

**ADDRESS BY THE MEC FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT, MRS. HAPPY JOYCE
MASHAMBA, AT THE EVENT OF NELSON
MANDELA DAY, RE HLOKA ENG DROP IN
CENTRE, GA-DIKGALE.**

18th July 2014

**The Deputy Minister for Social Development,
Hendrietta Bogapane-Zulu;**

Members of the Provincial Legislature;

Councillors here present;

Mmakgoshi Digale;

The representatives from The MTN Foundation

South Africa, Transnet and Rand Water;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Comrades and friends;

All protocol observed.

A great man once said:

“Our human compassion binds us the one to the other – not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future”

Indeed, these were the words of the late former President Nelson Mandela - Tata Madiba who would have celebrated his 96th birthday today. These words are truly encompassing our activities on this special day during which we give 67 minutes of our selfless service in honour of a world icon.

Today we are taking the future of our Province in our hands, as Tata Madiba instructed. We are continuing where he left off, in service of the people of South Africa and the world.

He committed his life to the freedom and wellbeing of his fellow South Africans and he had asked us to continue his hard work together, as a collective.

Programme Director

What we are doing here today, to honour Tata Madiba's legacy, is not much different from what we are trying to achieve as Government daily. Today we spend 67 minutes of our time to do something extraordinary, but our continued mission is to ensure a better life for all our people in every project and programme we undertake. We acknowledge that we can only achieve this, when we join hands together and move as a collective. Together we can and shall move South Africa forward.

Proof of this is the synergy between government departments and the cooperation we get from our stakeholders, agencies and partners in the business sector. Without their assistance, our goals will take so much longer to achieve.

Programme Director

Our commitment goes beyond doing 67 minutes of community service on one day of the year. We aspire to being passionate and devoted public servants that have the best interest of the people of Limpopo at heart. Every day should be Nelson Mandela day, in the lives of public servants. We further commit to continuously finding innovative ways in improving our services to the people of Limpopo, within our legislative framework.

In closure, Programme Director, let us therefore celebrate the life and the legacy of Nelson Mandela by giving our selfless service today and every other day of the year.

Long live the fighting spirit of Nelson Mandela, long live!

I thank you!

Ke a leboga!

Baie dankie!