

## Mpumalanga EXCO Media Statement.

### Good Morning

Thank you for attending this media briefing.

The Executive Council held its ordinary sitting yesterday, Wednesday the 06 July 2016 in Mbombela.

### Mandela Month

The Executive Council has approved the activities for the Mandela month by provincial government departments in honour and paying homage to the founding father of our democracy, by doing humanity services in an effort to make a difference in the lives of those that live below the breadline.

The provincial government has arranged a series of daily build-up events leading to the 18th July 2016 [Nelson Mandela's birthday] that will be held at Phola, Ogies in eMalahleni Local Municipality. The main event will be pioneered by Mpumalanga Premier David Mabuza, as well as all the members of the executive and the executive mayors.

The provincial government has partnered with Eskom, Siemens, NYDA and Disabled People of South Africa to cooperate on a number of developmental issues including the construction a retirement village and a primary school in Phola.

The highlight of the main event on 18 July will be a sod turning ceremony for the construction of a retirement centre, the hand-over ceremony of a primary school. The Premier will further on the day have a community meeting with local people and also hand over blankets to the elderly of Phola.

DATE	TIME	PROJECT DETAILS	DEPLOYMENT (POLITICAL HEAD)
12 July 16	09H00	Handover of theatre and OPD at KwaMhlanga Hospital  Handover of a Mosemola house at KwaMhlanga  Opening of Tweefontein G Clinic	Health MEC G Mashego  HOD

13 July 16	09H00	Launching Skills Development Programme for Learners License targeted at Grade 11 and 12 Learners.	Safety, Security and Liaison MEC V Shongwe
14 July 16		Clean-up campaigning to collect recyclables and crushing of bottles for the Matsulu Recycling Group  Painting and fixing of ceiling Mananga Community Hall	DARDLEA MEC A Gamede  HOD  Public Works, Roads and Transport MEC D Nhlengethwa  HOD
15 July '16	09H00	Painting of Intern/Doctors residence at Witbank hospital  Cleaning Barberton Secondary School by Soccer Legends followed by Soccer Tournament for 67 minutes - Barberton  Conduct a blitz to record 67 successes which includes arresting most wanted suspects and bringing to book motorists who have violated traffic laws - Tonga/ Schoemansdal/ Mbuzini	Health MEC G Mashego  HOD  Education MEC R Mhaule DCSR MEC N Mahlangu  HOD  Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC V Shongwe

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18 July '16		<p>Handover of Wilge Primary School – Donated by Eskom</p> <p>Sod turning for the construction of Phola Retirement Village and interaction with young artisans.</p> <p>Premier Day with the elderly – Handover of blankets and interaction with elderly</p> <p>Cleaning and painting Mehlwana Secondary School</p> <p>Clean-up campaign at Hlangu Phola primary school.</p> <p>Partner with the eMalahleni Housing Company to construct houses to senior citizens and donate 500 blankets at eMpumelweni Informal Settlements.</p> <p>Patching of potholes at Ferrobank off ramp</p> <p>67 families have been identified as beneficiaries for the blankets (Hlalanikahle, Emalahleni, Nkangala District)</p> <p>Siyasebenza – Community @ Work – Road Infrastructure, Rehabilitation and Cleaning of illegal dumps – eMalahleni</p> <p>Community Meeting – to be attended by Premier, members</p>	<p>Premier MECs Executive Mayors Councilors Director-General All HoDs CEO Eskom CEO Siemens</p>

		of the executive, Eskom and Siemens	
18 July '16		Handover equipment to Ntuli's Tyres - (Moloto, Thembisile Local Municipality)	Economic Development and Tourism MEC SE Kholwane  HOD
19 July 16	09H00	Handover equipment to Scroof Tyre Thulamahashe, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality)	Economic Development and Tourism MEC E Kholwane  HOD
20 July 16		Handover equipment to JNT Tyres Tonga, Nkomazi Local Municipality)  Facilitate community participation to construct houses for elderly beneficiaries in Nkomazi through the Youth Brigade Initiative.	Economic Development and Tourism MEC E Kholwane  HOD  Human Settlements MEC V Siwela  HOD

21 July 16		<p>Premier meeting with farmers and the Sod turning of the International Fresh Produce Market, in Mbombela</p> <p>Conduct a blitz to record 67 successes which include arresting most wanted suspects and bringing to book motorists who have violated traffic laws - Ogies/ Witbank/ KwaMhlanga</p> <p>Official opening of phase 1 of the Swartfontein Treatment Centre girls dormitory – Mbombela LM</p>	<p>Premier MECs</p> <p>Director-General All HoDs</p> <p>Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC V Shongwe</p> <p>HOD</p> <p>Social Development MEC NS Mtsweni</p> <p>HOD</p>
27 July '16		<p>Official opening of Hendrina DSD office - Steve Tshwete LM</p> <p>Official handover of Steve Tshwete Boarding School - Steve Tshwete LM</p> <p>Donation of 100 blankets to the Thutukani Centre for Orphans and the Aged and also build a</p>	<p>Social Development MEC NS Mtsweni</p> <p>HOD</p> <p>Education MEC R Mhaule</p> <p>HOD</p>

		<p>house for an elderly woman at Extension 34 – Msukaligwa LM</p> <p>Renovation of a household for persons with disability - Thaba Chweu (Matibidi)</p>	<p>Human Settlements MEC VS Siwela</p> <p>HOD</p> <p>Public Works, Roads and Transport MEC D Nhlengethwa</p> <p>HOD</p>
28 July 16		<p>Viewing of small clinic with e-health official launch of electronic record system at Volkrust Clinic and Sinqobile CHC</p> <p>Conduct a blitz to record 67 successes which includes arresting most wanted suspects and bringing to book motorists who have violated traffic laws - Lekwa/ Mkhondo/ Dipaliseng</p>	<p>Ministers: Dr A Motsoaledi Ms N Pandor Premier: Mr DD Mabuza MEC Mr G Mashego</p> <p>Director-General HODs</p> <p>Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC V Shongwe</p> <p>HOD</p>
30 July 16		<p>Patching of Potholes and Awareness of Drugs and Substance Abuse - Standerton</p>	<p>Public Works, Roads and Transport MEC D Nhlengethwa Social Development</p>

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### **Mpumalanga Cultural Festival.**

The Executive Council approved the annual hosting of a five-day Cultural Festival by the provincial government in Mbombela towards the end of the year that will showcase performance by artists from diverse cultures across all racial lines.

This is an effort by the provincial government to promote local talent through a cultural festival as well as continuing to promote and market the province as a tourist destination, whilst in the process creating job opportunities for arts practitioners. The cultural festival will in the process drive social cohesion amongst the citizens in the province.

The festival will be presented over a five-day period and it will showcase amongst other things exhibitions, craft, hip hop music, jazz and gospel concert, homebrewed performance as well as film festival.

### **Appointments**

The Executive Council approved the appointments of the following officials

10.1 **Dr Savera Mohangi**, appointed Superintendent-General [Department of Health]

10.2 **Mr Jabulane Mndebele**, appointed Chief Director: Hospital Services [Department of Health]

10.3 **Ms Nanana Hlatywayo**, appointed Chief Director: District Health Services - Gert Sibande District [Department of Health]

10.4 **Mr Bhekizizwe Mdlovu**, appointed Director: Monitoring and Evaluation [Department of Health]

10.5 **Mr Lucky Mahlalela**, appointed Director: Supply Chain Management [Department

of Health]

10.6 **Mr Steven Mahlangu**, appointed Director: Management Accounting [Department of Health]

We take this opportunity to congratulate the officials, to pledge our full support and to wish the well in their new portfolios.

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