

NKULUMANE CONSTITUENCY REPORT 2024

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Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive review of the activities undertaken by the Office of the Member of Parliament (MP) for Nkulumane Constituency in 2024. These activities were implemented through various committees and organs, aligning with the constituency's overarching vision of creating a Communicative and Participatory Community. The report also serves as a foundational document contributing to the 2025 Strategic Plan.

As your MP, I am pleased to highlight the significant milestones achieved in the past year, the challenges we encountered, and the strategies we can employ collectively to make 2025 a more impactful year. The activities outlined in this report are a testament to our shared commitment to the development of Nkulumane and the empowerment of its residents.

First and foremost, I extend a warm welcome to the new year and express my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication, resilience, and unwavering support you have shown throughout 2024. Despite facing numerous adversities, you exhibited remarkable determination, working tirelessly without expecting financial, material, or positional gain. Your contributions have been instrumental in driving our vision forward, and for that, I am deeply thankful.

The past year saw us undertake diverse activities aimed at addressing critical issues in our community, fostering unity, and promoting development. These initiatives were driven by our collective desire to improve the lives of the people of Nkulumane and lay a solid foundation for future growth. Through strategic planning, stakeholder collaboration, and grassroots engagement, we achieved noteworthy progress in various sectors, as detailed in this report.

I invite you to review this document and reflect on the strides we have made together. Let us use this report as a source of inspiration and a guide as we forge ahead to create a brighter future for our constituency. Together, we can achieve even greater heights in 2025 and beyond.

Once again, thank you for your commitment and hard work. Let us continue to work hand in hand to build a better Nkulumane.

Yours in service,

Hon. Desire Moyo, MP
Member of Parliament for Nkulumane Constituency

Chapter 1

2024 Activities, Objectives, and Impact

Crafting the Constituency Development Plan and Establishing Clusters

Activity Description: In March 2024, the constituency embarked on the critical task of crafting the Nkulumane Constituency Development Plan (NCDP). This foundational document serves as the blueprint for all developmental activities within Nkulumane. Representatives were seconded to the Nkulumane Constituency Development Committee (NCDC), ensuring diverse community representation.

Objectives:

- To create a structured and inclusive plan that addresses the immediate and long-term developmental needs of Nkulumane.
- To establish a participatory framework where community members can contribute to decision-making.
- To enhance transparency and accountability in constituency development initiatives.

Impact: The crafting of the NCDP provided a clear roadmap for development, aligning all stakeholders toward common goals. By involving representatives from various clusters, the process fostered inclusivity and ensured that the plan reflected the unique needs of different community groups. This initiative laid the groundwork for effective implementation of projects and promoted a sense of ownership among residents.

Launch of the Nkulumane Constituency Development Plan and Committees

Activity Description: In May 2024, the Nkulumane Constituency Development Plan was officially launched. The event included the unveiling of the Nkulumane Constituency Development Committee, the Nkulumane Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Committee, and the Compassion and Comfort Team.

Objectives:

- To formally introduce the Nkulumane Constituency Development Plan to stakeholders and the community.
- To establish committees that would oversee the implementation of the CDP and other constituency initiatives.
- To foster collaboration among various stakeholders for the successful execution of development projects.

Impact: The launch event marked a significant milestone in the operationalization of the Constituency Development Plan. The establishment of the committees ensured that there was a

dedicated team to oversee and coordinate activities. This initiative also strengthened community trust in leadership by demonstrating a commitment to transparency and accountability.

Constituency Tour

Activity Description: Throughout 2024, the Office of the MP inclusive of the three committees conducted a comprehensive tour of all schools, two clinics, two police stations, and other strategic areas in the constituency, including crime-prone areas that required immediate attention.

Objectives:

- To assess the state of infrastructure and identify areas requiring urgent intervention.
- To engage directly with residents and understand their concerns and needs.
- To enhance collaboration between the MP's office and local institutions for improved service delivery.

