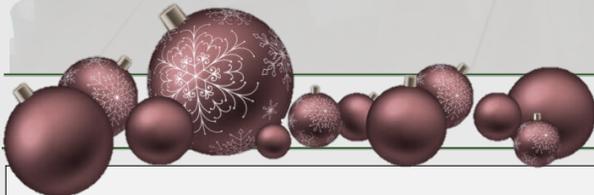




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Junade Nazale Teenano, encouraging employees to get tested



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Employees listening to speakers sharing information on HIV and Aids

By Rodney Lerato Majobe

World Aids Day was celebrated since 1988 on the 1st of December, following the World Health Organization’s(WHO) declaration, to raise awareness about the epidemic and to restore dignity and hope for those who are already infected.

Office of the Premier recently commemorated World Aids Day, where employees were encouraged to get tested, to practice safe sex and those who were already infected to continue taking their medication.

Junade Nazale Teenano, a professional nurse at the Department of Health, said her department wanted to see majority of the population being tested and those who were infected be virologically

suppressed to reduce chances of transmitting the dreaded virus.

“We want 90% of the population to be tested, we want 90% of the population to be virologically suppressed, because when you are virologically suppressed, chances of transmitting the virus to another person are very low,” she said.

She added that over the past two to three years, her department had rolled out, fixed dose combination medication, one pill that a patient takes once a day instead of three or more pills, encouraging those affected to continue taking their medication.

“We have moved from three tablets a day to one tablet at night, please take your medication if you

are HIV positive,” emphasized Teenano.

“It is very important to know your status and take your treatment if you are HIV positive,” she said.

Tshenolo Phiri, an intern in the Employee Health and Wellness Directorate, who organized the event, said she was profusely delighted about the attendance of employees and expressed appreciation to guest speakers invited to share information at the event.

“I am very happy that employees came in numbers to this event and I am really thankful to the speakers who shared knowledge and encouraged our employees on matters relating to HIV and Aids,” Phiri concluded.



Mirriam Mahlosana, addressing employees on issues of HIV and Aids



Tshenolo Phiri, thanking guest speakers and employees for responding to invitation

Long service awards for OoP employees



Vivian Jood, feeling happy and proud after receiving her 30 years long service award from Prof Job Mokgoro

Christine Sebolai, feeling proud of her achievement, receiving her 20 years service award from Prof Job Mokgoro

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North West Office of the Premier has recently honoured long serving employees for their contribution over the years by giving them Long Service Award certificates.

The idea behind the awards is to appreciate employees for their long service in the public service and to give them courage to continue serving citizens of the province with pride and passion, as they are on the driving seats of service delivery.

Employees who received awards were those who served government for a decade to three decades consecutively.

Assistant Director in GITO Chief Directorate, Lebogang Chweneemang, who served in the public service for 10 years, said he was proud to have reached 10 years of service and he was looking forward to reaching 20 years.

“I am very proud to have served for 10 years in govern-

ment, and I am working on another ten years so that I can reach 20 years in the public service,” he said.

As GITO Chief Directorate requires one to be able to adapt to an ever-changing environment and come up with innovative ideas, Chweneemang added that he wanted to execute the teachings he had acquired over the past years and contribute towards the fourth industrial revolution.

“I have learnt a lot since I started working in government. I want to use the knowledge and skills I acquired to contribute towards the fourth industrial revolution because technology changes with time,” Chweneemang added.

A 20-year long service employee, Christine Sebolai, said she felt honoured to have received the long service award and profusely proud to be part of the category of employees who served for a long time in a male dominated environment. She started working in the last year of the 20th century (1999).

“As one of the recipients of the

20 years long service award, I felt honoured and proud to be counted among the people who worked for so long in the environment that is male dominated, responsible for Back-up and Operations under the Information Technology (IT) unit,” she said.

Vivian Jood, who received a 30-year long service award, joined government during the times of the pre-democratic South Africa in 1989 - just a year before the release of Tata Nelson Mandela - said she was excited about her journey because the transition from the previous order happened in her presence.

“I am very happy and proud to have served under the Bophuthatswana government and now in the new government,” she said.

Jood added that she learnt a lot from Prof Job Mokgoro, who was the first Director General of the North West province after the 1994’s general elections, and she is imparting the knowledge and skills

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she acquired over the years to young employees so that they could know the dynamics involved in the administration environment.

“I am proud to have served under Prof Job Mokgoro as Director General.

The skills I have learnt include interpersonal relations and communication skills,” Jood added.

North West Premier, Prof Job Mokgoro, congratulated awards recipients and encouraged them to continue serving the people of this province wholeheartedly.

