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**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDED ECDs
RECEIVE LEARNING MATERIALS**



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A Caring and Self-Reliant Society

International Day for Older Persons

The opening of Social Development month commenced with appreciating and commemorating the older persons of Limpopo. The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale in her address on International Day for Older Persons held at Regorogile Community Hall, Thabazimbi Local Municipality, called on all South Africans to respect, protect and promote rights of older persons as enshrined in the constitution. International Day for Older Persons is celebrated annually on 1st October.



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale addressing the elderly people during the commemoration of International Day for Older Persons. Photo: Manoko Chokoe

This year’s celebration was held under the theme: “Embracing Older Persons’ rights“. MEC Rakgoale also encouraged citizens to appreciate older persons as the custodians of indigenous knowledge and culture. Various local cultural groups rendered performances to entertain the older persons and to showcase the rich Tswana culture and tradition of the local area.



Various performance took place including young and vibrant cultural group dances and an older persons choir, which the MEC joined in a jubilant atmosphere. Photo: Manoko Chokoe



Eskom's CSI Project Handover Of ECD Learning Materials

The MEC for Social Development, Ms. Nkakareng Rakgoale on the 4th of October 2019 received learning materials for 40 ECD centres from Eskom as part of their Corporate Social Investment programme. The handover took place at Rebone/Steilloop Community Hall, Mogalakwena Municipality.

“Eskom is committed to contribute to a better future for our children and the donation is made possible through the Eskom Power Delivery Unit. The Department of Social Development collaborated with Eskom with Early childhood Development (ECD), an objective to enhance children’s learning experience and creation of a secure and safe playing environment,” said Cecil Ramonotse, CEO of Eskom Development Foundation. “The symbolic handover is represented by how committed Eskom, the Department of Social Development, municipalities and other institutions are and that they play a vital role in developing children for a better future”. The MEC greatly treasured the generous

token from Eskom and encouraged other corporate institutions to do more to ensure that children’s educational foundation is strongly embedded for a better future.



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale accepted generous donations such as educational toys and equipment from Eskom as part of their Corporate Social Investment project to 40 ECD centres.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



Children from various ECD centres posing for a photo and enjoying a dance with the mascots Dr. Great Mind and Ms. Fearless, from the NPO Phaphama Mzansi Foundation.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo

MEC visits vandalised One Stop Centre in Tshitale

The MEC for Social Development, Ms Nkakareng Rakgoale on the 08th October 2019 visited the Social Development centre at Tshitale in the Makhado Municipal area after community members went on the rampage, vandalising the building which houses SASSA employees and social workers, demanding a tarred road.

MEC Rakgoale was very shocked about the incident and stated that she went to inspect the building to come to terms with the damage and the thoughtless acts of community members, to just destroy the infrastructure that helps the older people, children and other vulnerable citizens. She suggested to close the building and leave the matter to the police to investigate. "Some of the services will be rendered from Muila Tribal Office, Muwaweni and Mashamba, until the building is repaired."

Ms Rakgoale reiterated her call for community members to take ownership of government buildings by protecting them during violent protests. Files of clients, office equipment and furniture have also been destroyed by the protestors.



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale inspecting with shock and disappointment the vandalised building that houses SASSA and social workers in Tshitale village, Makhado Municipality, Vhembe District.

Photo: Manoko Chokoe

Anti Substance Abuse Awareness Campaign

As part of October Social Development Month activities, MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale visited Ramakanyane High school at Ga-Maboi Village, addressing the prevalence of substance abuse predominantly by school learners. This part of the substance abuse awareness campaign was aimed at informing the learners about the negative impact substance abuse can have in their lives. The MEC has urged learners to stay away from unhealthy practices that will destroy their future. She further wished the Grade 12 learners well with their final exams.



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale addressing the school learners at Ramakanyane High School.
 Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Ramakanyane High School top performing student, Maseroka Chuene giving hope to the school Principal, Ms Gladys Mojapelo and motivation to the learners. Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale posing for a photo with the school learners together with school teachers.
 Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Phaphama Mzansi, an Anti-Substance group performing for the school learners to uplift their spirit.
 Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Public Service Sports and Wellness Day

Every year a day is set aside for provincial department officials to unwind from the hectic daily schedule and partake in various physical activities like aerobics, volleyball, netball and soccer. 11th October 2019 brought with it a day filled with sports activities and even indigenous games like Morabaraba, engaged in by government departments. The Public Service Sports and Wellness Day was held at the Polokwane Cricket Club.



