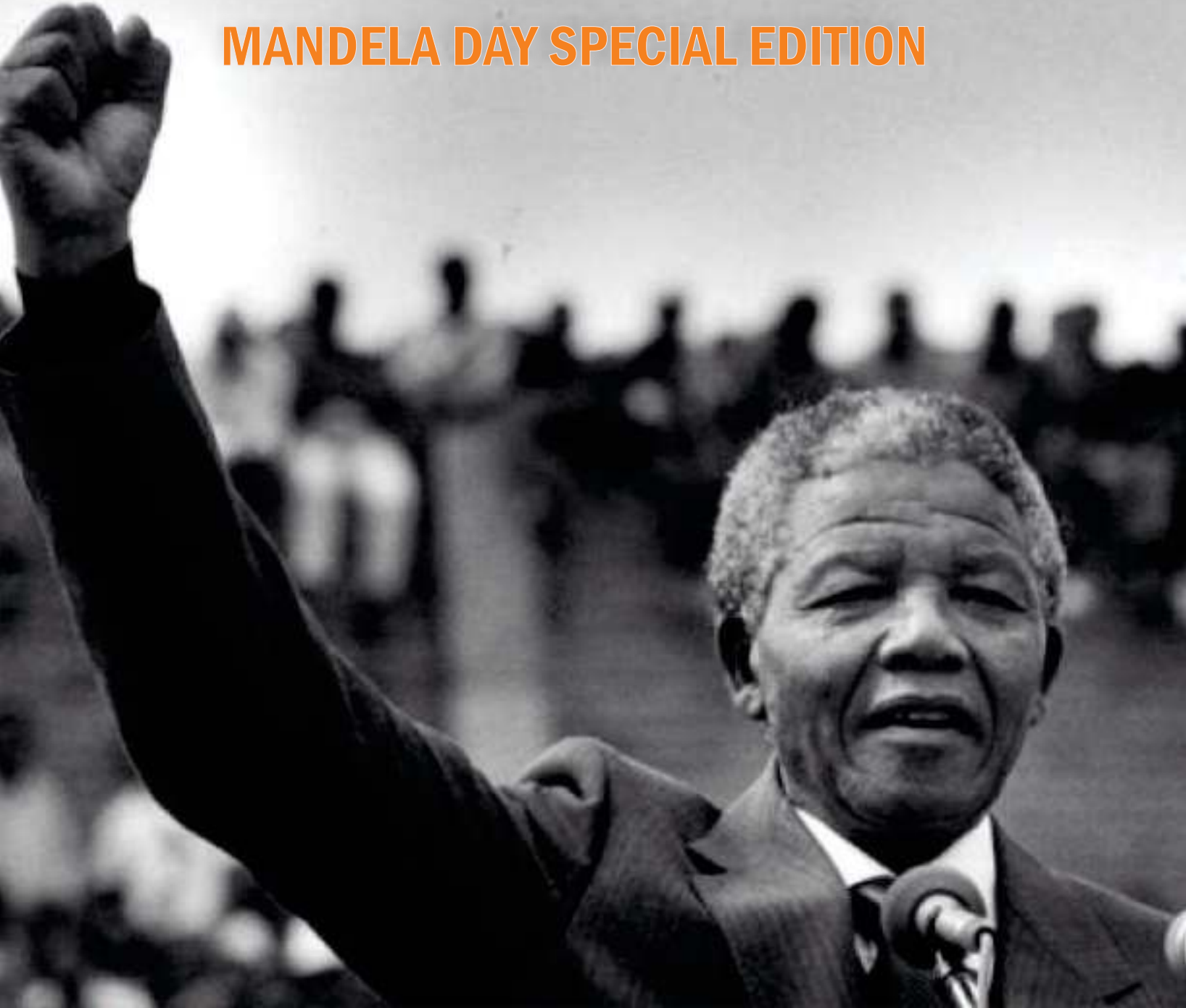




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DPWI CONTINUES TO HONOUR MANDELA DAY

By Nolwazi Ndhlovu



The entire Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) gathered in their respective regions in July, to mark the Nelson Mandela International Day by rendering their time, goods and services to the less fortunate.

Born on July 18 in 1918, Mandela dedicated the larger part of his life to fighting for liberation and therefore became one of the most well-known anti-apartheid activists in South Africa. He was jailed in 1963 for leading the liberation movement against apartheid and for his stance on the human right to live in freedom.

Nelson Mandela's day of birth (18 July), is the day that has been declared as a global call to action for people to recognize their ability to have a positive effect on others around them. The day hopes to inspire people to embrace the values that Nelson Mandela shared. These values include democracy, freedom, equality, diversity, reconciliation and respect.

A number of people and organizations around the world take part in different activities to promote Nelson Mandela's values. These activities include volunteering, sport, art, education, music and culture. Various events are also held on or around July 18 to honour Nelson Mandela's works and to promote the different projects that were inspired by Mandela's achievements.

In the same spirit, DPWI each year, through its Gender Unit, commemorates Mandela Day by coordinating community outreach programmes and rendering what the Department can to community members. Nelson Mandela will always be remembered by the country as one of the greatest struggle heroes during the apartheid era.

This year, the Department as a whole visited the following different communities across South Africa;

REGION	COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME
Ministry	- Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children
Head office	- Youth For Survival Centre for Women and Children
Pretoria	- Malusi Youth Development Organisation
Johannesburg	- George Khosa Secondary School
Cape Town	- Ikhaya loXolo Old Age Home
Port Elizabeth	- Jerusalem Care Centre

SAARTJIE BAARTMAN CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Attended by Nolwazi Ndhlovu & Faith Nonyana



The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Ms Patricia De Lille visited a home for abused women and children in Manenburg, Cape Town. On the day, the Minister was accompanied by the Director-General (DG) of the Department Advocate Sam Vukela and other officials representing different units in the DPWI.

