



Press Release

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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES WOMENS MONTH

As part of Women's Month celebration, Lephalale Local Municipality in partnership with the South African National Defence Force embarked on a programme to visit schools and a service centre for the elderly in Marapong on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

The entourage led by SANDF Brigadier General (General Officer Commanding-Interim Provincial Command) Edward Mulaudzi and the Municipality led by Cllr William Motlokwa on behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, started the day by donating school shoes, sanitary towels and toiletry packs at Tielelo and Phegelelo High schools to grade 12 learners. The event was also used as a platform for Covid 19 (Corona Virus) awareness in which Cllr Motlokwa and Brigadier General Mulaudzi encouraged the learners to observe the regulations set by the National government to curb the spread of the virus and to refrain from engaging in substance and drug abuse.

Mulaudzi urged the learners not to view members of the SANDF as an enemy but as servants who are there to serve and protect the public. He further highlighted that the SANDF has a variety of career opportunities which might be of interest to the learners and also that the donation of the much needed items was a symbol of appreciation and a way of displaying that, like any other institutions they too have social activities aimed at uplifting the lives of communities.

Both Cllr Motlokwa and Brigadier General Mulaudzi spoke strongly about the escalating trend of Gender Based Violence (GBV) which the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, termed as a second pandemic destroying the nation. Motlokwa said to the learners "It is your responsibility to ensure that all women are respected and that no gender based violence must happen in your name. The women who are massacred by men are our mothers, sisters and daughters and must be protected at all times".

Cllr Motlokwa further applauded the work done by the members of the SANDF since their arrival in Lephalale at the beginning of the pandemic "your presence assisted greatly in ensuring that compliance to the regulations of Covid 19 is forcefully adhered to. The partnership between you and the South African Police Services in various operations and monitoring of compliance, yielded success in terms of controlling the spread of the virus and the behaviour of residents" he said.



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The programme came to an end at Mpepule Service Centre for the Elderly where the entourage donated food parcels to the elderly and encouraged them to protect themselves by observing the health and hygiene protocols and the regulations of Covid 19.

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