

ITEM: MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

REPORT: INFORMAL FOOD HANDLERS FOOD SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (MATLOSANA)

ACT DIR :MH&EMS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to Council on a food safety awareness campaign for informal food handlers conducted on 30 November 2016.

BACKGROUND

In celebrating and commemorating the World Food Day, Municipal Health and Environmental Management Services (Matlosana) embarked on food safety awareness campaign of all the informal food handlers in (Matlosana) that are handling and preparing food.

DISCUSSION

The event was conducted at the Matlosana CBD on the 30 November 2016. The aim was to reach out to all informal food handlers and to educate them and to enlighten them on food safety aspects.

Municipal Health and Environmental Management Services has identified is a need for environmental education and capacity building with regard to food safety issues and the importance of buying the fresh food from the certified outlets.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the campaign were as follows:

- To encourage good food and personal hygiene practices amongst the food handlers
- To encourage the informal food handlers to buy fresh food from certified outlets.
- To educate the informal food handlers on the importance of checking the expiry dates before purchase of food items.
- To prevent the outbreaks of food poisoning cases.

ROLE PLAYERS

- Municipal Health and Environmental Management Department (Dr KKDM personnel)

TARGET

Informal food handlers in Klerksdorp CBD area

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Presentations were made to informal food handlers by different presenters on different topics. Food handlers were checked for compliance on the hygienic aspects, and they were judged according to their presentations and the outlook of their stalls. The winner received a Gas Braai stove as a way to encourage and to motivate informal food handlers to improve general cleanliness of their food stalls.

There was only one winner identified (Miss Joyce Seretse) and was given the cooler Box and Gas Braai. Other stalls had numerous non-compliances. All other informal food handlers were given the resources below.

LESSON LEARNED

It is important that informal food handlers are educated on food safety aspects on a regular basis to reduce food poisoning incidences.



Informal food handlers with an EHP after food safety education in Klerksdorp taxi rank



EXPENDITURE

ITEM	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
100% cotton aprons and hair covers	25	R 4930.60
Paper towels x 2 pack	25	R 1375.00
250 ml Antibacterial handsoap	25	R 1250 .00
20Lt plastic tanks with tap	25	R 6250.00
10Lt plastic basin	25	R 1250.00
Nail brushes	25	R 375.00
Dish cloths x 10	25	R 2500.00
20Lt plastic dustbins with lids	25	R 3750.00
Black plastics (heavy duty – pack of 20)	25	R1200.00
Cooler bags 75 litres	1	R 1800.00
Grillo gas braai stove	1	R 1600.00
	TOTAL	R 26 280.60

THEREFORE RECOMMENDED

1. That cognizance be taken of the report for food safety awareness campaign for informal food handlers which was conducted on 30 November 2016 in Klerksdorp CBD where an amount of **R 26 280.60** was utilized from vote number 1035051151228 "Environmental campaigns"