



# Lephalale Municipality

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**LEPHALALE** - In celebrating the life and times of former President Nelson Mandela, Lephalale Municipality hosted the MEC for Health Dr Phophi. Ramathuba; former Premier of Mpumalanga Province, Mathews Phosa and members of the Lephalale community at the Thabo Mbeki Stadium on Saturday 18 July - also known as Mandela Day. The aim of the event was to launch 67 projects to celebrate the 67 years the former President spent in service of the people of South Africa.

This year's Mandela Day will be remembered as a call to action for the nation to work together for the continuous development of humanity through the attainment of basic freedom. The message was clear - "Take Action - Inspire Change - Make Every Day a Mandela Day".

Taking this message to heart, the Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko and the MEC escorted two teams who started the eventful day by painting the Matsiababa Secondary School as well as the MorukhuruKhung Primary at School in the Lerupurupung village.

The delegation which also included members of the cast of Muvhango later partook in the official opening of a new gym and community hall in Thabo Mbeki by the Mayor of Lephalale and MEC Ramathuba. The Acting Municipal Manager, Edith Tukagomo thanked Exxaro for their contribution in assisting the Municipality to provide the much needed facilities.

The main event at the Thabo Mbeki stadium was well attended and the community was entertained by none other than Dr Malinga. Local artists such as Midda Mashabela and gospel artist Prince also ensured that Mandela Day 2015 will long be remembered in Lephalale.

Mathews Phosa spoke about the life and sacrifice of former President Nelson Mandela, while David Modisagape from the ministry of land and housing in Botswana as well as Pastor Willem Papo gave messages of support.

The Mayor of Lephalale then introduced and officially launched the 67 projects in cooperation with several stakeholders in the Lephalale area. (Please see attached list)



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## Captions:

1743 Acting MM, Edith Tukakgomo and the MEC of Health, Phophi Ramathuba – painting Matsiababa Secondary School.

1825 The official opening of the Thabo Mbeki Gym with the Acting MM, Edith Tukakgomo, The MEC for Health, Phophi Ramathuba, The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko and the Speaker Rosina Boloka.

1827 The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko trying out the new equipment.

1856 MEC, Phophi Ramathuba and the Speaker Rosina Boloka at the new Gym in Thabo Mbeki.

1923 Mattews Phosa with the Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko at the main event where the Municipality launched 67 projects

1927 Members of the cast of Muvhango sing along as Lephalale celebrates Mandela Day.

2040 Dr Malinga, entertaining the crowd

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