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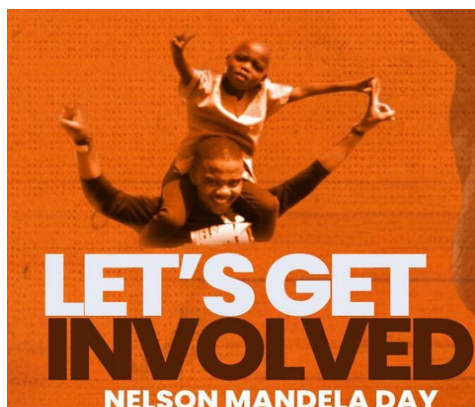
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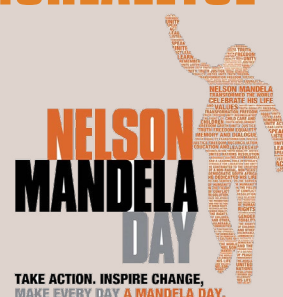
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67 MINUTES OF HOPE AT MOHLALETSE DISABLED GROUP CENTRE

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The heartland of southern Africa - development is about people

MEC VIOLET MATHYE PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO QUEEN MANYAKU THULARE OF THE BAPEDI KINGSHIP AT HER ROYAL RESIDENCE IN MOHLALETSE



MANDELA DAY 2026 - 67 MINUTES OF HOPE

MEC Violet Mathye

Mohlaletse - Last Friday, 17 July 2026, I walked into the yard at Mohlaletse Disabled Group Centre in Fetakgomo -Tubatse Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District, and the first thing that greeted me was not pity. It was pride.

Mohlaletse Disabled Group Centre is home to 61 individuals living with different forms of disability.

They organised themselves. Not to ask for charity. But to make ends meet. To do something with their lives.

They manufacture wire fences right there at the Centre. They sell to community members and to some local businesses. Some of their machines are broken. Funding remains a challenge, with both successes and setbacks.



*MEC Violet Mathye addressing beneficiaries.
Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS*

But when I stood there with them during our Mandela Day 67 Minutes, I did not see people waiting to be rescued. I saw builders. I saw farmers. I saw hope.



Residents of the centre demonstrating their skills on a diamond wire saw machine. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Residents of the centre showcasing their knitwear. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

The Chairperson, Albert Morewane, welcomed us with a dignity that humbled me. "Today's event went smoothly as we honoured Mandela," he said. "We thank the Department for their support. Beyond the gifts, your words of motivation inspired us."

We handed over 61 blankets, groceries, sanitary

towels, toiletries, old clothes, and a jojo tank. We handed blankets directly to the members.

I must pause here and thank, with deep gratitude, the officials of our Department at Sekhukhune District and at Head Office. It was through your voluntary donations that we were able to put together these contributions. You gave from your



Residents receiving donated groceries. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Residents receiving donated blankets. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Residents receiving donated toiletries and sanitary towels. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

pockets, from your hearts. This is what public service looks like. Ke a leboga.

We also went to plant life. Because Mhlaletse has land. And they decided to use it profitably. They are already growing vegetables. So we came with seedlings, cabbage, spinach, and tomatoes to help them grow more. To support their food security initiative. We also brought cleaning materials, because dignity is also in a clean space.

I was joined by the Acting Sekhukhune District Mayor, Cllr. Kanana Leokana, and the Acting Fetakgomo -Tubatse Mayor, Cllr. Maria Mashego and our senior management. We went together

because these two spheres of government must walk with centres like this. My hope is that the LED offices in both district and local municipality will find space in their busy schedules to link Mhlaletse to markets, training, and other opportunities.

As I addressed the beneficiaries, I said what I truly believe: "We must treat persons with disabilities with dignity, respect, and compassion. They are equal members of society who deserve the same love, care, opportunities, and respect we all expect."

Looking at them, I was reminded that disability is not inability. It is ability, expressed differently. Some weld. Some plant. Some manage. Some sell. All of them rise.

Madiba gave 67 years of his life to justice, equality and human rights. We gave 67 minutes. But in those minutes, I saw what the future can look like when we choose to see people, not problems.

To any family that may have someone living with disability: do not hide them. Do not mourn them as if life ended. Bring them to spaces like Mhlaletse. Let them work. Let them grow. Let them lead.