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Tshifudi Village, Thulamela Local Municipality, Vhembe District was honoured with the presence of the MEC for Social Development, Ms Nkakareng Rakgoale, on the 17th of October 2019, where community projects dealing with sewing, woodwork and farming products displayed their goods in an effort to showcase and promote the projects as opportunities to relieve poverty and unemployment.

The event was the Province's chapter of commemorating International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. This year's commemorations were held under the theme: *"Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty"*. This day is significant for all South Africans, especially those communities that are living in abject poverty. Government has, since the birth of democracy, put in place mechanisms, policies and programmes to address the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment that continue to affect the lives of many of our people.



MEC, Ms Nkakareng Rakgoale also officially handed over gardening tools and seeds to 10 households. In total, 34 households benefited from the handover, which will aid in producing their own food and relieving poverty in the community.



Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale enjoys a dance with citizens of Vhembe.
Photo: Manoko Chokoe



Social Development MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale, Thovhele Vho-Gole Mphaphuli, HOD Daphne Ramokgopa and Cllr. Rapson Rambuwani handing over household materials. Photo: Manoko Chokoe

Provincial Boys Assembly and Men's Parliament

The Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu in partnership with the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Men's Sector and the Limpopo Provincial Department of Social Development hosted the Boys Assembly and the District Men's Parliament in Limpopo Province during October 2019.

The two interventions form part of the Boys and Men Championing Change programme which is implemented under the banner of Takuwani Riime Men's Movement. The initiatives are anchored in the belief that achieving gender equality is about transforming unequal power and gender relations



Deputy Minister for social Development, Ms Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu addressing the Men's Parliament in Modimolle. Photo: Adele Van Der Linde

between men and women. The Boys Assembly event was held on Sunday 27th October 2019 held at Ngoako Ramatlhodi Sports Complex, Seshego and the Men's parliament was held on Monday the 28th October 2019 at Oliver Tambo Hall in Modimolle Municipality, Waterberg District. Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu during both addresses focused on the recent spate of gender based violence incidents that have been plaguing the country and asked men and boys to take the



lead in eradicating the scourge.

Scenes from the Boys' Assembly in Seshego and Men's Parliament in Modimolle. Photos: Adele Van Der Linde



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MEC HANDS OVER WHEEL CHAIR AND HOUSEHOLD AMENITIES

MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale, with the help of Collins Chabane Municipality Mayor Cllr. Moses Maluleke, handed over a donated motorised wheelchair and other household amenities such as napkins and food parcels to Hlayesekile Baloi and his family. Hlayesekile’s plight was highlighted by members of the community and a journalist on social media. The MEC has greatly appreciated Good Samaritan, Khanyisa Ndhukwane, who donated the specialised electronic wheelchair and Fiona Mukansi who donated napkins. Social Development, through the food parcels and blankets to the needy family.



Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale addressing and encouraging the family to stay strong and keep up the great job during the hand over of a donated wheelchair to Hlayiseko and basic household amenities to the family.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale with the help of Collins Chabane Mayor, Mr Maluleke handed over a donated wheelchair to Hlayiseko and basic household amenities to the family.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo

DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH
03 November - 03 December 2019

Together building South Africa inclusive of Disability Rights

#DisabilityInclusiveSA

Bilateral Visit to South Africa by the Kenyan Ministry of Welfare

MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale officially welcomed a bilateral study tour group of officials from the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Welfare on the 14th November 2019 at Olympic Towers Building.



The delegation came to learn best practices from the South African government in dealing with social welfare and social security. The study tour visit focused on social protection, and the officials visited a number of departmental service points including SASSA service in a two day period. The delegation visited three projects and service points in the Capricorn District namely Ngwana Baby House, Seshego SASSA offices and the Provincial Food Dis-

Limpopo Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale expressed her gratitude and welcome remarks to the Kenyan delegates who visited South Africa.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo

tribution Centre.



Social Development head of department, Mme Daphne Ramokgopa outlining the department's programmes and key activities that forms part of the social welfare of the department to the citizens and The Kenyan Delegate leader Mr Ibrahim Salim giving an outline of the visit to South Africa.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



The MEC, Nkakareng Rakgoale posing for a group photo with the Kenyan delegates, HOD, SASSA staff and her support.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo

Provincial Youth Camp

The 19th to the 23rd of November saw the 2019 chapter of the annual Provincial Youth Camp. Officially opening and closing the camp at 7SAI Battalion where the Youth Camp was hosted, MEC for Social Development Ms Nkakareng Rakgoale described the Camp as a huge success.

