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BACKGROUND

Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was born at Mvezo in the Eastern Cape on 18 July 1918 and spent his childhood at Mqhekezweni Great Place under the guardianship of Regent King Jongintaba Mtirara Dalindyebo, where he was taught life-skills and leadership that later sharpened his acumen in various facets of his life. He later went to Clarkebury Missionary School, Healdtown and the University of Fort Hare where his education was enhanced under the watchful eye of missionary educators, and where he later met his life-time ally and political comrade, Oliver Reginald Tambo.

Dr Mandela was recruited into mainstream political by the legendary Walter Sisulu, and he soon rose in the ranks of the African National Congress as an astute and committed cadre, who together with his comrades Ashley Peter Mda, Walter Sisulu and Oliver Tambo, formed the ANC Youth League on 10 September 1944, with its first President being Anton Lembede. Nelson Mandela was also instrumental in the formation and launch of Umkhonto weSizwe, the military wing of the ANC that in the wake of the Sharpeville Massacre in 1961, announced its presence on 16 December 1961 when it launched attacks against government installations. Dr Mandela became the first commander of Umkhonto weSizwe.

Dr Mandela was later together with his comrades tried and imprisoned for his political activism during the famous Rivonia Trial that took place between 1963 and 1964, in which ten leaders of the ANC were tried for 221 acts of sabotage designed to overthrow the apartheid system. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Dr Mandela later served 27 years of his life imprisoned, most of the time on Robben Island outside Cape Town. He was released in 1990 when the ANC and PAC were unbanned, and other political prisoners were released during the late 1980s to pave the way for a negotiated political settlement in the country.

Dr Mandela went on to become the first democratically elected President of South Africa after the historic 1994 elections. He served only one 5-year term and handed over reigns to Thabo Mbeki who served to 5-year terms as the President of the Republic. Dr Mandela retired from active politics in 2008 and focused his attention on charity work.

In November 2009, the UN General Assembly declared 18 July "Nelson Mandela International Day" in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom.

Every year on 18 July — the day Dr Nelson Mandela was born — the UN asks individuals around the world to mark Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) by making a difference in their communities. Everyone has the ability and the responsibility to change the world for the better, and Mandela Day is an occasion for everyone to take action and inspire change.

For 67 years Dr Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity — as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker and the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

The Nelson Mandela Foundation is dedicating this year's Mandela Day to Action Against Poverty, honouring Dr Nelson Mandela's leadership and devotion to fighting poverty and promoting social justice for all. His life has been an inspiration to the world," the foundation said. By devoting **67 minutes** of their time — one **minute** for every year of Mandela's public service — people can make a small gesture of solidarity with

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humanity and a step towards a global movement for good. 2018 will mark the Centenary of the birth of Dr Nelson Mandela who was born at Mvezo on 18 July 1918.

A series of activities is planned to take place throughout the province starting from January 2018 to December 2018. The Centenary Birthday celebrations will be hosted at Qunu in Mthatha on 18 July 2018.

By the same token, 2018 is the **Centenary of the Birth of Mama Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu**. Mama Sisulu, born at Camama Village in Tsomo in the Eastern Cape on 21 October 1918, was a political activist and nurse and one of the most important leaders of anti-Apartheid resistance in South Africa. She is often referred to as the 'Mother of the Nation'. She acted on her ideal of human rights throughout her life, assisted by her husband and fellow activist, the late Tata Walter Sisulu (1912-2003).

It was with Tata Walter Sisulu that she attended the first conference of the ANC Youth League where Mama Albertina Sisulu was the only woman present. In 1948 she joined the ANC Women's League and in the 1950s she began to assume a leadership role – both in the ANC and in the Federation of South African Women (FEDSAW). She was one of the organizers of the historic anti-pass Women's March in 1956 and opposed inferior 'Bantu' education. Her home in Orlando West in Soweto was used as a classroom for alternative education until a law was passed against it.

Both Mama Sisulu and her husband were jailed several times for their political activities and she was constantly harassed by the Security Police. She became the first woman to be arrested under the General Laws Amendment Act. The Act gave the police the power to hold suspects in detention for 90 days without charging them and in Mama Sisulu's case she was placed in solitary confinement incommunicado for almost two months while the Security Branch looked for her husband.

