

**ADDRESS BY THE MEC FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT, MRS. HAPPY JOYCE MASHAMBA,
AT THE EVENT OF THE WINTER WARMER
INITIATIVE – LIMPOPO PROVINCE.**

21st July 2014

Programme Director;

Councillors here present;

The Head of Department for Social Development,

Ms. Daisy Mafubelu;

Religious leaders;

**Our esteemed guests – the visitors to this soup
kitchen;**

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Comrades and Friends;

All protocol observed.

On Friday 18th July, we celebrated Nelson Mandela day, on the day which would have been his 96th birthday. We all did our 67 minutes of service to the community, in celebration of our world icon's 67 years in politics.

However, what will become of this world and this country if we only did something extraordinary on one day of the year? Beyond our usual programmes and projects as the Department of Social Development, we recognize our ongoing mandate of ensuring that the most vulnerable members of society are protected and assisted. We therefore acknowledge our children, brothers and sisters who have to bear the brunt of the winter cold on the streets of our cities and towns. Through this initiative we want to ensure that they have something warm to sleep under as well as have something to still the hunger pains as the sun sets and they have no alternative shelter.

Programme Director

We herewith take the opportunity to thank the Anglican Church, their leadership and congregation, for their selfless service to the community of Polokwane through the years and we hope that today's gesture can be repeated in years to come, even with the assistance of more religious, private and business institutions. This is proof that we can achieve so much more if we work together.

To our brothers and sisters gathered here today we want to say: Please know that there are people who care about you and who want to assist you. As a caring government, we are not turning a blind eye to your situation. We understand your plight and wherever we can, we want to assist.

We hope that this small gesture will go a long way in this very cold weather.

Thank you very much!

Mayihlome!

Khanimambo!

Ke a leboga!

Baie dankie!

Ndi a livhuwa!