



# VICTOR KHANYE

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Department of Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe visited the Victor Khanye Local Municipality for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) contribution drive to Delmas Schools on 17 September. Mantashe was accompanied by the Mpumalanga Education MEC Bonakele Majuba, Acting Nkangala District Executive Mayor Eva Makhabane and VKLM Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda. The selected schools Mafa Max Secondary School and Swartklip Combined School were part of the DMR's drive in Mpumalanga and other parts of South Africa to combat the spread of the covid-19 virus. "We are not here to donate but to contribute in the fight against an invisible enemy, covid-19," Mantashe said addressing the learners and teachers. Cllr Buda used the opportunity to express

the need for the DMR to intervene in the unemployment woes caused by the closing down of the Delmas Colliery which resulted in unemployed citizens. "We welcome you Minister at Victor Khanye, We are saying this info because during the coronavirus at alert level 5, Delmas Colliery was closed down which resulted in 600 people losing their jobs. We are glad you are here because we need your intervention into this issue because that mine is one of the oldest mines and unfortunately was closed down due to its dispute with Eskom", said Cllr Buda. Mantashe also mentioned that the department recognises the contribution of the mining industry to the economy and that mining towns should be flourishing. "An important person may emerge from this rural school", said Mantashe.

"Growing up on a farm does not mean you cannot be a President", Mantashe said to the learners. Majuba expressed his delight for the honour of the DMR for the contribution, "We appreciate that the DMR has brought PPEs because education is everyone's business so if all of us even sister departments should in participate in helping save the lives of learners and teachers", said Majuba.



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# The Delmas Cleaning Campaign receives commendable support from VKLM

A nine-day Delmas Cleaning Campaign organised by the South African National Civic organization (SANCO) in Victor Khanye Local Municipality has received overwhelming support from the Council.

The Members of the Mayoral Committee including the Council's Chief Whip Sponono Mahlangu, Ward councillors, Community leaders, and the VKLM Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda together embraced the initiative to keep Delmas clean and green. The commendable support from the community members at large was an indication that indeed together the nation can achieve more.

The nine day campaign took off on 19 September and was set to end on 27 September covering all the 9 wards. On the first day of the of the campaign, 19 September, Ward Councillor Tebogo Malomane was amongst the community members and VKLM employees for the campaign took place at the Botleng Extension 2 and the industrial area removing waste material from the field.

On 23 September in Extension 3 and 4, Ward 5 Chief Whip of VKLM Sponono Mahlangu, the MMC for Social Development Cllr Yeko and other community leaders were there to support the campaign, "As VKLM, we are grateful for the efforts from SANCO for this mass campaign, we hope to see this continuous so that our children and future generation carry on with it", said Chief Whip of VKLM Sponono Mahlangu.

SANCO chairperson for Victor Khanye Local Municipality and campaign organiser Jacob Mononyane says the idea behind the campaign is not only to keep Victor Khanye cleaner and greener, however to help the involved volunteering community members earn a profit from the recycled materials, "We are here today with this cleaning campaign which is a SANCO initiative, we saw as community that our environment is polluted... so as SANCO we thought that it is important for the community to take this initiative on their own and ensure a cleaner environment. We are helping the government as it sometimes lacks the resources in implementing service delivery", said Mononyane.

The campaign is set to be a long term strategy to keep Victor Khanye greener and sustainable as SANCO aims to bring the private sector to sponsor the project. Sponsors that are part of this nine day cleaning campaign are VKLM, Pick n Pay, Schoeman, Mancamane Trading Enterprises, Sandvik, McCain, Motau Mining, Rebel Mini Market amongst others. "We are going to continue after the nine days because you cannot impact change in one day, these wards are vast... so we will certainly do a continuous assessment to what we have done and what we can achieve", said Mononyane.

At the end of the 9-day campaign Cllr Buda said that the municipality will continue to monitor all the sites that were cleaned and install NO DUMPING signs to ensure that there is no further dumping.



Deputy Minister of Transport Dikeledi Magadzi

# VKLM Mayor and the Chief Whip endorse the Social Justice Project

Executive Mayor for Victor Khanye Local Municipality Cllr Vusi Buda and the Chief Whip Sponono Mahlangu have endorsed the work proposed to be implemented by Harambee Social Justice Project (HSJP).

Cllr Buda says the project by the HSJP, partnered with the Delmas Community Development Trust (DCDT) powered by Allen and Overy is of paramount to drive the economic, social and skills change in the Delmas Community. This partnership was launched with a DCDT paralegal centre in Delmas on 8 August to drive compliance of key companies such as mines and big corporations which operate in the Delmas area to properly implement their Social Labour Plans (SLPs), BBE compliance and environmental responsibilities.

The key stakeholders, mining forums, the VKLM Executives, Youth Development Centres who inherited the interest to uphold the dignity of the Delmas community, honoured the invitation to support the launch of the HSJP in partnership with the

DCDT. "Ours is to manage and ensure that there is collaboration from the community. ... Listening to the presentation that has been made here, these are the things that we want, but the development although happening, it is done in manners that leave scars. As a municipality we do consult with the mines, which on compliance their SLPs are signed off," Buda said.

