

Media Statement
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Jubilant 67 minutes for Mandela in Mageva

Hosi Divila Wilson Dzumeri was excited and in a jubilant mood as he welcomed guests at Ukuthula Primary School, Mageva village today where the Limpopo Provincial Government celebrated International Mandela Day.

"One point I want to say representing the people of Dzumeri is that we feel very much honoured. We don't know who decided that government should come to Dzumeri but we want to thank them, this gesture shows that we are there on government's list and are a priority," said Hosi Dzumeri.

Hosi Dzumeri went on to say: "We have come to work together for 67 minutes to honour the legacy of Mandela. There are many things that we may want to raise about conditions here but we won't do that today. We didn't send petitions, we didn't call them but government decided to be here with us today, this makes us happy."

The Limpopo Provincial Government had, today, lead by MEC for Education, Ms Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya visited both Dzumeri Traditional Authority and Ukuthula Primary School as part of the dedication of International Mandela Day by planting trees and vegetables.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya was joined by MEC for Social Development Dr Dickson Masemola, MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Nkakareng Rakgoale, Mopani Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shai, Greater Giyani Municipality Mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha.

The entourage planted two fruit trees at Hosi's Kraal, proceeded to Mageva, Ukuthula Primary School to plant 36 trees, establish food garden and donate school uniform to vulnerable learners at the school.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya said: "Today we were focusing on dedicating 67 minutes about food security. The trees that we planted are fruit trees. We are saying to the school and community, let us continue to plant food to address the high cost of food items, so that children can get food. Secondly, to everyone, Mandela was about caring, ubuntu, let's make sure that as parents we look after our children and make sure we put an end to crime and fight against the scourge of abuse".

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya reminded and encouraged those in attendance to continue with the spirit of Nelson Mandela throughout the month of July and beyond. She called on all to embrace the spirit of ubuntu and the love for children as the former world renown iconic Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela did.

Ndlovu Ntsima is a grade 6 learner at Ukuthula Primary School who highlighted the importance of the day. “Mandela Day is about changing the world to be a better place, just like Nelson Mandela did, 18 July is one of the most special and inspirational day of the year”, she said.

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