## Departmental events for Nelson Mandela Day 2015

Teams of WCED officials will sort about 40 000 Afrikaans reading books for high school learners from 13 - 15 July to commemorate Mandela Day this year.
NB Publishers donated the books for the initiative.
Three teams of about 10 officials each will sort and pack the books for distribution to high schools from the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute in Kuils River.
The project will take three days to complete.
The teams comprise officials from different WCED components over the three days, to minimise the impact on normal service delivery to schools during this time.
WeCan24 – school newspaper project
Minister Meyer has launched the Wecan24-project together with Media24's senior management on 23 June. The WeCan24 a platform was created to allow kids to write their articles and upload it in a digital school newspaper.
2. Reading to the elderly (Nazareth House) A group of 20 staff members will go to the Nazareth House for the elderly to spend their 67 minutes with the residents by reading to them and by spending time with them on 17 July. All staff involved, will be asked to take along a care pack/gift pack as a token of appreciation for the person they will be spending time with. The care pack/gift pack can include snacks, toiletries, etc.
Thorough a sponsorship from On the Dot, Treasury will donate and deliver magazines to Nazareth House. The week leading up to Mandela Day, staff will be encouraged to donate items for the Nazareth House charity shop – bric-a-brac, curtains, bedding, clothing, puzzles, baby clothes and accessories and toys.
3. Reading to kids (Khuseleka) – Place of Safety Nazareth House work closely with the police to provide a place of safety for babies and small children. Staff will go to the home to read to the children, play with the kids and also donate toys for the play area. Also done on 17 July.
The department has identified a charity, Ons Plek that they'll be supporting. They have asked them for a list of everyday necessities and we have asked staff to bring one or two items as they are able to. We will collect up to 17 July and then will hand over all the donated items in the week after Mandela Day.
DEDAT PAY Interns will participate in an initiative for Mandela Day, and have identified Iris House and Erica Place as recipients.
The interns will go to Iris House on Wednesday 15 July 2015 to spend time with the children at the home.
<ul> <li>Getting to know our patients - Staff will visit those patients who do not have visitors (Ceres Hospital)</li> <li>Staff will be giving lunch to 100 underprivileged children. Their parents are poor or unable to always provide them with food and clothing. (Railton, Swellendam)</li> <li>Staff will provide knitted bed socks for elderly patients, entertainment for children's ward and manicures for women's and men's ward (Hermanus Hospital)</li> <li>Unemployed youth get a feel of what it is like to work in a clinic. A NGO has requested to bring a small group of unemployed youth to the facility. A few staff members will give a talk on the various jobs and duties in a clinic. (Hermanus CDC)</li> <li>Pamper party for in-patients (Caledon Hospital).</li> <li>Hospital staff will participate in a remembrance service and community work at an old age home (Wesfleur Hospital).</li> <li>Soup day (Kwanokuthula CDC).</li> <li>Soup and bread (Woodstock CDC).</li> <li>Pre-packed gifts will be given to the Children's Home in George.</li> <li>Soup and Bread service at Gyneacology clinic outreach (Citrusdal Hospital).</li> <li>West Coast District Office: Soup and Bread outreach (Piketberg and Hopefield clinics).</li> <li>Soup and Bread outreach at Malmesbury CDC by C2AIR2 Club (Malmesbury CDC)</li> <li>Wellness Day (HCT, MMC promotion) Villiersdorp.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>homes (GHS).</li> <li>Various role players coming to the facility (Red Cross).</li> <li>Handing out scarves and Beanies to all our call centre staff because they are so terribly ignored all the time. (EMS)</li> <li>Minister is doing a ride along and she will be responding to actual calls on the road for an hour. (EMS)</li> <li>Western Cape rehabilitation Centre – Wellness to public at Promenade mall (GENSES).</li> <li>New Somerset hospital – V&amp;A Waterfront offered to renovate Dr's and Nurses rooms (GENSES).</li> <li>Stikland Hospital – Blanket Drive (GENSES).</li> <li>Lentegeur hospital - collecting non-perishable food items distribution to the facility's poor patients and their families (GENSES).</li> <li>Worcester hospital – J&amp;J donation of 67 joints (GENSES).</li> <li>Hand out soup to patients at pharmacy waiting areas (TBH).</li> <li>Gynae &amp; Obstetrics staff will hand out food parcels to a Mosque in Elsies River as part of our their Outreach (TBH).</li> <li>Party packets to paediatric oncology patients (TBH).</li> <li>Nursing management is going to hand out sandwiches &amp; tea to general staff (TBH).</li> <li>Stellenbosch SER group with TBH Staff are going to sing and entertain patients (TBH).</li> <li>Collecting food parcels and blankets for the St Gabriel Church in Gugulethu (WCCN).</li> <li>Obs and Gynae clinical team will hand out soup and bread rolls at the Ante Natal clinic. (KDH)</li> <li>The hospital is currently running a Blanket Drive. All the collected blankets will be given to the members of the Noah Club for the elderly in Khayelitsha. (KDH)</li> </ul>
Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Staff at EADP will gather to build Eco-Bricks for the Red Cross youth centre in Greyton.
Community Safety	Information around DOCS services will be provided to the youth and community members to address the root causes of crime and gangsterism in communities. The minister will share with the youth how to best empower themselves through the offering of Community Safety, such as the Youth Programmes, Northlink College Partnership and Chrysalis partnership with Community Safety.
Local Government	<ul> <li>Information packs will be provided.</li> <li>The Customer Relations Unit will provide food and clothes for an orphanage child in Khayelitsha.</li> <li>The Communications Team will visit an Orphanage Village in Langa on 16 July at 13:00 and provide them with party packs.</li> <li>The Public Participation team will visit Red Cross Hospital on Monday, 13 July 2015 with Sis Buyiswa Jack.</li> <li>Service Delivery Integration will be donating blankets to the homeless.</li> <li>Staff for Integrated Development Planning will contribute to a soup kitchen in Dunoon.</li> <li>Specialised Support, Municipal Support and Capacity Building, Municipal Governance, District &amp; Local Performance Monitoring and Municipal Infrastructure will host a soup kitchen in Delft.</li> </ul>