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MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT APPRECIATES COMMITMENT FROM AN NPO.

Limpopo MEC for Social Development Mme. Nkakareng Rakgoale has expressed appreciation for the commitment by Mahlasedi Foundation to distribute food parcels to 12 thousand households in identified areas of the province. This was announced during a meeting held at the Premier's Office between MEC Rakgoale and the Foundation's representatives today.

MEC Rakgoale who represented Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha says the food parcels will go a long way in assisting families that have been left food insecure during this lockdown period. She says the food parcels will augment the Department's COVID-19 Food Relief Program, which is targeting 37 thousand households.

"On behalf of the Limpopo Government, in particular the honourable Premier who mandated me to be part of this session, we really want to appreciate this gesture by Mahlasedi Foundation, who will be distributing the food parcels themselves. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts, as it happens at a time when our economy is crippled and our people are suffering. As government we will be working together with them to ensure that our people benefit from this gesture" said MEC Rakgoale.

Mahlasedi Foundation Director Bert Pretorious says the level of vulnerability in rural communities prompted them to come on board and join hands with the Limpopo Provincial Government.

"We have seen the tremendous need and people's desperation and something we have realised is that there are urban areas in other provinces, but Limpopo has been found to be the most rural area and that's why we realised that we needed to make a decision. Our hearts are in rural areas and we want to say to the rural communities that we see you and we hear you." said Pretorious.

The actual distribution of the first batch of food parcels is expected to start in two weeks' time in identified areas.

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