



PPEs TO CONTRIBUTE IMMENSELY TOWARDS THE FIGHT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN SCHOOLS



MEC Polly Boshielo(2nd from right) receiving donation of Covid-19 health and hygiene essentials from Exxaro Coal Mine in Marapong. **Pic: LDoE**

Marapong - Limpopo Department of Education as a concurrent power believes that transformation and development occurs when stakeholders interact to make meaningful contribution to education. In recognising the central role played by stakeholders in education, MEC Polly Boshielo attended a sod turning ceremony and further received a donation of Covid-19 health and hygiene essentials worth R1,9 Million by Exxaro Coal Mine in Marapong township outside Lephalale in Waterberg district.

Exxaro Coal Mine will construct an early childhood development (ECD) centre in Marapong township ,a hall and additional classrooms at Nelsonskop

Primary School in the same area. The mine, working together with Lephalale Local Municipality and the Provincial Department of Sports, Arts & Culture will also collaborate to upgrade the existing infrastructure, add applicable equipment's and facilities for the center to be utilised as sports, arts and recreation facility.

MEC Boshielo applauded Exxaro Coal Mine for their excellent efforts in donating the PPEs to fight the spread of Covid-19 in schools. Boshielo further appreciated the sterling work done by the sport, arts and culture precinct of Lephalale Municipality in keeping learners occupied with all the necessary physical activities needed in their



MEC Polly Boshielo delivering keynote address. **Pic: LDoE**

development. MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture Thandi Moraka donated sports equipment's such as soccer balls and sports gears to be distributed amongst schools in three circuits around Lephalale .

"We all have an obligation to support our education including the work done by stakeholders. Our government faces a daunting challenge of improving our education system especially in this Covid-19 pandemic. We as Limpopo Department of Education believe that action get results and creates impact", concluded MEC Boshielo.

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SHOES DONATED TO HELP THE UNDERPRIVILEGED LEARNERS TO ACCESS QUALITY EDUCATION IN LIMPOPO



The founder of Given the Giver foundation, Given Muhlarhi (centre) arriving at Shikhathi Primary School in Mopani West. Pic: LDoE



Given Muhlarhi and Chief Director Matthew Mhlongo handing over school shoes to the learners of Khujwana Primary School in Mopani West. Pic: LDoE

Khujwana village - The Limpopo Department of Education received a donation of 500 pairs of school shoes, socks and winter hats from “Given the Giver” for underprivileged learners of Shikhathi and Khujwana Primary

schools in Khujwana circuit, Mopani West District on Friday, 07 May 2021.

The much appreciated donation is seen as a token that will tremendously motivate them to pursue their objective.

This initiative by “Given the Giver” Foundation also raised awareness of bullying by motivating parents, educators and learners to stay vigilant and to report any bullying encountered whether at school or anywhere else.

The founder of “Given the Giver” Foundation, Mr Given Muhlarhi explained that growing up in a rural community and being exposed to poverty provided a strong opportunity for him to fight for the underprivileged children to successfully emerge from the state of poverty. Muhlarhi together with the Traditional leader Chief Livhuwani Matsila, Limpopo Department of Education officials led by Chief Director Matthew Mhlongo, SAPS at Ritavi and Hope for Africa Foundation’s representatives walked barefoot to deliver boxes of school attire at the two schools in support of Hope for Africa’s Barefoot Walk campaign.

“I was once a learner at these two schools and I feel that no matter how far one goes in life, you must never forget where you come from. These schools shaped me into what I am today hence I have a desire to give back to the community that nurtured me. It is now winter and one cannot imagine a young, innocent child walking barefoot to school,” said Muhlarhi.

“The Limpopo Department of Education turned to be the winner as the custodian of schools and learners. We believe that ensuring quality education for all is not only central to the achievement of curriculum but in particular the goal to end extreme poverty” said Mathew Mhlongo Chief Director Learner Social Support Programms in the Limpopo Department of Education.

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