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Social sector as a priority (Education, Health and Social Development)

By allocating a huge slice of the province's R26,2 billion budget to the department of education and sport development, the North West government is certain that the doors of learning shall be open to all pursuant to the national development plan and the freedom charter.

The department received R13.4 billion, which translates to 39.4 per cent of the provincial budget in the 2015/16 financial year, to provide quality basic education for high learner achievement through educator excellence, as well as sport development.

The departmental allocation includes an amount of R408.2 million for Learner Teacher Support Materials, R39.2 million for Grade R implementation, R52.5 million for inclusive education and R43.2 million for employee development.

Investment in education is justified and the results is there for everyone to see. The province prides itself regarding the overall grade 12 results where it came second nationally for two consecutive years.

An amount of R7 million has been provided for the improvement of sport facilities so that regular sport codes are active and sustained in villages such as Manthe and Ipelegeng

Sporting activities will be promoted through school sport, tournaments and other events which will also contribute to one of the pillars of Bokone Bophirima economic growth strategy, said Nelson.

The department of health received the second biggest allocation amounting to R8.9 billion. This allocation will ensure that life expectancy is increased, maternal and child mortality is decreased, HIV and AIDS combated and TB incidents decreased. An amount of R15.6 million has been set aside to specifically deal with this epidemic.

The last department in the social cluster, Social development, is allocated R1.3 billion to implement the National Integrated Social Information System. The department will also



Together moving Bokone Bophirima forward.

contribute to job creation by creating opportunities through the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programme and the absorption of social work graduates.

The budget that is presented requires public servants and politicians to get out of their comfort zones and begin to restore the dignity of our people by providing them with much needed services through the progressive programmes of government such as Bua le Puso; Setsokotsane; Reconciliation Healing and Renewal; Rebranding Repositioning and Renewal and Agriculture, Culture and Tourism as strategic economic development pillars,+stated Nelson.

Nelson said the budget framework was compiled to achieve national and provincial objectives in a constrained fiscal environment.

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