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## LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S DIALOGUE

Limpopo Provincial Women's Dialogue was successfully convened at the Mmaletswai Community Hall in Lephalale Municipality, Waterberg District, drawing a full house of engaged participants. The event was officially opened by the MEC for Social Development, Florence Radzilani, who addressed the gathering with a call to action for continued empowerment and development of women in the province.

The carefully structured programme featured key presentations and discussions aimed at uplifting women and advancing socio-economic development. The Limpopo Economic Freedom Agency (LEFA) highlighted initiatives to promote investments in women-owned projects and provided support for small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs). The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development offered an informative session on women's legal rights, reinforcing the importance of legal empowerment.

Health matters were addressed by the Department of Health, with a focus on the dangers of foetal alcohol syndrome, raising awareness to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

In an effort to combat gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), attendees participated in a powerful awareness drama. Additionally, a session on mental health emphasized the need for psychological well-being in the community. The Charlotte Mannya-Maxeke Institute contributed to the event by reflecting on the significant achievements of South African women throughout history, inspiring attendees and providing context for the ongoing struggle for gender equality.

Women from across the district actively engaged in the dialogue, providing valuable feedback based on preparatory district-wide consultations, which informed the provincial event's discussions and objectives.

In concluding the dialogue, vulnerable families in the Waterberg District received tangible support through the Social Relief of Distress programme facilitated by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). Beneficiaries were provided with 124 school uniforms, 137 food parcels, and 1,800 sanitary pads, demonstrating the government's commitment to addressing immediate social needs alongside long-term empowerment efforts. This Provincial Women's Dialogue underscores the Limpopo Government's dedication to fostering inclusive development, protecting women's rights, and promoting social upliftment across the province.

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