abakhubazekileyo uMnu Joseph Ndamse uthe bayavuya kakhulu bengamalungu elishishini ngesisenzo esenziwe ngurhulumente yaye banombulelo ongazenzisiyo kuba oku kuyababonisa ukuba abasosiqithi, esitsho esithi ukuphila kwabo nokukhubazeka akubenzi ukuba babonwe bengengobantu. Ukwavakalisile ukuba bangashiywa bodwa kodwa urhulumente ahlale ebancedisa maxa wonke nabo kwicala labo bazimisele ukuziphakamela, bazisebenzele ukuze bangathwaxwa yindlala babe behleli bethe dekre kwelixesha lilibi kangaka.

INKULU MBUSO YEPHONDO LASE MPUMA KOLONI U-OSCAR MABUYANE UTHE WAVULA NGOKUSESIKWENI II-OFISI EZINTSHA KWABHACA

Ngu: Nolukholo Tshezi

Ngomhla weshumi elinesithathu kwinyanga yeThupha kunyaka omiyo, inkulu mbuso yephondo laseMpuma Koloni Umnumzana Oscar Mabuyane uthe wavula ngokusesikweni izakhiwo ezitsha kwaBhaca. Ezi zakhiwo bezifudula zaziwa nge Mary Theresa zithe zathiywa kabutsha ngeqhawe lomzabalazo elingasekhoyo utata uThobile Bam owayelitsha-ntliziyo kwezopolitiko.

Ukanti uthethe wathi ngesisenzo sanamhlanje uziva echulumancile kwaye enemincili ngoba abantu balommandla bazotsho bafumane uncedo kufutshane namakhaya abo. Uphinde waphefumla wathi uyabongoza ukuba lamasebe azokusebenzisa ezi-ofisi abeluncedo ngenene eluntwini.

Ezi zakhiwo zithe zaxabisa imali engaphaya kwezigidi ezingama shumi alithoba (90 million) nezithabathe iminyaka emithathu ukuba igqitywe yaye zibonwa njengenyathelo elihle nanjengoko urhulumente ezakuthi abenembuyekezo eqikelelwa kumaR300 000 ngenyanga nebefudula eyibhatala ukuqesha izakhiwo zabucala njengee-ofisi zamasebe-ngamasebe.

Mahlanu amasebe azothi asebenzele kwezi ofisi aquka: isebe lophuhliso lwentlalo, Isebe leZempilo, Isebe LeZothutho, Isebe loPhuhliso lwaMaphandle Nohlaziyo Jikelele kunye ne Sebe Lolawulo lweNtsebenziswano neMicimbi Yemveli.

Ukati intombi yalowo ongasekhoyo utata uThobile Bam uthe belusapho lakwa Bam babulela ngokungazenzisiyo ngesisenzo sanamhlanje. "Oku kubonakalisa umzila omhle oshiywe ngutata kwimizamo yokuba sifumane lenkululeko siyingcamlayo namhlanje, siyazingca kakhulu silusapho" uququmbele watsho uChwayita Bam.

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COMMEMORATES WOMEN’S DAY IN KWABHACA

Ngu Bukho Ngcangula no Nolukholo Tshezi

Every year during the month of August, South Africa commemorates more than 20 000 women, who marched to the Union Buildings against the extension of pass laws on the 9th August 1956. A system meant to control women even further and reduce women to passive beings, at the mercy of men.

On the 26th August 2021, Umzimvubu Local Municipality commemorated this year's Women's Month under the theme: "Bouncing into spring as a woman of destiny". This is a global campaign and links women to global efforts to achieve gender equality by 2030. "This commemoration allows us to reflect on how far we have come as a society. The transformation of gender equality between men and women has significantly improved since 1956" said Cllr Garane. She further explained the purpose of the programme as an opportunity to get an understanding of how women are feeling in their respective places of living.

Mrs Kwatshwa, who was the keynote speaker for the day said, "Women ought to unite and stand together during this difficult period where we witness a sudden rise in GBV against women and children. As women, we cannot rest until we're recognized for our intellectual being and not for sexual pleasure. We also cannot rest until all perpetrators of GBV are sentenced and removed from society." said Kwatsha. "We also need to understand that some of the women in our work places are victims of unmediated matters. This then leads to posttraumatic depression and non-performance at work. Women need to voice out their pain and heal inside before they can attempt to move on" concluded Kwatsha.

Umzimvubu Speaker, Cllr Florida Ngonyolo commended the commemoration and said, "We have been empowered. This commemoration has restored the strength and resilience of us as women. The contribution of women to our society and the country at large must not be tainted as another useless activity" concluded Cllr Ngonyolo. The programme is commemorated annually to remind women that they too are part of this society.

UMZIMVUBU MAYOR RESTORES DIGNITY TO MORE THAN 10 FAMILIES AT CABAZI VILLAGE IN KWABHACA.

Bukho Ngcangula & Nandipha Xangayi

On the 17th of August 2021, Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr Sobane Mnukwa, brought joy to more than 10 families at Cabazi Village in KwaBhaca. The new houses were allocated to low-income earning families that met the national housing subsidy scheme criteria. Plans are underway to reduce the housing backlog in the Municipality and further address the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and crime.

