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## LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMEMORATES DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH

South Africa commemorates National Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM) annually between the 3rd November and 3rd December.

The 3rd of December has been declared the International Day of Disability by the United Nations. This year's commemoration is themed: "Together building an empowered South Africa inclusive of Disability Rights"

The commemoration is primarily aimed at heightening awareness and providing feedback on government's interventions in addressing challenges faced by people with disabilities.

This year's events come at a time when the province and the country are grappling with COVID 19, in particular trying to avert the resurgence thereof.

During this month, various departments will assess how government programmes benefitted the disability sector, as well as cushioning same from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Provincial Government will focus on the following thematic areas:

- Economy accessible to people with disabilities;
- Responsive disaster management strategies that cater for disability;
- Inclusive education; and
- Accessible justice system.

Limpopo Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha urges departments, municipalities and State Owned Entities (SOEs) to play their part in ensuring that people with disabilities are empowered to live full, productive and meaningful lives.

"It is therefore fundamental for Limpopo citizenry to be motivated to respect, change negative attitude and stigmatization of people with disabilities. We applaud the dedication and participation of people with disabilities in the mainstream economic activities of the province amid COVID-19" says Premier Chupu Mathabatha.

Moreover, Premier Mathabatha sends his best wishes to all learners with disabilities, in particular the matric class of 2020 in the province during this examination period.

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