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Media Statement

Ironhood Cooperative registered on CSD on the spot due to Setsokotsane intervention

Following MEC for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development, Mme Wendy Nelson's interaction with the Ironhood Cooperative in Alabama, Klerksdorp, the department moved swiftly to register them on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) on the same day of interaction with MEC. Established in 2014 and managed by five women, the cooperative specializes in embroidery work and were funded by the department to buy embroidery machine.

Speaking on behalf of other Cooperative members, Mina Mompoti appreciated the department for coming to their doorstep to provide the much needed Central Supplier Database Registration. She said "this shows that the fifth administration stands true to their word. Government took time to provide us with an important service of registering our company in the database and we will be able to do business with government. We feel privileged and honoured by the gesture. We interacted with MEC Wendy Nelson and she provided us with valuable advice that we believe if we implement them, will better our business skills although the funded machine is not big enough to carry their orders in a required time, they were grateful with the support that they got from the department. We are pleased with the lifeline that was provided. We only had a business idea but due to our economic status it was impossible for us to acquire the machinery. We can now work with the little that we have and this makes a lot of difference in our lives".

Mompoti also commended SEDA for its support as it provided their business with marketing material.

MEC Wendy Nelson during her interaction with cooperatives operating in Matlosana Local municipality said that "We have realized through the cooperatives Bokone Bophirima will be in position to address the triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality. Therefore through the Setsokotsane programme my department conducts oversight visits to existing cooperatives to ensure that the legal framework does not hinder the development and cooperative enterprises".



Together moving Bokone Bophirima forward.

The MEC accompanied by her Departmental staff conducted oversight of the work done by MD4 and Ironhood cooperatives operating in Stilfontein and Alabama respectively.

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