SPEAKER TAKES ACTION & RESTORED HUMAN DIGNITY FOR VILLAGERS

MOKOPANE: The political leadership of Mogalakwena Municipality joined hands in honour and memory of the late Nelson Mandela and his legacy. Every year people from all over the world celebrate his birthday in the Nelson Mandela International Day.

Marking 67 years of Madiba's contribution to public service, the entourage led by the Mogalakwena Municipality Speaker, Cllr Andrina Matsemela, EXCO members and councilors visited Mmankuke pre-school in Mahwelereng, Zone 2. The pre-school accommodates more than 180 children.

Cllr Matsemela personally donated undisclosed amount of cash-cheque for the Pre School to buy learning materials, toys and others and further bought a cake for the pre-school children to celebrate the day.

The entourage led by Cllr Matsemela preceded to Mapela, Ga-Rauwele and Ga-Chaba village, respectively. On their arrival they have physically built two sanitation houses and donated grocery consisting of toiletries and blanket to warm their bodies this winter, to each family.

The unemployed Ms Raesetja Maetisa from the family of 10 has been without a proper sanitation house depends on social grant of her four grandchildren to put food on the table. Mr Lesiba Makgamatha, another beneficiary from the family of two is also unemployed and depends on social grant. Both the beneficiaries were over the moon by this initiative.

After construction of the sanitation houses, the entourage and community members later cleaned around the village where the communities dump illegally. The intervention was received with great ecstasy and ululations filled the air as the community members sang happy birthday and praises to Mandela.

Speaking at the pre-school Speaker Matsemela said, "We should join hands to ensure a better future for our children where they would not suffer from our historical problems of prejudice. We should on time to time visit children because they are the future of this country, if they find love, care and joy they will become better people in future."

Speaking in Mapela Cllr Matsemela said, "During our door to door campaigns we have noticed that these families are without proper sanitation thus we are here today to build them proper sanitation houses. I want to assure the community of Mogalakwena Municipality that we will frequently conduct these campaigns. Mandela's selfless struggle and sacrifice has made him a universal symbol of hope, freedom, courage, peace, justice and equality all over the world."

"We are hard at work and we will continue doing that to improve the living conditions of our people and we will prioritize service delivery in such areas. As the African National Congress (ANC) led government, we have a responsibility to make a difference in our communities, and we can only achieve that through caring for one another and embracing ubuntu,"said Matsemela.

The atmosphere was electric and spirits were high as the heartwarming day ended with singing of a Happy Birthday song for Tata.