"These RDP houses were built using high quality material that is highly suitable to restore the dignity of our people. The houses being handed over today form part of phase one (1) and it is expected that phase two (2) will commence as soon as the new contractor has been appointed. Whilst more than 18 people have benefitted from the labour opportunities created by this project, we expect it to be complete by the end of March 2022" said Umzimvubu Mayor.

Nkosazana Dabula, 46, said, "I have been living inside an unreliable mud structure that brought me problems every time it rained. I am staying with my family of 8 people and we had no privacy inside that room. Today I am humbled by the gesture displayed by the Municipality towards me and my family. I am deeply thankful for my new RDP house. This will change my life forever", said a jubilant Dabula.

TSHISANE COMMUNITY WELCOMES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE

BY Bukho Ngcangula & Nandipha Xangayi

More than 500 Community residents at Tshisane Village welcomed a newly built bridge in KwaBhaca. The multi-million bridge that was due to be completed in 8 months, was completed in 10 months due to unforeseen interruptions caused by the COVID-19 lockdown. The infrastructure project created more than 150 job opportunities for local residents and includes a 2km access road.

The bridge includes three (3) span bridges which are each 6.6 meters long, a construction of 150 meters in height and a 6 meter wide concrete pavement with gabions.

"This project brings joy to the Municipality and has left us pleased with the continued support of the Project Steering Committee. It is also pleasing to note that one of the resident employees were fortunate enough to receive permanent employment from the contractor. This bridge did not only bring about access to facilities of trade but it also contributed towards the economy of this Village" said Ward 24 Councillor, Ms Bulana.

Community resident, Victoria Bavuma, 38, said, "We are very happy to be welcoming such a bridge in our area. We had to walk across this river even if it left us vulnerable during rainy days. It was a costly trip for motor vehicles because they had to travel via Mount Fletcher to reach certain areas in KwaBhaca. However, today we gather as happy residents and confident that this bridge will last us for a lifetime.

UMZIMVUBU ASIMANGA Siyaqhuba SERVICE DELIVERY PROFILE 2021
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UMZIMVUBU MAYOR PLEASED WITH PUBLIC RESISTANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE AND LOOTING IN KWABHACA AND EMAXESIBENI.

By Khanya Kalashe

Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr Sobane Mnukwa is pleased with the public resistance against violence and looting in KwaBhaca and EmaXesibeni. This follows unprecedented criminal activities and violence which become apparent in parts of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

"The destruction of property and rampant looting of economic zones will have severe implications for our already ailing economy. This will further result in job losses and exacerbate hunger. I must however express my sincere gratitude towards the people of KwaBhaca and EmaXesibeni for their resilient stance in protecting their respective towns" said Cllr Mnukwa.

"As part of our ongoing engagement with key sectors of society, I will be meeting with leaders of various civil organisations and forums to discuss the current situation. These meetings will aide in restoring peace and harmony throughout Umzimvubu. This violence and destruction takes place in the midst of a devastating pandemic and as local government we can only do so much in trying to save lives. We plead with all residents to remain vigilant and work hand in hand with our law enforcement officers" concluded Umzimvubu Mayor.

In the words of President Cyril Ramaphosa

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ENGAGES COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AT MANDILENI VILLAGE IN KWABHACA

By Bukho Ngcangula

On the 10th of September 2021, Umzimvubu Local Municipality engaged community residents at Mandileni Village in KwaBhaca. These engagements follow the complete installation of electricity in the area. The multi-year project created 8 job opportunities and saw more than 360 households being energized on the day.

"The project is a milestone achievement for ward 14 residents. For many years, this community has been up in arms regarding the completion of this project. I am proud to have honoured my village and lived up to their expectations. We encountered a lot of challenges towards the completion of this project but today we can safely say that we have restored the dignity of our people" said Ward 14 Councillor, Ms Hlazo.

Community resident, Mr Nciyo, 51, said, "Life will change for the better. This, is an opportune moment for us to witness the democracy that we have always seen when we visited other towns. This is a legacy project for many generations to come.

The most important thing to note, is the ease of connecting to the internet without any fear of losing power and for this we shall remain thankful to Umzimvubu", concluded Mr Nciyo.

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UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COMMEMORATES MANDELA MONTH

By Namhla Magada

On the 30th of July 2021, Umzimvubu Local Municipality handed over blankets, furniture, kitchen utensils and an office printer to Mtshazi Safe Home in KwaBhaca. This initiative was done to commemorate and honour Mandela month. Umzimvubu Local Municipality celebrates Mandela month annually in honour of the late Dr Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa.