The organisation provides a safe and warm shelter for all women and children who have experienced abuse from previous walks of life. There, the Minister donated 20 computers as well as curtains for the centre. Later that day, the minister and the DG planted a tree in the centre garden of the home. The tree symbolises growth, stability and new life.



IKHAYA LOXOLO OLD AGE HOME

Attended by Nolwazi Ndhlovu & Faith Nonyana

The Cape Town Regional office, accompanied by the Deputy Minister of the DPWI, Ms Noxolo Kiviet, visited an old age home for elderly men and women in Gugulethu, Cape Town. On the day, staff members from the region came out in numbers to do garden work, spring-cleaning of the facility and also pampered the elderly by giving manicures and pedicures to the ladies and haircuts as well as massages to the gentlemen.

The organisation provides a safe and warm shelter for the elderly in the city. There, the Deputy Minister did a walk about and gave a talk to the audience, explaining to them why she and the region had visited them on that day. The DM and the region also donated curtains, adult nappies with wipes and toiletries to the home.





MALUSI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

Attended by Shudufhadzo Mudau and Gift Somo

The Malusi Youth Development Organisation is a non-profit organisation which focuses on four programmes aimed at empowering the less fortunate. The institution comprises of a feeding scheme, after school programmes, youth empowerment and entrepreneurship programme as well as Sports, Arts and Culture programme.

In commemoration of Mandela Day, staff members from the Pretoria Regional Office got their hands dirty as they took part in cooking, donating food, gas stove, soccer balls and cooking pots. They also fixed and refurbished the structure by painting, replacing old doors with new ones and by cleaning and planting trees inside the yard of the centre.



A NEW APPROACH TO MARK INTERNATIONAL MANDELA DAY

By Nolwazi Ndhlovu

Every year on 18 July South Africans join the international community to honour our former president and international icon Nelson Mandela in celebration of Nelson Mandela International Day.

The Day which was launched in New York in the United States of America on 18 July 2009, via a majority decision by the United Nations General Assembly, inspired individuals to take action to help change the world for the better, and in so doing, build a global movement for good. This year marks the tenth anniversary of Nelson Mandela Day, commemorated under the theme: *“Action against poverty”* with sub themes: **“Take Action. Inspire Change.”** **“MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY.”**

The new strategic approach for International Nelson Mandela Day identifies 5 key focus areas for global partnerships, namely:

1. Education and Literacy
2. Food and Nutrition
3. Shelter
4. Sanitation
5. Active Citizenship

These key focus areas are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The strategy outlines a new approach over the next ten years that will significantly change the manner in which the International Nelson Mandela Day impacts people's lives. This means that the focus will be on harnessing research, analysis and dialogue to build sustainable impact for those that need help the most.



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JERUSALEM CARE CENTRE

Attended by Thandeka Nelani

The Jerusalem Care Centre is based in KwaZakhele Township in Port Elizabeth. It is one of the branches of the Port Elizabeth Mental Health Organisation.

The organisation is a professional service organisation that has been active since 1939. It serves the needs of the people with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities. It also provides support to their families, as well as those people experiencing life crises, rendering a holistic service to the family.

The Port Elizabeth Regional Office employees contributed money towards buying toiletries such as bath soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, bath cloths etc. for the people in the care centre. The region also donated children's colourful chairs and tables, as well as offered fruit and cake for the beneficiaries of the centre.



YOUTH FOR SURVIVAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Attended by Mahlogonolo Makwela

Staff members from the Head Office of the DPWI came out in numbers and visited the Youth for Survival for Women and Children – an organisation that is based in the west of Pretoria. The organisation provides services to women and children such as, home-based care for the elderly, shelter for street children and mothers, Maths and Science tutorials for learners, as well as life skills for the unemployed to improve their chances of employment.

On the day, staff members created and planted a vegetable garden for the centre. They also cooked a wholesome meal for the people at the centre. Later on the day, they gave all women and children goodie bags that consisted of essential toiletries and sanitary towels.



GEORGE KHOSA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Attended by Thokozani Ngema & Yondela Mzozo



The Johannesburg Regional Office donated 20 computers to the computer centre of the George Khosa School as part of their Mandela Day contribution. The school is based in Dobsonville, in the township of Soweto, Johannesburg.

On the day, officials from the Johannesburg Regional Office, gathered at the school and also donated toiletries such as deodorants, toothpastes, feminine hygiene products (sanitary towels), body lotions etc. to the learners of the school as most of them come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Later on the day, learners were also spoiled with music by Tebalelo Mmako, who performed a rap showcase.



9 Famous Quotes by Madiba...

“There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.”

“If you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important, and you do that by being genuine and humble.”

“Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.”

“Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world.”

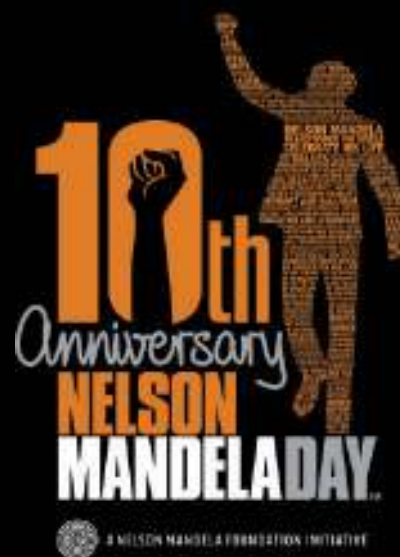
“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.”

“You can start changing our world for the better daily, no matter how small the action.”

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

“No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite”

“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”



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