About 300 young people who were ferried from across the province were taken through various programmes aimed at addressing challenges of social ills such as gender based violence and substance abuse and they also engaged in sporting activities such as soccer, netball, relay and others. Strict discipline and a scheduled programme was adhered to by all participants.

MEC Ms Rakgoale who was flanked by the Mopani District Municipality Acting Executive Mayor Cllr. Minkateko Shimangefazi, Council Speaker Cllr. Wireless Sedibeng and the SANDF top officials also conferred awards to the best performing participants. Ms Nkakareng Rakgoale thanked the SANDF's 7SAI Battalion for once again hosting the youth camp.



“Haka Matorokisi” with MEC.

Photo: Manoko Chokoe



2019 Provincial Youth Camp best mentees representatives Ms Sadiki Masha and Melisa Manzini.

Photo: Manoko Chokoe



Distribution of Household Tools and Equipment

Mopani District Municipality MMC, Cllr. Shimange Fazi on behalf of the MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale handed over household materials to identified vulnerable households of the community on the 19th November 2019, Makhushane Village, Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality,



Mopani District. The household materials included water reticulation tanks, gardening tools and seeds. The handover is to encourage the households to establish backyard gardens to become self-reliant. The children in the families will also be receiving school uniform to ensure that they can continue their education with pride and dignity.

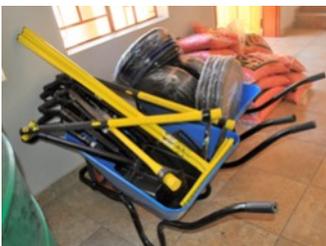


Mopani District Municipality acting Executive Mayor, Cllr. Shimange Fazi on behalf of Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng addressing the audience during the distribution of tools and household equipment.

Photo: Phanuel Mamabolo

Mopani District Municipality acting Executive Mayor, Cllr. Shimange Fazi on behalf of Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng with Chief Director for Community Development Mr Desmond Mahopo handing over during the tools and household equipment.

Photo: Phanuel Mamabolo



Build up event for World Aids Day

The 22nd of November 2019 saw a build up for World AIDS Day commemorated on the 1st of December annually. Dubbed the “Cheka Impilo” campaign, the aim is to get government employees to take the lead in getting tested and living healthy lifestyles, therein encouraging community members to do the same. The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale, after participating in a health walk with employees of the Department, has encouraged employees and general members of

the to go for voluntary testing and screening, as it will detect diseases like HIV, Hypertension and others at an early stage.



The MEC for Social Development and the Director in her Office, Mr Patrick Twala, leading the Cheka Impilo health walk with staff during the build-up event for World Aids Day. Photo: Witness Tiva



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Handover of learning material to ECD and VEP centres.

The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale on the 28th of November 2019 handed over donated ECD toys and learning materials accompanied by cheques to ECDs and Victim Empowerment Centres. The symbolic handover coincided with Disability Fun Day that is held annually to raise awareness for persons living with disability, to have a sense of belonging and not be discouraged by their physical state. The donation to ECDs and VEP centres was made by the Limpopo gambling Board as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility and was done to



motivate ECD and VEP centre managers and practitioners to keep up the great work of taking care of all children and victims of gender based violence.

The MEC for Social Development, Mm. Nkakareng Rakgoale giving a keynote address during the handover of learning materials and cheques to ECD and VEP centres.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



The MEC for Social Development, Mm. Nkakareng Rakgoale, Kgoshi Moloto and Limpopo Gambling Board representative handing over donated learning materials and cheques to ECD and VEP centres.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo

Happy Birthday MEC!

Quite coincidentally, MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale is in October, which is celebrated as Social Development Month. MEC Rakgoale chose to spend her birthday with the residents of Sekutupu Old Age Home, one of the residential facilities for older persons, operated by the Department.

Each resident shared in the birthday cake and received a gift from the MEC.



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International Day of Persons with Disability

The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale on behalf of the Premier Mr Chupu Stanly Mathabatha addressed the audience at Jim Jones Village in the Collins Chabane Municipality in commemoration of International Day for Persons with Disability, annually commemorated on 3rd December.



The MEC said that government is committed in caring for persons with disabilities and although a lot has been done in addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities, government is moving with speed to deal with the remaining challenges in the disability sector. The MEC on behalf of the Premier handed over wheelchairs and other amenities donated by Limpopo Gambling Board.

