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DEPARTMENT OF  
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# DSD NEWS

DSD Online Newsletter

“Increasing our Footprint”

May 2017

## MEC HAND OVER 24 GOVERNMENT CARS AND WELCOMES NEW SOCIAL WORKERS



Pic: Amukelani Mabasa

Left to right: MEC for Health and Acting MEC for Social Development Dr Phophi Ramathuba cutting off the ribbons at the official handing over of twenty four cars to five districts of Limpopo, flanked by HOD Daphne Ramokgopa and Chief Director Bella Mohale

By Amukelani Mabasa

**M**EC for Health and Acting MEC for Social Development Dr Phophi Ramathuba handed over 24 government vehicles to all the districts of Limpopo and welcomed 164 newly appointed Social Workers at the session which was held in Polokwane Welfare Complex on the 10th May 2017.

The Head of Department for Social Development, Daphne Ramokgopa, discussed the purpose of the gathering and reminded all the department’s employees who were there that, the time for less talk more action to implement the mandate is now.

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**"SAY NO TO DRUGS"**

**26 June: International Day against Substance Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking**

## 'MEC WELCOMES NEW SOCIAL WORKERS'

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She further said. "The time to arm ourselves with relevant tools of trade is just now and is here to stay. We are committed to make it our priority and on top of our resource basket to provide relevant resources to make our job simpler.

Colleagues what we are about to witness today is a true reflection of a committed department at work. This is great progress. We therefore call on our commitment to compliment the employer, by going an extra mile to touch and change the lives of our communities as we deliver services to the needy. I strongly believe it is possible." she said.

MEC Dr Ramathuba welcomed and encouraged newly appointed Social Workers to put much effort on their jobs. She made it clear to them that the reason why they are employed, is for them to serve the public. She further advised them to avoid late coming and roaming around their friends' offices at work, but to priorities working on supporting and developing the lives of the under-privileged. "If you studied Social Work for money, then you are wrong. People you are here to serve the public. You should fall in love with your job, be there when those needy children needs you." Said Ramathuba.

She advised Social Development staff who will be utilising the new vehicles, from Vhembe District, Sekhukhune District, Mopani District, Waterberg District and Capricorn District to look after the as-

sets entrusted to them. "We don't want to see these vehicles ending up in the scrap yard after the first few thousand kilometres!" She said.

It is the reflection of a successful managing and social serving by the DSD Limpopo Head Office

team, as the department first gave 37 new government vehicles last year June to its five districts, then added 24 this year. The Social Workers allocation is as follows: forty one (41) Social Workers are placed at Vhembe District, forty one (41) in Mopani, forty one (41) Capricorn, twenty four (24) at Sekhukhune and seventeen (17) were placed in Waterberg.

Out of twenty four cars, five (5) cars were handed over to Vhembe District, five (5) to Mopani, four (4) to Capricorn, six (6) to Sekhukhune and the last four (4) went to Waterberg.



**MEC addresses newly appointed Social Workers**

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# "Increasing our Footprint"

## Child Protection

## ACTING MEC ADOPT FIVE CHILD/YOUTH HEADED FAMILIES

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Child protection is the process of protecting individual children identified as either suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect. It involves measures and structures designed to prevent and respond to abuse and neglect.

Dr Phophi Ramathuba, MEC for Health, who is also Acting MEC for Social Development recently visited Mankweng, where she adopted five child/youth headed households as resolved by EXCO and endorsed by the Limpopo Provincial Aids Council that each Member of the Executive Council (MEC), Executive Mayors and Local Mayors including Councilors should adopt at least one or more child/youth headed households in their localities.

Let us follow the statement by our late hero Oliver Reginald Tambo's statement as he made it clear that "Our children is our future." We should ensure that our future becomes a better future by taking care of our children and report child abuse because your neighbours' children, your children.

Acting MEC handed over food parcels to the families and ironically convinced all the people who were there that the Department of Social Development will continuously contribute to communities to take a firm stand against violence and other crimes against children. "While the justice system must deal with perpetrators, individuals, families and communities have to be able to protect children. This includes the provision of safe houses for children in need of care and protection. The long term prosperity of our democracy is dependent on the investment we make now in our people, especially our children and those that care for them." She said.

Stop Child Abuse because it is a serious offence as you would have violated children's rights. It is your responsibility as a parent to protect a child. Let us say "No" to Child abuse.



Children's rights to guide us from Child Abuse

Protect the Child, wear a green Ribbon!

Acting MEC Dr Phophi Ramathuba meeting with members from the identified families

## Building a Caring Society. Together.

Report Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation. Call Toll free: 0800 428 428

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