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Department tackles poverty

Lephalale Local Municipality alongside the Department of Social Development, hosted the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in Phahladira village on Tuesday (15 November 2016).

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on the 17th of October annually and the theme for this year was moving from humiliation and exclusion to participation: Ending poverty in all its forms and this day gives an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard.

Acting on behalf of Waterberg District Mayor, Morris Mataboge and MEC of Social Development, Joyce Mashamba, Cllr Rosina Boloka said that the aim of the day is to promote and demonstrate mutual understanding, solidarity and a shared responsibility to support people living in poverty adding that South Africa is dealing with a dire situation of dismal poverty and hopelessness, due to the imbalances of the past.

“However, as a caring government, we have the mandate to address this issue, here and now, with a sense of urgency and a multi-faced approach”

She also highlighted the importance of recognising and addressing the humiliation and exclusion endured by many people living in poverty and that the ANC-led government has therefore established mechanisms, policies and programmes to address the challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment that continue to affect the lives of many of our people.

Giving his address Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko said that a mall has been opened that has created jobs for people of Phahladira and now a Community Nutritional Development Centre will be opened with the purpose of feeding children from needy families in the area.

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