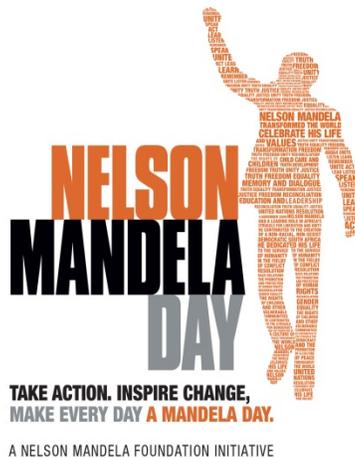




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Deputy Minister of Finance speaks at the GPAA's Mandela Day Event

Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr Mncebisi Jonas spends his Mandela day with about 200 staff members of the Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA) on 18 July 2016. In his speech to employees, Mr Jonas emphasised the importance of the GPAA as the administrator of pensions for 1, 2 million South African public servants, echoing Krishen Sukdev, the GPAA's CEO, who highlighted that the work of the agency has an impact on the lives of up to 10 million South Africans.

Mr Jonas went on to emphasise to the importance of good leadership in the GPAA and other similar organisations to ensure that South Africa grow and prosper. He focused more on the need to develop leadership capabilities of South Africa's youth and ensure that they are well equipped to participate in the economic and social life of our country. "We need to building capacity across all sectors and ensure that economy grows its job-absorptive capacity. All of us should be worried by youth unemployment and do everything to address this challenge", said Jonas.

As part of their contribution to Mandela Day, the GPAA staff members through their own contribution fed about 100 school children at school recently. They will also donate furniture, household equipment such as kettles, urns etc. to *Lead Change Development*, an non-profit organisation that provides training in computer literacy, programming and repairs at Dobsonville in Soweto on 22 July 2016. The last stop for the GPAA is *Meetse a Bophelo Primary School* in Mamelodi. The GPAA employees will distribute sanitary towels contributed by staff members to girl learners.

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