

## NDA BRINGS SARS MOBILE TAX UNIT TO RURAL POSTMASBURG- BY NONCEBA JIKA

**Northern Cape** -The National Development Agency (NDA), alongside Kolomela Mine, hosted the South African Revenue Services (SARS) officials who brought in their Tax Mobile Services in Postmasburg as part of the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Capacity Building programme on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

Kolomela mine, which funded some of the CSOs in the area and was struggling to receive proper reports and financial compliance from these organisations, approached the NDA for assistance. In turn, the NDA through its CSO Development Model, mobilised and assessed all the CSOs in the municipality.

Institutional capacity building was found to be an immediate need and to address this, training in Governance, Conflict Management, Financial Management and Bookkeeping and Resource Mobilization was offered to 21 identified CSOs. These included Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs) and other CSOs that provide essential services to the community.

It was also important that the CSOs are registered as Public Benefit Organizations (PBOs) in terms of the Income Tax Act. The NDA roped in SARS' Tax Exemption Unit to create awareness and train these organisations on Basic Guide to Income Tax for PBOs, Basic Guide to Section 18A approval, e-Filing Registration and Online Submission of Annual Returns. This training took place on the 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022. This was most critical to the mine as the CSOs could now issue it with Section 18A receipts that allows it to receive tax rebates from SARS.

"As an agency of government tasked with the mandate to contribute towards poverty eradication through strengthening the institutional capacity of CSOs, we have been waiting for this day to come!



Mobile SARS Truck deployed on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of July



Ms Poppy Bantseng Chairperson of Skyfontein Soup Kitchen, Nenceba and Ms Merriam Moeng – Chairperson of Rethabile Day Care holding their SARS PBO registration.



Ms Simoza Mdala LED Officer Ntsabane Local Municipality with Nonceba



Ms Ellen Seboko -Lebelelang Chairperson, Nonceba Jika NDA DO, Ms Lydia Williams – SARS Official and Precious Selek – Lebelelang Public Officer

The process started in the 2018/2019 financial year, whereby the NDA and Anglo American (Kolomela Mine) entered into a R 798 000.00 service level agreement to build the capacity of CSOs in Postmasburg, under the Tsantsabane Local Municipality," said Mr Lesedi Piki, NDA Provincial Manager.

The partnership with SARS was a win-win situation for the whole of Tsantsabane as it ensured that many other stakeholders come on board to ensure that not only CSOs, but Small and Medium Enterprises, benefit from these interventions. The Tsantsabane Local Municipality was also struggling to get these emerging businesses to be tax compliant, so they ensured that the deployment of the Mobile Tax Unit is fully utilised in the two days they spent in Postmasburg. "We would sincerely like to thank all partners that came on board to bring services to the people of Tsantsabane.

Beneficiaries did not have to travel or hike 220 km to Upington or 180 km to Kimberly to get their tax matters resolved. In total, 13 CSOs completed the PBO registration, 49 SMMEs received various services and a huge number of individual tax payers were assisted in the two days the mobile unit was deployed. The NDA, Department of Basic Education and the Department of Social Development fulfilled their mandate of assisting NPOs with compliance to legislation", Piki concluded.

The inclusion of SMMEs in the project strengthened NDA's relationship with the Tsantsabane Local Municipality. Tsantsabane has been identified as the area to implement the NDA's District Development Model Pilot in the Northern Cape during the 2022/23 financial year.

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