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## Press Statement

MEC Spends time with children

The Children from Shongoane 3 Ga-Monyeki Village had the opportunity to sing, dance and play with recently elected Limpopo MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture, Onicca Moloi at the Mapungubwe Children's day. The Children's day event was a build up to the Annual Mapungubwe Jazz Festival which was hosted at the Polokwane Cricket Club on Saturday (17 December 2016).

Speaking at the event MEC Onicca Moloi thanked the leadership of Lephalale Municipality for the welcome she received, she also gave a brief history about Mapungubwe saying that it is not just a festival that is held in Polokwane or for the people of Polokwane but for the whole of Limpopo, adding that it talks about the heritage of African people who stayed at the Kingdom of Mapungubwe, whom at the time possessed precious gold and expensive animal skins.

Moloi also emphasised that the Department of Sports will work with the Municipality to ensure that rural sports development takes priority, adding that she is happy with the opening of the Hall in Shongoane 1, because a number of arts activities like poetry nights, singing and dancing competitions needs to be held at the Hall to promote local talent. She also said that she wants to see talent from Lephalale being featured at the next Mapungubwe festival.

Giving the message of support, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Jack Maeko saluted the MEC for organising the Children's day during the Month in which Nelson Mandela died. "Indeed it shows that you are women, you think about the children and you understand very well that children are the future of every nation and we should invest in them."

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