

KwaZulu Natal Legislature holds a successful Taking Legislature to the People event at Emanyiseni in Umkhanyakude District

One of the key achievements that South Africa attained after the 1994 democratic elections was the creation of a State where every citizen could have a say and participate in the ruling of the country.

To realise this constitutional imperative the KZN Legislature's Taking Legislature to the People programme (TLtP) held at Emanyiseni recently showcased our commitment to participatory democracy.

This programme followed a multi-party delegation visit to all local municipalities under Umkhanyakude District to assess the conditions under which people live. Led by Hon. SN Mthethwa (the Chair of Chairs) the whole week programme afforded ordinary people the opportunity to raise service delivery concerns, and to point out to areas where the pace of delivery is still slow.

After public meetings had been concluded, a report of the multi-party delegation was compiled which was debated by the Legislature on the first day of the sitting at Emanyiseni. The debate took place in the presence of the Premier and MECs who also participated in the debate. Ordinary people of Umkhanyakude had an opportunity to listen to the debate which was about the issues which affect them in their areas. This is one of the key deliverables of the TLtP programme, namely, to have the Legislature performing its oversight role in front of ordinary people.

It is therefore during the TLtP programme that the Executive provides answers to issues which had been raised during the multi-party visits, and reveal their plans as to how they would address the situation.

In her opening remarks the Speaker, Ms NP Nkonyeni said, "We are particularly happy that we are visiting this District during the Women's Month. The women of Umkhanyakude, as most women throughout the country, are the targets of this administration's rural development agenda."

A district described by the Health Barometer as one of the two most deprived districts in South Africa, saw the elderly, the physically challenged, and other vulnerable groups benefit from the Speaker's Social Responsibility Programme. The Speaker handed over 73 wheel chairs and walking sticks to them. Twenty needy and under resourced schools of the district received Mobile Science kits from this programme.

The Speaker further said "...through these mobile science kits, our pupils will be able to do experiments practically, particularly in Science subjects. With all the effort we are putting in education, we are trying to close the

gap between white and black schools which was deliberately premeditated. We also take in mind that education is one the five priorities of this government”.

Below is the list of Schools that received mobile science kits:

Primary Schools		
School	Circuit	Ward
Diyane	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Ekuhlehleni	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Emanyiseni	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Embadleni	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Emngqobelweni	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Emunywana	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Khume	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Ludaka	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Madeya	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Maphindela	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Mayaluka	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Mgedula	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Mpolimpolini	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Njakazana	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Emngceleni	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni

High Schools		
School Name	Circuit	Ward
Lubelo	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Lubhoko	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Gamula	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Mtshelwane	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni
Zandlazethu	Ingwavuma	Emanyiseni