The MEC for Social Development, MME Nkakareng Rakgoale on behalf of the Premier Chupu Stanly Mathabatha addressing the audience. Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



The MEC for Social Development, MME Nkakareng Rakgoale on behalf of the Premier Chupu Stanly Mathabatha handing over wheelchair, cheques and other amenities.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo

Handover of Tools, Equipment and School Uniform

Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale on the 6th December 2019 in the Gidjana Village outside Malamulele handed over household tools, equipment and school uniforms to needy families. This as part of a series of donations to needy households in various districts of Limpopo.



The handover of tools is part of motivating the community members to start with backyard gardening in order to alleviate poverty and contribute significantly to food security. At least 400 school learners will benefit from school uniforms that were donated from the Department.

The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale addressing the Magona community members on the importance of education and domestic crop growing during the handover of tools, household equipment and school uniform.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale handing gardening equipment and school uniform to the identified needy families.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



A grade 7 young bright boy, Notice Hlungwani appreciating new school uniform in a form of dance.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo



A group of young vibrant girls rendering an item, a Tsonga famous Xhibelani dance.

Photo: Phanel Mamabolo

Official Opening of Raisibe Elizabeth Kgosana One Stop Centre.

Department of Social Development Minister Lindiwe Zulu accompanied by MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale officially opened the newly built department offices which also houses SASSA and NDA officials in Mookgopong. The building has been dubbed the Raisibe Elizabeth Kgosana One Stop Centre, after a well known stalwart of the community. The offices are part of an initiative to bring services closer to the people and community members who professional assistance in their social lives are encouraged to uses such centres, this will go a long way in reducing the prevalent of gender based violence.



Social Development Minister, Ms Lindiwe Zulu and MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale officially opened the Raisibe Elizabeth Kgosana One Stop Centre and addressed the audience thereafter. With them is a family member of Raisibe Kgosana. Photo: Manoko Chokoe



Social Development Minister, Ms Lindiwe Zulu and MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale with officials taking a stand against gender based violence.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo

Commemoration of International Men's Day

The number of women abused and killed in South Africa over recent weeks has ignited outrage, street protests and a media storm. The extent of the scourge of gender-based violence is tearing apart families and leaving behind a negative effect. The MEC for Social Development, Mme. Nkareng Rakgoale during the commemoration of International Men's Day held in Capricorn District in cooperation with the SADC Unified Ancestors and Traditional Practitioners Association, said the Department will launch district men's forums in all five districts of Limpopo to appropriately address the scourge of gender based violence. This will create a platform for men to discuss about issues that are affecting them that lead to being involved in gender based violence. During the commemoration of 16 days of no violence against women and children, 12 women and children have been killed in a space of two weeks. The MEC urged community members and especially men to lead the fight against gender based violence.



MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkareng Rakgoale giving a keynote address during the International Men's Day.
Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



President of SADC Unified Ancestors and Traditional Practitioners Association, Dr Hlathi condemns gender based violence and urges men to respect and protect women and children.
Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Ms Pheladi Magolo, an Anti-crime ambassador (LEFT) gave a profound message on gender based violence, Godfrey Maboea from boys Parliament (MIDDLE) gave a painted a picture of being an orphan and overcoming the impossible and Mr Rethabile Mamabolo (RIGHT) who's living with HIV/AIDS condemns gender based violence.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo

Handing Over Tools of Trade

The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale has handed over 350 laptops to social workers and community development practitioners who are based in all five districts of the Province. The handover is part of the department’s effort of ensuring that employees receive necessary working tools and ensuring that services to the people are delivered and rendered effectively.



Social Development MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale addressing the staff during handing over tools of trade
Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Chief Director for Social Welfare, Ms Lizzy Mashimbye on behalf of the HOD, Ms Daphne Ramokgopa giving an overview of the handover and Chief Director for Community Development, Mr Desmond Mahopo smoothly directed the programme
Photos: Phaniel Mamabolo



COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

“Endchilddetention” an awareness campaign created to diminish child detention and calls for alternatives to child immigration detention, especially for children. The MEC for Social Development and Save the Children South Africa commemorated United Nations International Migrants Day in Polokwane to raise awareness and highlight the plight of immigrants and further urge communities to always strive to protect immigrants with specific focus on children. The campaign started with a march from SABC Park to Jack Botes hall in Polokwane.



The MEC for Social Development, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale giving a keynote address during International Migrants Day.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



Save the children Limpopo Ambassador, Mr Khulani Mathema is originally from Zimbabwe and ended up in Social Development Child and Youth Care centres where social workers supported him throughout his stay in South Africa.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo



An awareness campaign march for the protection of child from being detain under the theme “There are alternatives” endchilddetention.

Photo: Phaniel Mamabolo.



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