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Press Statement

CLOSING CEREMONY FOR MANDELA MONTH

As part of wrapping up Mandela Month, Limpopo MEC for Agriculture, Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana together with Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, led a delegation from Botswana accompanied by Kgoshi Seretse, representatives from Vodacom, ABSA Bank, Eskom and other stakeholders in numerous activities to honour and celebrate the late former president, Dr Nelson Mandela's birth month.

The delegation started the day by officially opening Ramatsherema Pre-School donated by Eskom Medupi and donating winter clothes to the learners as part of supporting Early Childhood Development in rural areas. Still in Bangalong, the MEC officially switched on a Vodacom tower which will address broadband (network) challenges previously experienced by residents who use to travel long distances to make phone calls and other services. Also in support of Tata Madiba's wish of prioritising education and curbing illiteracy, the MEC and the Mayor donated learning material, sanitary towels and school shoes to learners at Bangalong Primary School and Bahlalerwa Secondary School in Ga-Monyeki Village.

When addressing the learners MEC Mokaba-Phukwana, reminded them that unlike the youth of 1976 who lost their lives in the fight against injustices, oppression and the imposing of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction by leaders of apartheid era, they do not have challenges hindering them from learning and shaping their future for the better.

The MEC also condemned in the strongest terms the use of alcohol and drugs and urged them to refrain from engaging in sexual activities as it will destroy their future.

"I am pleading with all of you to honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela by focusing on your studies and refrain from rushing in to sexual activities and alcohol/drugs consumption. Make sure that when you are at school you make use of every opportunity to better your future and make your parents proud" said the MEC.



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The MEC said the fact that the local Mayor annually launches 67 projects aimed at bettering the lives of rural communities aligns with Nelson Mandela's quote when he said "Every leader who is a nation builder has programmes that will better the lives of disadvantaged South Africans".

The launching of the 67 projects by the honourable Mayor has become a tradition for the Municipality in which the Mayor launches live changing projects to assist disadvantaged and needy communities.

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