For her activism Mama Sisulu was put in detained and put in solitary confinement again in 1981 and in 1985. She also suffered banning's and house arrest, but still managed to keep links between jailed members of the ANC and those in exile. In 1983 Mama Sisulu was elected co-president of the United Democratic Front (UDF), and in June 1989, the government finally granted her a passport. The following month she led a delegation of UDF leaders to Europe and the United States. She met the British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher and the American President, George Bush Snr. In October 1989, the last restrictions on the Sisulu family were lifted and Walter was released from Robben Island. In 1994, Mama Albertina Sisulu served in the first democratically elected Parliament. She and her husband and son Zwelakhe have won numerous humanitarian awards. On the 2 June 2011, Mama Sisulu passed on at her Linden home in Johannesburg, aged 92.

PURPOSE

Celebrating the life of Tata Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu 1918- 2018, South Africa mark this centenary as the opportunity to celebrate and to educate the youth about the role played and impact caused by the two legends in the History and freedom struggle of South Africa and their emphasis to the importance of Education and promoting equality. Both these phenomenon leaders were strongly believing that education is the key to success and the only weapon to eradicate poverty and empower young people, through their involvement in liberation struggles.

Mama Nontsikelelo Sisulu as she formed part of the Federation of South African Women and organizer of anti -pass women's march in 1956 that opposed inferior Bantu Education that was imposed on African child and since education was highly promoted by these two leaders Mama Sisulu's home in Orlando was then used as the classroom for alternative education for some time until a law was passed which was against such practice.



Tata Madiba had lifelong respect for education. He saw equality of opportunity through education as key to emancipation, a principle yet to be realized in South Africa.

The 100-year anniversary of his birth is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to his principles and building the nation we envisioned at the start of our democracy. The centenary will be marked with a year-long series of awareness, educational, celebratory and legacy commemoration events. It will build up to main centenary celebration on the 18 July 2018 which is former President Nelson Mandela's birthday.

OBJECTIVES

1. To celebrate the life and legacy of Dr Nelson Mandela and Mrs. Albertina Sisulu.
2. To instill a sense of identity in our learners through engagement in different programs.
3. To create platforms for exposure into the diverse South African society.
4. To use the centenary as springboard for social cohesion.
5. To promote a reading nation through different educational programs.

ROLE-PLAYERS

The Department of Education is working closely with National Department of Mineral Resources; Nelson Mandela Foundation and Business Partners in engaging to projects and activities to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr Nelson Mandela and Mrs. Albertina Nontsikelelo Sisulu.

ACTIVITIES

Activity	Where	When	Venue	Directorates	Target Audience
Freedom Day Celebrations	Chris Hani East	18-19 April	Albertina Sisulu SPS	SPU	Learners/Educators/Community/ Intsika Yethu Municipality and all Sister Departments
Read to lead Launch	BCM	02 June	East London	School Libraries	Learners/ Educators/ Community
Language Practitioners Forum	1 st Session Eastern Cape Legislature 2 nd Session Zwelitsha	21 May	Legislature Zwelitsha	Languages	Departmental Officials/Other Stakeholders
Provincial SASCE Championships	Mthatha	24-27 May	Unitra	School Enrichment	Learners/Educators
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Official opening of Jeffery's Bay High School	Sarah Baartman	15 – 17 June	Jeffery's Bay	Office of the MEC; Office of the SG; SAPS; District Office	Learners/ Educators/Local Community/Other Government Departments/ Stakeholders
Career Expo	Chris Hani West	16 June	Queenstown	DDG IOM	Learners/ Educators
Official opening of Clarkebury Hostel and Resourcing of the school with piggery, poultry, drums and tractor	Chris Hani East	21 June	Clarkebury	Infrastructure , School Enrichment	Learners/ Educators/ Local Community/ Stakeholders
National Mandela Day commemorating 100 years	OR Tambo Inland	18 July	Qunu	National	All
Women's Day/Provincial marching Drill / Provincial Girls Sport Festival	Joe Gqabi	9 August	Aliwal North	School Enrichment	Women / Girl Learners
Indigenous Ngoma and Games Festival	OR Tambo Coastal	24 – 25 August	Lusikisiki	School Enrichment	Learners
Honouring outstanding women in our communities	Nelson Mandela Bay	30 August	Port Elizabeth	SPU	Women/Community Members
Visits to Provincial and National Heritage Sites	Chris Hani East	17 September	Ngcobo	SPU	Learners
Provincial Cultural Heritage and Awards	OR Tambo Inland	21-22 September	Mthatha	School Enrichment	Learners
Provincial Creative Arts Festival	BCM	25-27 September	East London	Curriculum	Learners
Gender Based Violence Campaign	Sara Baartman	25 October	Graaff Reinet	SPU	Learners





