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## Press Statement

### MANDELA DAY 2017 (MOOKGOPONG)

Waterberg District communities celebrated 67 Minutes Mandela day with Deputy President, Cyril Ramaphosa, leading a delegation comprising of Health Minister, Aaron Motsoaledi, Social Development Deputy Minister, Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, Basic Education Deputy Minister, Enver Surty, Limpopo Premier, Stan Chupu Mathabatha, Limpopo MEC for Health, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, Waterberg District Executive Mayor, Morris Mataboge, Mogalakwena Municipality Mayor, Andriena Matsimela, Lim 368 Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Marlene Van Staden, CIPLA CEO Paul Miller and guests from various organizations.

Ramaphosa led the delegation in activities which included painting of a Guard House for the elderly and planting of vegetables at the Ramadimetja Mogotlane Early Childhood Development Centre. The Centre was donated by CIPLA Pharmaceutical Company to the community of Mookgopong following a request by the Deputy President.

In his keynote address, Ramaphosa said former president Nelson Mandela was a leader celebrated by the whole world, whom was also committed to advancing the interest of South Africans and he will be remembered for his role in bringing Peace, love, unity and forgiveness in the country.

“We must all learn from Tata, who at all times put the interest of others first. Madiba wanted programmes that would get rid of diseases, inequality, illiteracy and poverty” Ramaphosa said.

He added that the R6 million Centre is a much appreciated initiative which goes in line with government’s efforts to address challenges facing Early Childhood Development Centres.

Health Minister, Aron Motsoaledi, appreciated the fact that the Centre has a ventilation space that prevents the spread of Tb.



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According to the Minister, TB is the number one killer disease which continues to take the lives of South Africans at an alarming rate with HIV/AIDS becoming the second killer disease. He also expressed concern on the high infection rate of TB in the Waterberg District. "I am appealing to every one of you to ensure that you get screened for TB. Waterberg District Municipality is the third in the country with a high Prevalence of TB with the first being Lejweleputswa District Municipality in the Free State followed by Dr KK Kaunda District Municipality in the North West.

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