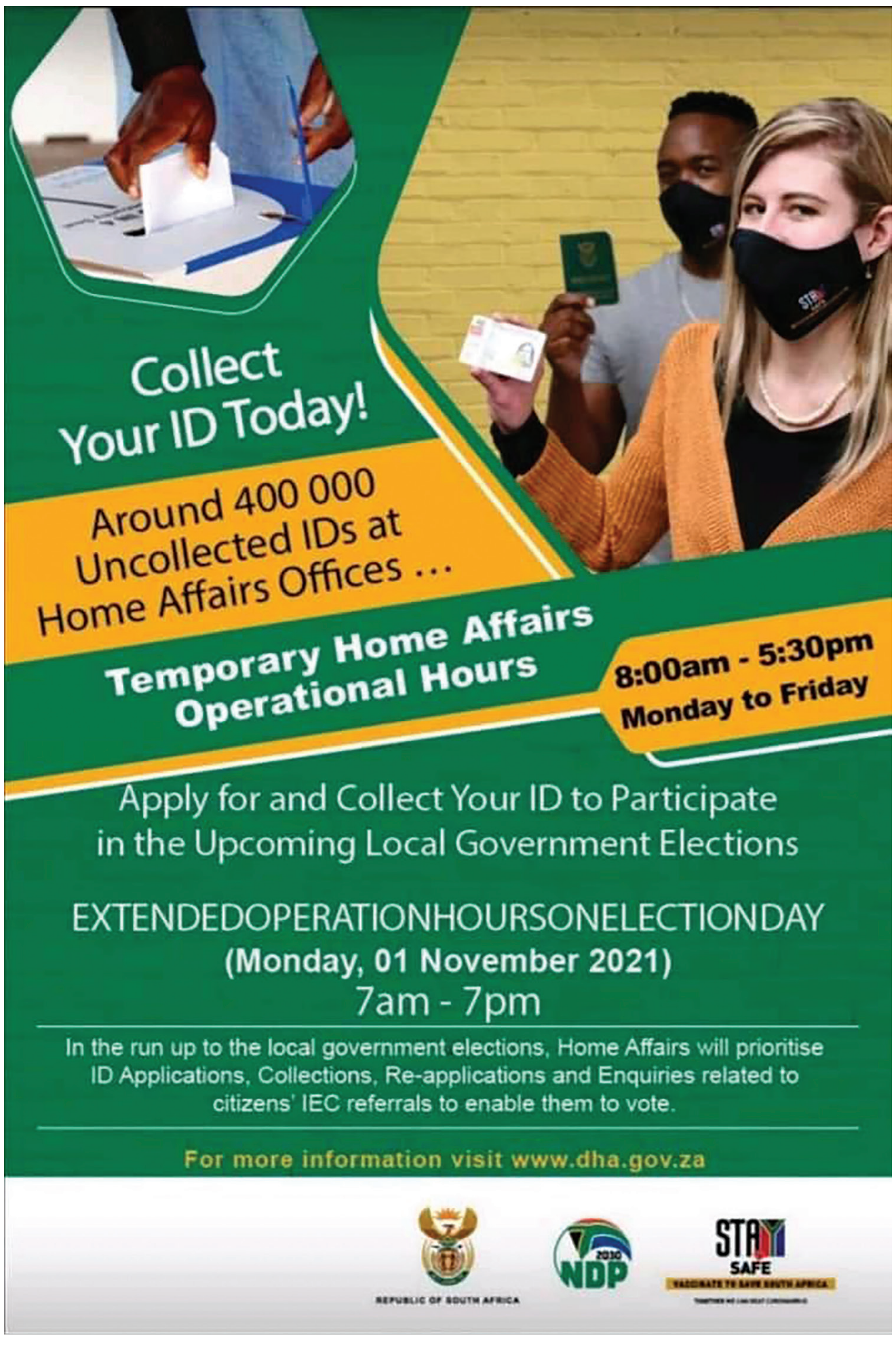
"Each year in July, millions of South Africans are called to spend 67 minutes working for the good of others. The duration of this initiative symbolizes the 67 years that the late Nelson Mandela spent fighting for social justice. This year, as Umzimvubu Local Municipality we have chosen to spend our 67 minutes here at Mtshazi to improve the lives of victims in this place", said Umzimvubu Speaker, Cllr Florida Ngonyolo.

"This safe home is the only safe home we have in the entire municipality and it serves the whole Alfred Nzo region. It is therefore the duty of the Municipality to ensure that it is well maintained and equipped with all the necessities that are needed by a safe home to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those who reside in this place" concluded Umzimvubu Speaker.

Amongst the many stakeholders that were present on the day was the Department of Social Development who came in support of the initiative and also played a critical role of the handover to give emotional support to those who found sanctuary at Mtshazi Safe Home.

Ntombikayise Ngqele, a Social Worker from the department uttered that they assist victims that are in need of help across forms of abuse to restore their dignity. "We encourage all victims of any form of abuse to be brave enough to fight abuse whether physical or emotional and speak out", said Mrs Ngqele.

Mrs Funeka Maqwathi who is the coordinator in this safe home expressed her words of gratitude to Umzimvubu Local Municipality saying "We are happy and delighted about what the Municipality has done for us, we know and we are confident that the Municipality cares and we without any doubt know of the positive impact and difference that this gesture has in our Safe Home.



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