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BUILD-UP PROGRAMMES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH IN WARD 4, EMAXESIBENI

As South Africa commemorates Human Rights Month, Umzimvubu Local Municipality, will lead a series of community-focused build-up programmes aimed at bringing essential government services closer to the people.

Aligned with this year's Human Rights Month theme, *theme "Bill of Rights at 30: Making Human Dignity Real"*, the municipality reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all residents, particularly those in rural and underserved communities, are able to access services that uphold their dignity and rights.

The build-up activities will take place at Betshwana community under Ward 4 in EmaXesibeni. These programmes will be delivered through a Government Services on Wheels initiative, where various municipal departments and government departments will provide on-site services. These include, among others, assistance with documentation, social services support, health-related services, and community engagement platforms. This initiative seeks to eliminate barriers to access and ensure that no resident is left behind in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

In continuing to promote inclusive socio-economic development, the municipality will also undertake a special programme in the coming week focused on empowering senior citizens. During this engagement, an elderly-led community project, Sivukile Elderly project will be supported through the provision of fully equipped sewing machinery and tools. This intervention is aimed at strengthening local economic participation, preserving skills, and enabling sustainable livelihoods among elderly residents.

"Human rights are not only commemorated in words but must be realised through tangible services that improve the daily lives of our people. These programmes demonstrate our dedication to building a caring, inclusive, and responsive municipality," expressed Mayor, Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu.

Community members are encouraged to participate actively in these programmes and make full use of the services that will be brought directly to their doorstep.

The build-up programme will be held under the following details:

Date : Friday, 20 March 2026

Venue : Betshwana Community Hall, Ward 4, EmaXesibeni

Time : 10:00

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