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PRESS STATEMENT

MAYOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Like with all other years, the Birthday celebration of the Honourable Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, brought together communities from all villages of Lephalale at Moses Monanyane Sports Complex in Shongoane Village on 17 May 2018.

Representatives from various organisations such as Youth Council, COSAS, Moral Regeneration, Disability, Women etc. wished the Mayor a happy birthday and appreciated the work done by the Mayor in changing the lives of the people of Lephalale. They appreciated the Mayor's initiatives of:

- Ensuring that local people are not side-lined during recruitment and business opportunities at local companies.
- Mayoral Bursary fund assisting local students to further their studies.
- Security and drivers licence training for unemployed youth.
- Donation of learner support material (laptops, calculators and school uniform)
- Free Winter Enrichment Programme for all grade 12 learners.
- Sanitary towels for high school learners.
- Donation of winter blankets for the elderly.

Eskom-Matimba and Exxaro Mine representatives, Freddy Ntuli and Delani Ncobo, appreciated the Mayor's initiatives to uplift and better the lives of local people. They pledged to continue partnering with the Municipality in supporting the Mayor's programmes.

The Mayor closed the ceremony by donating blankets, towels and sanitary towels to the elderly and grade 12 learners in partnership with Eskom. He appreciated all the messages from various speakers who expressed appreciation for his leadership and the fact that at the centre of everything he does is the urge to address the triple challenges experienced country wide of poverty, unemployment and inequality. Exxaro's Delani Ncobo said as an organization they are inspired by the manner in which the Mayor prioritises the needs of



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the community hence they have set aside two hundred million for the next five years. The funds will be channelled towards projects that will better the lives of previously disadvantaged communities.

Eskom-Matimba's representative, Freddy Ntuli said the station is pleased by the Mayor's leadership and pledged to continue supporting initiatives aimed at developing Lephalale and bringing change to lives of the people of Lephalale.

In Championing the Freedom Charter which says "The doors of learning shall be opened for all", the Mayor said the Municipality will continue to work with all progressive stakeholders to ensure that the national call of ensuring that a girl-child does not stay at home because of lack of sanitary towels. He encouraged the learners to focus on their studies in order to have a bright future and to honour the legacy of the later former President, Nelson Mandela who once said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".