Impact: The tour provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by various institutions and communities within the constituency. It highlighted critical areas needing intervention, such as infrastructure upgrades and crime prevention measures. The direct engagement with residents fostered trust and strengthened the relationship between the MP's office and the community.

One-Year Celebration of Office Achievements

Activity Description: In August 2024, the constituency held a celebration to mark one year of achievements under Honourable Desire Moyo's leadership. The event was attended by major media houses from print, electronic online sectors.

Objectives:

- To reflect on the progress made over the past year and share achievements with the community.
- To recognize and appreciate the contributions of stakeholders and community members.
- To inspire continued collaboration and participation in constituency initiatives.

Impact: The celebration served as a platform to showcase the tangible outcomes of the MP's efforts. It motivated stakeholders and residents to remain engaged in the developmental agenda. The event also fostered a sense of pride and unity among community members.

Interface with O and A Level Candidates

Activity Description: In October 2024, the MP's office organized an interface session with O and A Level candidates from Nkulumane High School and Jubilee Academy. The event attracted more than 500 candidates.

Objectives:

- To inspire and motivate students to excel in their academic pursuits.
- To provide guidance on career planning and future opportunities.
- To establish a supportive relationship between the MP's office and the youth.

Impact: The interface session empowered students with knowledge and inspiration to achieve their academic and career goals. It also underscored the MP's commitment to youth development, creating a positive impression among young people and their families.

Participation in the Bulawayo Business Network Day of Prayer

Activity Description: The MP attended the Bulawayo Business Network Day of Prayer in 2024.

Objectives:

- To engage with the business community and faith-based organizations for holistic constituency development.
- To seek spiritual guidance and blessings for the constituency's progress.

Impact: The event strengthened ties between the MP's office and the business community, fostering potential collaborations. It also highlighted the importance of incorporating faith and values into the developmental agenda.

Donation to Mtshane Primary School

Activity Description: The MP's office donated bags of cement to Mtshane Primary School to support infrastructure development particularly for the ECD block.

Objectives:

- To address infrastructure challenges in schools.
- To enhance the learning environment for students and teachers.

Impact: The donation contributed to the improvement of the school's infrastructure, creating a more conducive learning environment. This initiative demonstrated the MP's commitment to education and community development.

Anti-Drug and Substance Abuse Campaign

Activity Description: Under the youth cluster, an anti-drug and substance abuse campaign was conducted in 2024.

Objectives:

- To raise awareness about the dangers of drug and substance abuse.
- To engage young people in discussions on healthy lifestyle choices.

Impact: The campaign empowered youth with knowledge and resources to combat substance abuse. It also highlighted the MP's dedication to addressing pressing social issues affecting the constituency's youth.

Renovation of a Burnt House

Activity Description: The MP's office facilitated the renovation of a burnt house near Mafela Primary School.

Objectives:

- To provide immediate relief and support to affected families.
- To promote community resilience and solidarity.

Impact: The renovation restored dignity and hope to the affected family. It also showcased the MP's commitment to addressing individual and community needs promptly.

Chapter 2

Legislative Agenda

The legislative agenda for 2024 focused on addressing critical issues impacting the Nkulumane Constituency and advocating for policies that promote inclusivity, equity, and development. These efforts aligned with the broader vision of creating a communicative and participatory community. Below are the key legislative activities, their objectives, and their impact:

