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By: Conrad Fortune

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and Clicks Helping Hands Trust joined hands to embark on a campaign to ensure that the dignity of young girls in the Northern Cape remains in tact and that it is not diminished or degraded because of menstruation.

The campaign of distributing reusable sanitary towel panties kicked off in Hopetown at Steynville High School and will be rolled out to rural schools in the Province. The reusable sanitary towel has a life span of approximately 3 to 5 years. It is an environmentally-friendly, affordable sanitary option at Clicks stores.

Developed, designed and manufactured by Sue Barnes, founder of Project Dignity, the pads are made of five layers of specialized fabrics which earned the product a SABS absorbency approval.

Barnes developed the product after learning about the dire situation in African schools whereby young women are forced to miss vital classroom time because of a lack of adequate sanitary wear.

The distribution of reusable sanitary towels will not only ensure that girls are now able to attend school during their monthly cycles but also has financial benefit to impoverished families, as there will be no need to purchase sanitary towels for the girl child in their household.



**MEC Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba alongside learners**

At the launch of the campaign, the learners from Steynville High School in Hopetown, Strydenburg High School in Strydenburg and Griquatown Combined and Karrikama High School from Griekwastad the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba said *“According to research, lack of access to sanitary towels often results in young women from poorer backgrounds being absent from school or experiencing the loss of human dignity because of having no choice but to use old newspapers or cloths. Girls who cannot afford pads or tampons miss approximately 5 days of school a month, which amounts to 60 missed school days a year.*

*There are many aspects that link girls’ attendance to their menstrual cycles. The lack of affordable sanitary products for girls and young women keeps them at a disadvantage in terms of education when they are young and prevents their mobility and productivity as young women.*

*Without sanitary products, girls are excluded from their right to an education as stipulated by the Constitution of South Africa.”*

She went on to say that *“This Sanitary Towel Campaign is not just about supplying sanitary towels to young women, it is about making significant life-changing differences. The sanitary towels do not only enable girls to attend class regularly, the effect is greater in the sense that this improves on the government’s goal of making access to education simpler and eventually ensuring better economic exposure for young women.”*

Ms Donna Davids, the Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Manager from Clicks said that *“Girls from disadvantaged backgrounds miss up to a week of school during their period as they are not able to afford basic sanitary wear.*



**Ms. Donna Davids from Clicks**

*This has a profound negative impact on their education and for this reason, The Clicks Helping Hand Trust is committed to empower and keep girls in school by distributing reusable sanitary hygiene packs to schools across South Africa in the hope of reducing absenteeism".*

The saying goes it takes a village to raise a child, hence we appeal to the public to support this campaign by visiting their nearest Clicks branch and make a donation of R 29.95 at any of our till points.

The Clicks Helping Hand Trust is a registered nonprofit organization which offers free clinic services through the network of Clicks clinics to disadvantaged South Africans who do not have medical aid and lack access to basic primary healthcare services. The Trust is also active in local communities through the Girls on the Go campaign, and provides support to some of the 2.5 million girls in the country who miss school every month due to a lack of basic sanitary wear.

The department calls upon the rest of the private sector to join the campaign and partner with the Department in making a difference. Collectively, this is our responsibility as Government and the private sector, to join hands and fulfill in the need of all our learners, especially the girl child.



**Ms. Amy Davis and HOD Ruth Palm**

# MEC BONGIWE MBINQO-GIGABA DONATES 10-THOUSAND RAND TO THE YOUNG NETBALL PLAYER

By: Nelly Pheleu

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba donated 10-thousand rand to Samantha Olifant from Steynville High School in Hopetown in the Pixley ka Seme District. The donation was done on Tuesday, 08 May 2018 during MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba's visit to the school where she was handing over re-usable sanitary towels. The young Samantha Olifant was selected by the Northern Cape Diamonds Netball under 18 Club to take part in the South African Schools Netball Tournament in Sun City in July this year.

the rest will be given to her struggling mother to assist at home.

*"I am really happy, I cannot even express my gratitude, this is truly a blessing",* says Samantha Olifant. She went further to say that this is by far the best day of her life. Her peers and the principal could not stop cheering the youngster. Learners at Hopetown are pinning their hope on Samantha to achieve so that she can put their small and yet warm town on the map.