The Department of Transport and Community Safety remains committed to building safer, caring and more resilient communities. Road safety matters. Community safety matters. But so does human safety _ the safety of knowing you



MEC Violet Mathye handing over seedlings to the residents. **Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS**



Chairperson of Mohlaletse Disabled Group, Albert Morewane. **Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS**

have food, dignity, and a chance.

Mohlaletse is proof that with a little support, a lot can be done.

We left with full hearts. They stayed with seedlings in the ground, fences in the yard, and a promise that we will walk with them again.



Acting Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr. Kanana Leokana. **Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS**



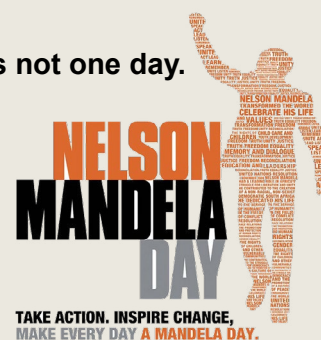
Acting Mayor of Fetakgomo -Tubatse Local Municipality, Cllr. Maria Mashego. **Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS**



Acting Head of Department, Ngoako Mangena. **Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS**

**Because Mandela Day is not one day.
It is a way of living!**

**#ItIsInYourHands
#MandelaDay2026**



MEC MATHYE AND MEC MAHOAI ASSESS PROGRESS ON DERRICK NYATHI CULVERT PROJECT



Derrick Nyathi Culvert Project in progress. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

MEC Violet Mathye (far right), and MEC Kgabo Mahoai addressing the workers. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

Mary Raphela

Phalaborwa - MEC Violet Mathye and the MEC for Limpopo Treasury, Kgabo Mahoai, conducted a monitoring and support visit to the Derrick Nyathi Culvert Project in Lulekani Village, Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, as part of the Service Delivery Week programme.

The visit formed part of the Limpopo Government's ongoing commitment to monitoring infrastructure projects, strengthening accountability, and ensuring that communities receive quality public services within the stipulated timeframes.

The MECs were joined by the Municipal MMC, the local Ward Councillor, officials from the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety, Limpopo Treasury, and the municipality. The purpose of the visit was to assess progress on the culvert project, which was initiated following the devastating floods that affected the area in late 2025.

Construction commenced in November 2025, and the project has now reached 95% completion, with the remaining work expected to be finalised

soon. Once completed, the culvert will significantly improve road accessibility, enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians, and restore reliable connectivity for the surrounding communities.

During the engagement, MEC Mathye commended the progress made and encouraged all stakeholders to maintain the momentum to ensure the project is completed on schedule. She emphasised that the department remains committed to delivering safe, resilient, and sustainable transport infrastructure that improves the lives of Limpopo residents.

MEC Mahoai underscored the importance of sound financial management, effective project oversight, and accountability in ensuring value for public funds and the timely delivery of infrastructure projects.

The monitoring visit demonstrates the Limpopo Government's commitment to responsive governance, infrastructure development, and ensuring that service delivery projects are implemented efficiently and benefit the communities they are intended to serve.

MEC MATHYE MEETS TAXI INDUSTRY LEADERS



MEC Violet Mathye engaging Taxi Industry Representatives. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

Sello Sebela

In a room that carried both weight and warmth, MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, together with Head of Department, Stephen Matjena and officials from the Transport Operations Chief Directorate, sat down with taxi representatives from the Bakone and Tibane Taxi Associations and Sekgopo Taxi Operators.

They came with concerns that weigh on daily operations, permits, routes, and the process of recognising merged associations. Around the table, voices were heard, notes were taken, and the Department committed to walking with the industry through each challenge toward resolution.

The heart of the meeting beat strongest when the newly elected SANTACO Limpopo leadership stepped forward to present themselves to MEC Mathye. It was more than a courtesy visit. It was a gesture of appreciation for the working relationship between DTCS and SANTACO, a relationship the Chairperson said had already helped resolve many matters that once hampered taxi operations. "Let's follow the rules and procedures," he told the gathering. "Even when the process is long, let's be patient and resolve issues on the table rather than in violence. It has worked for us. Let's maintain peace."



MEC Violet Mathye congratulating the new Taxi Industry Leadership. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

MEC Mathye welcomed the new leadership with open hands. "Welcome to our working space," she said. "We are in this fight against violence together. Let's build our transport sector together and continue to make Limpopo a safe province to travel in." With dialogue replacing discord and partnership guiding the way, the Department and the taxi industry reasserted a shared vow: that every decision, every route, and every permit would ultimately serve one purpose, putting passenger safety first.



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