1. **Advocating for the Completion of Infrastructure Projects in Matabeleland**
 - **Objective:** To lobby for the prioritization and expedited completion of essential infrastructure projects in the Matabeleland region, including roads, schools, healthcare facilities, and water supply systems.
 - **Impact:** The advocacy efforts highlighted the infrastructural disparities in the region, bringing them to the forefront of national discussions. This resulted in government commitment to allocate resources for infrastructure development, which will significantly enhance access to essential services and improve the quality of life for residents in Nkulumane and the broader Matabeleland region.
2. **Advocating for an Inclusive Approach to the Gukurahundi National Healing Process**
 - **Objective:** To ensure that the Gukurahundi healing process is inclusive, transparent, and participatory, giving a voice to survivors, affected families, and community stakeholders.
 - **Impact:** By emphasizing inclusivity, this advocacy has fostered a sense of recognition and dignity among survivors and their families. It has also paved the way for dialogue and reconciliation, which are critical for national unity and healing. This effort has strengthened the constituency's position as a champion for human rights and social justice.
3. **Advocating for the Erection of Statues of King Lobengula and Queen Lozikeyi in Parliament**
 - **Objective:** To honor and preserve the cultural heritage and historical legacy of Matabeleland by advocating for the installation of statues of King Lobengula and Queen Lozikeyi in Parliament.
 - **Impact:** The advocacy efforts have sparked national and regional conversations about the importance of recognizing and celebrating cultural icons. This initiative has garnered support from various stakeholders, reinforcing the need to acknowledge and integrate cultural heritage into national identity. The proposed statues symbolize respect for the history and contributions of the people of Matabeleland, fostering pride and unity within the constituency.

Chapter 3

Challenges Faced

Despite the numerous successes recorded in 2024, the Office of the MP for Nkulumane Constituency faced several challenges that hindered the full realization of some of its goals. These challenges, while diverse, presented valuable lessons and opportunities for growth as the office seeks to improve service delivery and address community needs more effectively in the future.

1. Infrastructure and Office Operations

One of the most significant challenges faced was the lack of a proper physical office to work from. Unlike other parliaments before, the current system did not provide a fully furnished or operational office for constituency MPs. This gap created logistical difficulties in coordinating activities, hosting meetings, and providing a professional and accessible point of contact for constituents. As a result, the office had to secure a space independently in the Mnyoro area, which required significant effort and collaboration with local stakeholders. However, the lack of adequate furniture, equipment, and resources in this new office space poses ongoing operational challenges.

Staff members work voluntarily, which, while commendable, highlights the need for sustainable staff support to ensure continuity and efficiency.

2. Financial Constraints

The constituency faced severe financial constraints, which impacted the implementation of planned programs and projects. Many of the initiatives required funding that was not readily available, leading to reliance on external partners, well-wishers, and the goodwill of volunteers. For instance, while the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) will be instrumental, when availed, in supporting key projects, its limitations mean that some priority areas, such as crime reduction, assisting the vulnerable groups and upgrading public facilities, may not be fully addressed. The lack of adequate financial resources also affected and continues to affect the ability to remunerate staff, acquire essential office supplies, and support ongoing community engagement efforts effectively.

3. Community Engagement and Participation

Although the vision of creating a communicative and participatory community remained central to all activities, fostering consistent and widespread community involvement was challenging. Many residents were initially hesitant to participate in programs, especially in areas with high levels of unemployment and social distress. The anti-drug and substance abuse campaign, for example, faced resistance from some youth groups who were skeptical of the initiative's objectives. Additionally, there were logistical challenges in mobilizing stakeholders for

constituency tours and events, as well as limited attendance at some community meetings and programs due to communication challenges.

4. Youth Empowerment Challenges

While several programs targeted the youth, including the anti-drug campaign and climate change champion training, there were challenges in ensuring sustained participation and follow-up. Many young people in the constituency face socioeconomic hardships, including unemployment and limited access to education and training opportunities. These barriers often undermine their ability to fully engage with the programs. Additionally, the lack of dedicated resources to support ongoing mentorship and skills development for youth participants limited the long-term impact of some initiatives.

5. Coordination and Stakeholder Support

Coordinating with stakeholders, including government agencies, local authorities, and non-governmental organizations, was another significant challenge. Bureaucratic delays and limited responsiveness from some stakeholders slowed the implementation of key projects. For example efforts to engage with local businesses and other entities to secure sponsorships or partnerships for community programs faced mixed responses.