16 Days of Activism - March	OR Tambo Inland	20 November	Mthatha	SPU	100 Learners
Hand Over of Assistive Devices to Learners with Disabilities	Joe Gqabi	29 November		SPU	LSEN Learners

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Date	Activity	Targets	District	Venue
5 June 2018 World environmental day	Refurbished 66 bed Hostel at Healdtown Comprehensive	School Community	Amathole West	Healdtown Comprehensive
10 November 2018 World Science Day for Peace and development	Refurbished 281 bed hostel at Thubalethu SSS	School Community	Amathole West	Thubalethu High School
1 September 2018 Public Service month	16 classroom Klipfontein Primary School	School Community	Sarah Baartman	Klipfontein Primary School
22 June 2018 African Public Service Day	Sod turning for the Mqhekezweni JSS refurbishment	School Community	OR Tambo Inland	Mqhekezweni JSS
16 June 2018 Youth day	Sod turning for the Qunu JSS refurbishment	School Community	OR Tambo Inland	Qunu JSS
18 July 2018 Nelson Mandela Day	New Dalindyebo SSS 96 bed hostel	School Community	OR Tambo Inland	Dalindyebo SSS
26 June 2018 International Day against Drug abuse and Illicit trafficking	13 classroom Mkhazini JSS	School Community	OR Tambo Inland	Mkhazini JSS





9-10 August 2018 Women's Day	22 Dilizintaba Secondary School	classroom Senior	School Community	OR Inland	Tambo	Dilizintaba SSS
26 September 2018 World environmental Health Day	13 Senior Primary School	classroom Flagstaff	School Community	OR Coastal	Tambo	Flagstaff SPS
27 November 2018 16 Days of Activism for No violence against Women And Children abuse	Thembisa school	special	School Community	OR Coastal	Tambo	Thembisa Special School
1 December 2018 World AIDS day	18 Bokamoso School	classroom Primary	School Community	Alfred West	Nzo	Bokamoso PS
1 October 2018 Mental awareness month	25 JSS	classroom Plangeni	School Community	Alfred Nzo		Plangeni J SS
4 June 2018 International Day off Innocent Children- victims of aggression	New Sive school and hostel	Special 96 bed	School Community	Alfred Nzo		Sive special School
15 October 2018 Breast Cancer Awareness Month	10 Primary	classroom Bankies	School Community	Chris West	Hani	Bankies Primary
12 August 2018 International Youth Day	Refurbished 500 bed hostel and ablutions at Clarkebury SSS	Hostel & and	School Community	Chris East	Hani	Clarkebury SSS

CALL TO ACTION

- South Africans citizens are called to make every last Friday of the month a Mandela Friday.
- On these Fridays, we encourage organisations and members of the community to perform acts of service and humanitarian work.
- Government departments to infuse this **call to action** to their planned activities and programmes.

Follow the Nelson Mandela centenary conversation on different social media platforms by using these hashtags: **#Mandela100** and **#BeTheLegacy**.

POSSIBLE THEMES FOR MANDELA FRIDAYS

- **January:** Mandela – An advocate for education as a foundation for growth and development.
- **February:** Mandela the promoter of social cohesion and nation building.



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- **March:** Advocating for Human Rights for all.
- **April:** Freedom and democracy. The first President of a democratic South Africa.
- **May:** Madiba – Advocate for Universal Worker's Rights.
- **June:** Youth Month.
- **July:** A Life of Service - Celebrating the Birth of a World Icon.
- **August:** An advocate for Women's rights and equality.
- **September:** Heritage Month – Madiba the Renaissance Icon.
- **October:** Madiba the Sportsman – Leading Healthy Lives.
- **November:** The essence of inspirational leadership - Promoting disability rights and activism against gender-based violence.
- **December:** Mandela Liberator and Freedom Fighter.

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