***HOD Palm, MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba, Samantha, School Principal and the Mayor***

The 15 year old grade 9 learner could not stop expressing her gratitude towards the MEC. She stated that she is raised by a single mother and could not work out how she was going to raise the money for the tournament. The donation will be used towards paying for her accommodation, clothes and food for her trip, while

## LEARNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS CONVERGE FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL ARCHIVES WEEK

By: Boitshepo Thati

The Northern Cape Department of Sport, Arts and Culture together with Department of Education celebrated the provincial Archives Week from Monday, 07 to Friday 11 May 2018. The event was held in Kimberley in the Frances Baard District and Kuruman in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District. It was marked under the theme ***"Archives: Our lives, Our Legacy - Worker's Rights"***. National Archives Week offers the public the opportunity to learn more about the importance of preserving our documented history and to understand and appreciate its impact on our daily lives.

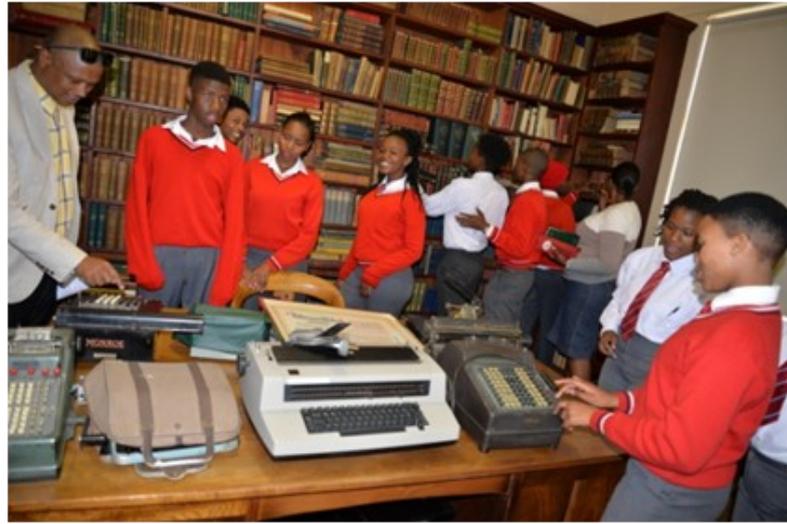
During this period learners, students, researchers, historians, academics and the public were able to visit the Khotso Flatella Provincial Archives Repository and learn how historical records and information are preserved. Learners from the Frances Baard District toured the site to learn about various services offered by the repository. They were shown the facility and material used to keep and preserve the country's textual and audio-visual legacy. Stakeholders including learners from various schools in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District also converged to learn more about the importance of archives.

In the Frances Baard District, the week-long event was officially opened by Acting Manager for Khotso Flatella Archives Repository Mr. Andrew Geweer. While addressing learners who had gathered at the centre Mr. Geweer expressed the importance of preserving South Africa's documentary and audio-visual heritage and highlighted career paths available within the profession. He told his audience that they can become Archivists, Records Clerk Librarians and Knowledge Managers. *"Archives and records management give us a sense of where we came from and therefore a sense of where we are going, thereby promoting an inclusive society. Youth needs to be taught about the importance of records and archives for research purposes as well as potential careers,"* said Mr Geweer.



***Various learners in attendance***

Archives are a source of undiluted history of the country, contributing to nation-building, social cohesion and economic empowerment. Through the work of the Archivists, one can contribute to the objectives of realising economic growth. Our rich history needs to be preserved for present and future generations. Learners were divided in groups where others were taken to the Africana Library. The Librarian Ms. Annelize Rowan taught them about paper conservation and about the history of the library. The facility which has various awards under its name, is hailed one of the best libraries in the world.



***Learners at Africana Library***

# A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT UNIT

By: Staff Reporter

We take this opportunity to take a closer look at DSAC's Supply Chain Management Unit. We scrutinise the unit's norms and standards as well as procedures in place towards ensuring that DSAC remains above board when it comes to compliance with procurement procedures. To help us understand these standards, we welcome SCM Head Mr. Heinrich Nieuwenhuizen...

**Q: Mr. Nieuwenhuizen can you kindly tell us about Supply Chain Management, the different functions and important legislation governing procurement.**

Supply chain management consists of:

- (a) demand management;
- (b) acquisition management;
- (c) logistics management;
- (d) disposal management;
- (e) risk management; and
- (f) performance management.