6. Logistical Challenges in Program Implementation

Many of the constituency's programs required extensive logistical planning, which was hampered by resource limitations. For instance, the constituency tour, which covered schools, clinics, police stations, and other strategic areas, was conducted under challenging conditions, with limited transportation and funding for facilitation. Similarly, the renovation of a burnt house near Mafela Primary School and the support for chicken-rearing projects for women required significant coordination, which stretched the limited capacity of the office.

7. Public Perception and Communication

Building trust and maintaining transparent communication with constituents was an ongoing challenge. Some members of the community expressed skepticism about the intentions and outcomes of the programs, partly due to a lack of understanding of the constituency's development agenda. While the office made significant strides in media engagement, including partnerships with Sky Metro FM, Bulawayo24, NewsDay, ZBC and Zimpapers, there remains a need to strengthen direct communication channels with residents to address concerns and manage expectations more effectively.

8. Social Challenges

The constituency faced and continued to face deep-seated social issues, including poverty, crime, and substance abuse, which complicated the implementation of some initiatives. For example, the anti-drug campaign revealed the extent of substance abuse in the community and the lack of adequate rehabilitation facilities and support systems for affected individuals. Similarly, crime hotspots identified during the constituency tour highlighted the need for more robust and coordinated community policing efforts, which were challenging to establish due to limited resources and community participation.

9. Human Resource Limitations

The reliance on voluntary staff, while commendable, also presented challenges. Volunteers often had competing personal and professional commitments, which affected the consistency and efficiency of some programs. Additionally, the lack of funding to provide stipends or incentives for volunteers made it difficult to retain skilled and dedicated personnel over the long term.

Chapter 4

Proposed 2025 Activities

The year 2025 is poised to be transformative for Nkulumane Constituency, with a range of planned activities designed to empower the community, foster development, and enhance engagement between stakeholders and the Office of the MP. These initiatives align with the constituency's overarching vision of creating a Communicative and Participatory Community.

1. Office and Web Portal Formal Launch (22 February 2025)

This milestone event will signify the official unveiling of a digital governance platform and the physical office for the MP. The e-governance portal will enable the constituents of Nkulumane to connect with their MP and access vital services digitally, reducing barriers to communication and promoting transparency.

Objectives:

- To establish an accessible and modernized platform for constituents to interact with the MP's office.
- To foster transparency and accountability in governance by utilizing digital tools.
- To provide constituents with timely updates on developmental activities and critical announcements through social media, online TV Channel, Newsletters and other communications methods.
- To connect with Nkulumane Diaspora Community.

Impact:

- Improved accessibility for constituents, especially for those who may face mobility challenges.
- Enhanced visibility and communication between the MP's office and the community, fostering trust and collaboration.
- Positioned Nkulumane Constituency as a leader in innovative governance practices within Zimbabwe.
- Increased Nkulumane Diaspora's involvement in the development of the constituency.

2. Crime Indaba and Launch of Unified Constituency Neighborhood Watch (29 March 2025)

This activity will bring together stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, community leaders, and residents, to address crime-related challenges in the constituency and launch a Unified Constituency Neighborhood Watch initiative will be introduced to promote community-driven solutions to crime.

Objectives:

- To identify and address the root causes of crime in Nkulumane Constituency.
- To strengthen collaboration between residents and law enforcement agencies.
- To create a unified neighborhood Watch Committee in the constituency.
- To empower communities to take proactive roles in ensuring safety and security.

Impact:

- A significant reduction in crime rates through increased vigilance and collective responsibility.
- Improved trust and cooperation between the community and law enforcement agencies.
- A safer and more secure environment conducive to socioeconomic development.

3. Sports Gala (14 June 2025)

This sports event will serve as a platform for young people and other community members to showcase their talents, promote physical fitness, and foster social cohesion. Various sporting disciplines will be included to ensure inclusivity and broad participation.

Objectives:

- To nurture and promote sporting talent within the constituency.
- To encourage physical fitness and healthy lifestyles among residents.
- To create opportunities for social interaction and community bonding.

Impact:

- Increased participation in sports as a pathway to professional opportunities.
- Strengthened community ties through shared experiences and activities.
- Recognition of Nkulumane as a hub for athletic talent and vibrant community events.

