



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

MEDIA STATEMENT

MEC NKAKARENG RAKGOALE VISITS MOPANI AND VHEMBE DISTRICTS.

Date: 28 October 2019

Embargoed

The MEC for Social Development Mme. Nkakareng Rakgoale, will be on an unannounced visit to the Iris House Children's Home in Giyani following service delivery complaints that have been raised by community members. The MEC wants to get first hand information on state of the children's home that has allegedly deteriorated.

Rakgoale will thereafter proceed to Mukhomi village in the Collins Chabane Municipality in the Vhembe District to hand over a motorised wheelchair and other basic amenities to Hlayiseko Baloi who is a person with disability. The MEC learnt about Hlayiseko's plight on Social Media a few weeks ago. A good samaritan then responded and asked the MEC's office to receive the wheelchair on behalf of the beneficiary.

The two events have been planned as follows:

1. Surprise Visit: Giyani

Time:09:00

Date: 29 October 2019

2. Wheelchair handover:

Mukhomi Village

Time: 13:00

Date: 29 October 2019.

NB. The surprise visit can not be mentioned until it happens. The MEC wants to witness the alleged unbearable conditions that the children are said to live under without interference.

Issued by the Department's Communications Unit. For enquiries, kindly contact Spokesperson Witness Tiva on 071 2492 178 or 071 609 9090.

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