



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TAKES OVER MANAGEMENT OF TWO SECURE CARE CENTERS.

The Limpopo Department of Social Development has taken over the Mavambe and Polokwane Secure Care Centers, formerly known as juvenile correctional facilities, from BOSASA (African Global Operations) with effect from the 1st of November 2019. This follows a termination of the contract by the service provider BOSASA, after it approached the High Court for liquidation in August this year.

The Department has appointed 155 former BOSASA employees on a three months contract in terms of Regulation 57 (4) and 65 (9) as advised by the Department of Public Service and Administration. The regulation gives the Executive Authority powers to appoint persons additional to the establishment for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive calendar months. Their contracts are with effect from 1st November 2019.

The two secure care centers accommodate 180 children who are in conflict with the law. They have been placed under three categories namely awaiting trial, diversion programme and social work services.

“The task team that comprised of different internal stakeholders, including labour, worked around the clock with the national ministries of Social Development and Public Service and Administration, to ensure that there is a smooth transition of the services that are being rendered at the two centers. We are indeed satisfied that the transition of the facilities from BOSASA to the provincial Department of Social Development went through without any major hiccups.

Thus far we have been able to appoint the employees on a three months contract to ensure that there is no interruption of services rendered at the two centers in question. What is important to note is that the Department will also be able to cut costs as we are working towards insourcing all the services that are being rendered at the centres. The Department is currently working on a long term plan which will be implemented when the three months contracts of the employees lapse, to ensure that the two centres operate effectively”, says MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale.

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