“Congratulations to all the employees who received long service awards today. Continue to serve our people with the mind, the gut and the heart,” Prof Mokgoro concluded.



Lebogang Chweneemang, a 10 years service award recipient pictured with Premier Job Mokgoro and DDG Jimmy Mawelela



Long service award recipients posing for a picture with Premier Prof Job Mokgoro

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GITO's year-end function and team building



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GITO staff members at their year end function

By Ketshephileng Laka

Government Information Technology Office (GITO) Chief Directorate joined by colleagues from other directorates at their year-end function and a team building session at Boereplaas outside Vryburg, in Dr Ruth Segomotsi

Mompati District from 13-14 December 2019.

Network Administration Deputy Director, Sarel van der Schyff, said: "We agreed to have this event to instil the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood amongst us.

To have the opportunity to thank

colleagues for their handwork and commitment they displayed throughout the year to ensure that the directorate meet its set targets.

One also need to applaud Christinah Sebolai and her organising team for putting this event together."





Season's Greetings

This is a very special time of the year; a season of reflection and introspection that gives us a break from the hustle and bustle of our everyday working schedules. It provides many of us with some time to not only take stock of the past and present, and reimagine the future, but it also gives us time to enjoy the company of family and friends that is all too often missing for the rest of the year.

2019, without any doubt, was a year that signified a special era for South Africans, as the country is celebrating 25 years of freedom and Democracy, thus affording the citizenry the opportunity to reflect on the successes and challenges we continue to experience.

Having held the general elections in May that ushered in the 6th Administration, we have a collective responsibility to keep the train on track, and to ensure the realisation of the national development plan goals. We have, working together with stakeholders such as the traditional leadership, religious organisations, business sector, civil society, labour organisations and public servants, made a commitment to give precedence to improved delivery of services in the province, and ensure that we properly shape our service delivery programmes in order to provide a people-centred and corruption-free Provincial Administration.

It is also important to mention that the Section 100 interventions that were put in place in the previous administration are continuing to yield the desired results, and we remain positive that we will ultimately address all areas that necessitated national intervention, and get our acts together.

We are concerned about the scourge of Gender-Based Violence which continues to be on the rise amongst our communities, and I wish to reiterate our commitment as government to ensuring justice for all victims of barbaric acts perpetuated against the most vulnerable amongst us.

I urge all of us to make it our mission during this festive season, to

heighten the campaign against the abuse of women and children in our quest to ensure that South Africa is a much safer country for all its inhabitants.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the provincial government employees for their tremendous contribution in ensuring that our programme of action justly and deservedly benefit the over 4 million citizens of our province, who ought to receive quality basic services.

I thank the Education and Health sectors staff in the North West for the incredible work they continue to deliver in restoring the culture of learning and teaching, and ensuring that members of our communities who are in need of primary health care, are well looked after. The concerted effort by the law enforcement agencies in the fight against criminal activities, did not go unnoticed. Many of us do not see all the demands placed on these public servants, but their work is greatly appreciated.

I send my warmest wishes for a peaceful, joyous and crime-free festive season to all North West residents and those that will be visiting our province, and wish that together, we will continue to seek to build a united community of which our forebears dreamt - embracing the values, possibilities and responsibilities contained in that dream.

As many of us will be travelling to different holiday destinations, I remind road users to always obey the traffic rules, and respect each other, particularly the law enforcement officers.

On behalf of the provincial leadership, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, full of good health, and restored hope and faith. Let's meet again in 2020, and work together to build a better North West Province.

Best Wishes

*Premier of North West Province
Prof. Tebogo Job Mokgoro*

Long Service Recognition

Long Service Recognition: 10 Years

No	Name	Appointment Date	Date Completed	No. of Year
1	Ditibane DG			10
2	Moshoette NE			10
3	Chweneemang LN			10
4	Metswamere K			10
5	Manyetsa TO			10
6	Mokupi KM			10
7	Matebesi MJ			10
8	Seletedi PM			10
9	Mogawane MM			10
10	Chwene KC			10
11	Matshavhange NK			10

Long Service Recognition: 20 Years

No	Name	Appointment Date	Date Completed	No. of Year
12	Moseki RK			20
13	Mosia MD			20
14	Mekgwe KE			20
15	Sebolai MC			20
16	Munyai D			20

Long Service Recognition: 30 Years

No	Name	Appointment Date	Date Completed	No. of Year
17	Mosimanegape OM			30
18	Nko MM			30
19	Jood KV			30
20	Mhatlhe VK			30
21	Leseyane HT			30
22	Borake LJ			30
23	Mohajane RT			30
24	Magakwe ME			30



Long Service Recognition through the lens





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