"We are tired of hearing talks; we need action now. We need to see change. We are not interested in your qualifications if you cannot deliver in your promises. Act and make the difference in the community which you say you aim to develop," Chief Whip Sponono Mahlangu emphasised.

The Founding Trustee of the Harambee Social Justice Project, Barney Andrews, who introduced the paralegal centre at the launch said: "On the social labour plan projects we need to have the information readily available to the Council [VKLM], so this team here will make a lot of research in terms of that", he said.



# VKLM embarks on its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Consultative meetings

IDP Consultative meetings give the community members an opportunity to report to the municipal council on the developments they wish to see in their areas or wards in order for the identified items to be included in the next financial year budget.

In terms of Section 29 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, “the local community must be consulted on its developmental needs, priorities and the local community must also participate in the drafting of the integrated development plan.

Below are some of the issues that were raised by community members during the Victor Khanye Local Municipality 2020/2021 Integrated Development Plan Community Consultative Meetings with ward councillors during September, although not all the issues are reflected here, most of them will be included in the official IDP.



**Ward 4 Ext 3 Community Hall**  
**Cllr Vusi Buda**  
**10 Sept 2020**

NAME AND SURNAME	AND	ADDRESS	ISSUES
Mr Zwane		Mandela Section	Gravelling Of Roads
Mrs Mathebula			Old Roads Must Be Fixed
Nadube		3208	Cracked Houses

**Ward 7 Sizofunda Primary School**  
**Cllr Ezekiel Sekhukhune**  
**13 Sep 2020**

NAME AND SURNAME	ADDRESS	ISSUES
Busi	Sundra	Request for Jojo tank in the area Speed humps Street markings Most residents do not have ID books-requests for assistance



**Ward 5 Ext 4 Community Library**  
**Cllr Ice Ngoma**  
**14 Sept 2020**

NAME AND SURNAME	ADDRESS	ISSUES
Jacob Hlatshwayo	2336 Ndinisa Str	Cracked Houses And need for High Mast lights
Mr Simon Matlala	2356	Cracked Houses
Nompi Phasha	2569	Chris Hani And Smiza Street Needs Grading



**Ward 3 Mafa Max Motloung Secondary School**  
**Cllr Tebogo Malomane**  
**24 and 25 Sep 2020**

NAME AND SURNAME	ADDRESS	ISSUES
Stapura	7736	Unemployment
Mtshweni	RDP	The 60/40 Electricity policy must be decrease
Johannes Mokoena	7787	High Crime Rate Increases

**Ward 2 Sinethemba Community Hall**  
**Cllr Docus Yeko**  
**26 Sept 2020**

NAME AND SURNAME	ADDRESS	ISSUES
	Mandela	Crime

**Ward 9 Arbor Primary School**  
**Cllr Masilela**  
**27 Sept 2020**

NAME AND SURNAME	ADDRESS	ISSUES
Mrs Nkosi	Arbor	Request Mobile Clinic To Visit Atleast Twice A Week



# VKLM embraces the "Health Care Workers Lives Matters" campaign

The Executive Mayor of Victor Khanye Local Municipality Cllr Vusi Buda and Speaker Khaya Robert Segone demonstrated support for the "Health Care Workers Lives Matters" Campaign launched by the MEC of Health Sasekani Manzini.

Manzini launched the screening and psychosocial support strategy campaign for Health Care workers at Bernice Samuel Hospital on 8 September.

The campaign strategy themed "Health Care Workers Lives Matters" was launched to bring attention and support to the wellness of health care workers who are at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic.

During the campaign Cllr Buda said VKLM is willing to help the hospital gather resources through contribution from local businesses. "We will help you MEC to get ambulances for the hospitals by mobilising our mines just as Exarro and Westcoal who have made sure that we have PPE as well. We thank everyone who is here, listen to what the MEC Manzini has to say and take advice", said Cllr Buda.

Manzini says this campaign is necessary as the livelihood of Health Care Workers is often neglected due to their focus on the wellbeing of others.

Screening and Testing stations including informative health materials were brought for the attention of the health care workers at the hospital. The VKLM Covid19 stats are one of the lowest in Mpumalanga, with the highest recovery rate, "This 95 % was not achieved by the MEC, the HOD or the CEO. You are the ones who achieved this recovery rate because you are the ones who would screen and get those with symptoms to get tested", said Manzini. She further said workers should not risk their health by embarking on work without Personal Protective Equipment.

Segone acknowledged the hard work put in by the Health Care workers particularly during the hard lockdown of level 5 and said the Manzini is a commendable leader for recognising the work put in by her colleagues in the health department. "We thank you health workers for the efforts you put in to help ensure that the covid19 stats at VKLM remain low", said Segone.

"I want to thank you MEC for acknowledging those who work in your

department, it's very rare to find leaders who do what you just did, thank you", added Segone.

Manzini's visit was also embraced by the MMC for Health and Social Services Dorcas Yeko, HOD in the Department of Health Dr Savera Mohangi and Nkangala District Manager in the Health department Mashabane Joshua Motlhamme and others.



MEC of Health Sasekani Manzini



Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda



Honorable Speaker Cllr Khaya Segone



## VKLM heed to the presidential call and join the #JerusalemDanceChallenge

