

## **ITEM: MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

### **REPORT: FOOD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT PENSION PAYPOINT**

ACT DIR : MH&EMS

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To report to Council on Food Safety Campaign conducted at Jouberton pension paypoint on 03 March 2017.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Unsafe food poses global health threats, endangering everyone. Infants, young children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with an underlying illness are particularly vulnerable. Food safety, nutrition and food security are inextricably linked. Unsafe food creates a vicious cycle of disease and malnutrition, particularly affecting infants, young children, elderly and the sick.

Food hygiene addresses conditions and measures necessary to ensure the safety of food from production to consumption. Food can become contaminated at any point during slaughtering or harvesting, processing, storage, distribution, transportation and preparation. Lack of adequate food hygiene can lead to foodborne diseases on the consumer.

Municipal Health and Environmental Management Services Department in Matlosana embarked on a food safety awareness campaign on the 03 March 2017 at Jouberton pension pay point.

#### **1 . OBJECTIVES**

- To promote and educate informal food handlers about five keys to safer food;
- To promote safe and clean working environments;
- To encourage hand washing,
- To identify challenges faced by informal food handlers at pension pay point.

#### **2. TARGET GROUP**

- Informal food handlers at pension pay points

#### **3. ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Food Safety education was conducted for informal food handlers.
- Information leaflets were distributed throughout the campaign

- Informal food handlers were encouraged to always ensure food is prepared hygienically and not re-heated or sold the following day.
- Community members appreciated the work done by Environmental Health Practitioners.

#### **4. LESSONS LEARNT**

- Informal food handlers lack cooling facilities to store foodstuffs after preparation.
- Most food handlers are preparing food under small tents or caravans and need to be assisted with proper equipment and stalls
- Vehicles used to transport food do not comply to standards in many instances.
- Refuse removal at pension paypoints is a challenge. Waste section at local municipality will be engaged in this regard.

#### **5. PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE CAMPAIGN**







### **THEREFORE RECOMMENDED**

1. That cognizance be taken of the food safety campaign report held on 03 March 2017 at Jouberton pension paypoint.
2. That food safety awareness campaigns be conducted at all pension paypoints to reduce risk of food poisoning for consumers.