

NEWS BULLETIN

MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT HANDS OVER CHEQUE TO MHANI GINGI TRUST

The Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, kick-started her three-day oversight visit in the Western Cape to monitor the progress and impact of National Development Agency (NDA) grants to support gender based violence and Femicide (GBVF) interventions, income generation and the Agency's Volunteer Programme (VP). As part of the pre-SONA oversight, Minister Zulu visited the Mhani Gingi Trust based at the Saartjie Baartman Centre in Manenberg which focuses on food security interventions among people with disabilities and abused women in the Cape Flats.

Minister Zulu handed over a cheque to the value of R337 676, 81 to Mhani Gingi which will be used to purchase soil additives (fertiliser and compost), seeds, irrigation infrastructure, three additional growing tunnels, fencing and 20 vegetable garden start-up kits for abused women to start an income generating enterprise.



Minister Lindiwe Zulu hand over cheque to Mrs Lillian Masebenza of Mhani Gingi Trust

"The NDA's mandate is to partner with CSOs in development interventions. I am happy to be back at Mhani Gingi Trust and to see the growth that has happened. Our vision as government is to see funded programmes become sustainable and accountable for the money we have entrusted to them. The NDA has assisted with their sustainability and creating employment for abused women, however, there is room for more stakeholders like the Department of Agriculture and others to assist with the new technology innovation being used at Mhani Gingi Trust" says Minister Zulu.

Their vegetable gardens were a source of food during lockdown, as communities received food through the soup kitchens that they support. Through funding from NDA, 69 people will benefit, 27 direct and 42 indirect beneficiaries.

The 20 direct beneficiaries are recruited within the Saartjie Baartman Centre and each is provided with a space saver gardening starter kit with skills training and mentoring towards an income generating enterprise after a 6-month engagement. The programme employs 7 permanent employees.

Noting the alarming increase in domestic and GBVF incidents during the lockdown, the NDA funded CSOs that provide direct prevention and support services to victims of violence. To date 23 gender based violence CSOs have been funded to the tune of R2 950,00.00. The GBVF programmes are able to identify, refer and offer rehabilitation support to GBVF victims - directly from households, police stations and clinics which brings services closer to those that need protective services. Further to this they conduct community education and advocacy in all local languages to raise awareness of support services available.

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“The NDA’s role in assisting CSOs is not limited to funding, we train and we link income generating projects to opportunities and markets. Our model is comprehensive, from mobilising and registration we walk organisations through the funding process and ensure their sustainability. Gwebza Cooperative has to date generated an income of R 943 000 from providing affordable, quality school gear to seven surrounding schools, made possible by NDA who linked the co-op to school uniform projects. Our portfolio approach allows for government funds to flow within poor communities and provide sustainable income to our beneficiaries” says Mrs Thamo Mzobe, Chief Executive Officer of National Development Agency.

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