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## **Media Statement**

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### **FEED goes all out for Mandela Day**

**TOSCA** - As the world honoured birthday of Former President, the late Tata Nelson Mandela on 18 July, Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development did its bid for the much talked about 67 minutes for Madiba. MEC Wendy Nelson and departmental staff took to Tosca, a village about 155 kilometres from Vryburg where they went all out to lend a caring hand.

The focus for this year's commemoration was, above all else, caring for the elderly. Households with elderly people were identified and the department provided cleaning material and paint to give their homes the much needed refurbishment. The selected houses were cleaned, painted and laundry; including blankets were done.

One could not ignore the smiles on the faces of the elderly people that were extended a caring hand. The first home was that of Mr. Penepene Mokomele (66) and Ms. Selinah Mankis (87) and the second home assisted was that of Ms. Sophy Mathawe and Mr. Noor Fale. Both homes rely solely on social grants and have ailments which they are dealing with as well. I am very thankful for what you have done for me and my family. The painting and washing of blankets is something we cannot do ourselves because of old age. May you be blessed, said an evidently happy Mr Mokomele.

Identified families live in RDP houses with no electricity and have to fetch water a distance away from their houses. While the departmental staff was hard at work, FEED MEC Mme Wendy Nelson accompanied Transport Minister, Dipuo Peters in Bray, where a few identified schools were visited and inspected as to what they needed the most.



**Together we move Bokone Bophirima forward.**

Bray Combined, Ebenezer Christian and Tosca Primary schools were showered with a visit from provincial and national officials who came to do their bit in the spirit of giving selflessly. Minister Peters and MEC Nelson were accompanied by CATA MEC, Mme Ontlametse Mochware and Public Works and Roads MEC Madoda Sambatha. Government parastatal reporting to the Ministry of Transport tagged along and donated a handful that went a long way.

The parastatals included ACSA, ATNS, SANRAL and Prasa. They donated beds, blankets, cleaning material, fencing, security services and the refurbishment of learner residences in Bray School.

MEC Nelson presented sanitary packages to the girls in Tosca Primary. The packages were donated by Absa.

The day ended well as MEC Nelson took time out to visit the elderly in the identified houses in Tosca after the departmental staff had done their magic in their houses. %cannot believe that our elderly people are still living in such conditions with no one to take care of them. As the department we will do our best to see to it that we change their living condition to the better. We cannot touch all the families in Tosca but the little that we can will surely make a much needed impact+, concluded MEC Nelson.

Nelson thanked all officials and community members for their selfless contribution and ensuring that they play their part in this year's Mandela Day by lending a caring hand; making a difference to the lives of our people. The department will continue its contribution in memory of Nelson Mandela in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality during the whole month of July.

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