4. Nkulumane Constituency Winter Festival (28 June 2025)

This cultural and artistic festival will celebrate the diverse heritage of Nkulumane Constituency, featuring music, dance, religion, theater, and art exhibitions. The festival will also include platforms for local entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services.

Objectives:

- To celebrate and preserve the cultural diversity of Nkulumane Constituency.
- To provide a platform for local artists and entrepreneurs to gain visibility and market their talents or products.
- To promote unity and pride within the community through shared cultural experiences.

Impact:

- Enhanced cultural awareness and appreciation among residents.
- Increased economic activity for local businesses and artists.
- Positioning Nkulumane as a vibrant cultural hub in the region.

Additional Proposed Activities

1. Expanded Climate Action Initiatives

Building on the success of previous climate change programs, the MP's office will partner with NGOs and environmental experts to introduce new initiatives focused on tree planting, clean-up campaigns, and climate change education in schools.

Objectives:

- To enhance environmental sustainability in the constituency.
- To educate and empower young people to become climate champions.
- To reduce the carbon footprint of Nkulumane Constituency.

Impact:

- Increased environmental awareness and proactive engagement in sustainable practices.
- Greener public spaces contributing to better air quality and aesthetics.
- A generation of environmentally conscious residents driving long-term change.

2. Women's Empowerment Programs

The office will implement targeted programs to support women's economic empowerment, such as vocational training, microfinance workshops, and entrepreneurial mentorship programs.

Objectives:

- To equip women with skills and resources to establish and grow their businesses.

- To promote gender equality and inclusivity in economic activities.
- To reduce dependency and enhance financial independence among women.

Impact:

- Improved livelihoods for women and their families.
- Greater representation of women in local business and decision-making spaces.
- A stronger, more inclusive local economy.

3. Youth Leadership Training and Development

The MP's office plans to introduce programs aimed at identifying and nurturing future leaders in the constituency through mentorship, workshops, and leadership boot camps.

Objectives:

- To cultivate a new generation of proactive, informed, and community-focused leaders.
- To provide young people with opportunities to develop critical leadership and organizational skills.
- To encourage youth participation in civic and developmental activities.

Impact:

- A vibrant youth demographic actively contributing to community development.
- Strengthened leadership structures within the constituency.
- A more engaged and empowered youth population ready to address future challenges.

Chapter 5

Way Forward for 2025

1. Enhanced Resource Mobilization

To address the resource constraints faced in 2024, the office will:

- Engage potential donors, NGOs, and corporate partners to support key projects and initiatives.
- Establish income-generating projects to ensure sustainability and reduce reliance on external funding.
- Strengthen financial accountability to build trust and attract further support.

2. Expansion of Community Projects

Building on the successes of 2024, the following projects will be expanded:

- Women empowerment programs, including additional support for chicken-rearing and other income-generating activities.
- Youth training programs in climate change advocacy, entrepreneurship, and leadership.
- Infrastructure development, with a focus on solarized boreholes, ECD furniture, and the Nkulumane Food and Nutrition classroom.

3. Increased Media Engagement

To enhance communication and transparency, the office will:

- Strengthen partnerships with local media outlets to ensure regular coverage of constituency activities.
- Utilize digital platforms to disseminate information and engage with residents more effectively.
- Conduct quarterly press briefings to keep stakeholders informed of progress and challenges.

4. Strengthening Constituency Clusters and Committees

The clusters and committees established in 2024 will be further empowered to:

- Identify and prioritize community needs.
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of projects.
- Serve as a link between the MP's office and the residents, ensuring that all voices are heard.

Expected Impact of 2025 Initiatives

The planned activities for 2025 are expected to:

- Enhance community participation and ownership of development initiatives.
- Foster a sense of unity, pride, and empowerment among residents.
- Address pressing issues such as crime, unemployment, and resource constraints.
- Position Nkulumane Constituency as a model of participatory and transparent governance.