The Department is committed in terms of the Constitution and its procurement policies to have a supply chain management policy that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and to combat irregular practices in the tendering process in order to acquire the best goods and services for the Department.

Section 217 (1) of the Constitution provides that when an organ of state in the national, provincial or local sphere of government contracts for goods and services, it must do so in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective;

Section 76 4(c) and 38(1)(iii) of the Public Finance Management Act requires every Department to develop and implement a supply chain management policy in order to give effect to the provisions of the Act.

**Q: What kind of academic qualification does one require to be employed in that unit?**

A diploma and or degree in finance and or relevant years of experience.

**Q: Explain the different threshold when procuring goods or services including tenders?**

When procuring goods and services we must do so in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.

Formal written quotations (minimum of three [3] per case) for acquisitions from the Central Supplier Database of a transaction value over R10 000.00 up to R200 000.00 (VAT included) must be invited. Compliance documents such as NCP 4, 8 and 9 must be completed.

For all acquisitions exceeding R30 000.00 per case (VAT included) the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2017 will be taken into account for BBBEE. Service providers from which quotations be sourced must be registered on central supplier database. Quotations will only be sourced from service providers that's overall tax matters are compliant. For all acquisitions exceeding R200 000 per case, VAT included, but not exceeding R500 000 per case, VAT included at least five (5) written quotations utilizing the Central Supplier Database must be obtained and related NCP Documents must be completed.

Competitive bidding process for acquisitions exceeding R500 000.00 per case (VAT included) is applicable. Bids must at least be advertised on National Treasury's Tender E-Portal, Government Gazette or Departmental Website. If the Department wishes to advertised in Newspapers approval must be given in writing by the Accounting Officer or Delegated Official.

**Q: Kindly explain to us the difference between Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure?**

**Irregular expenditure:** Refers expenditure other than unauthorized expenditure, incurred in contravention of or that is not in accordance with a requirement of any applicable legislation; i.e. PFMA, Act 1 of 1999; any provincial legislation providing for the procurement of goods and services in that province. Irregular expenditure is expenditure that is contrary to the Public Finance Management Act (Act No.1of 1999), or is in contravention of the department's supply chain management policy.

**Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure:** As defined in the Act, means expenditure that was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised. The meaning is straight forward, although as times one will have to exercise one's judgement in determining whether or not a given expense is (or has become) fruitless and wasteful. In addition, expenditure may be of an operational or capital nature.

**Q: How can this non compliance be avoided?**

Compliance with relevant applicable laws, regulations, finance circulars and practice notes.

**Q: What are the common challenges often faced by your unit especially when it comes to procurement?**

Late submission of requisitions. Continuous changes to specifications before and after orders are issued.

**Q: What message do you have for your officials and the rest of your internal and external stakeholders for the 2018/19 financial year?**

The acquisitions unit is the heart beat of the Department. We must always ensure to be professional and user friendly to our internal and external clients. We must do our work to the best of our ability and adhere to the batho pele principles. We must rise above all challenges and ensure that service delivery is hampered.

**Let's go out and shine!!**



**Supply Chain Manager: Mr. H Nieuwenhuizen**

# MEC MEETS LADIES PROTEAS AND BANGLADESH TEAMS

By: Nelly Pheleu

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongiwé Mbinqo-Gigaba meeting and greeting the ladies National Cricket teams from South Africa and Bangladesh. This was during the Proteas ladies team's encounter with their Bangladesh counterparts at De Beers Diamond Oval in Kimberley on Friday, 11 May 2018.

The session formed part of MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba's oversight role as the sitting Member of the Executive Council responsible for Sport, Arts and Culture. It also formed part of opportunity to experience different cultures during international matches in our province.



***MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba with the Bangladesh team***



***MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba greeting the ladies Proteas team***

# Joke of the Week

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGH IJK."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

# Inspirational Quote of the Week



By: Ben Opperman

Time is a wonderful teacher the older you get, the more quiet you become. Life humbles you deeply as you age. You realize how much time you've wasted on non essential and trivial things that did not add value to your life. Having said this we need to realize what a precious commodity time is and that we need to spend it wisely on things that are essential and warrants you sacrificing time on them. God has afforded us time to make a difference everyday not only in our own lives but also in the lives of others.

Have a blessed week-end

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*A Child in Sport is a Child out of Court*



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