

Media Advisory

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## PREMIER CHUPU MATHABATHA TO COMMEMORATE WORLD AIDS DAY WITH THE FARMERS

Premier Mr. Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will join scores of South Africans in commemorating the 35th annual World AIDS Day at Mahela Farm in Greater Tzaneen Municipality. He will lead the EXCO delegation and address masses under the theme: "Let Communities Lead" on the 1st December 2023.

The theme is a clarion call to invest in and strengthen community-led interventions and community centred approach in the management of HIV. Community members are urged to adhere to treatment in order to suppress the viral load and lessen chances of transmitting HIV. Government in its National Strategic Plan aims and continues to provide free medication, training, create awareness and psycho-social support in pursuit of eradicating the scourge of HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), Sexually Transmitter Infections (STI) and other diseases related to AIDS.

Deputy President Shipokosa Paulus Mashatile during the launch of Takuwani Riime said, "In anticipation of World AIDS Day, we must use this opportunity to highlight the challenges we have with men within the context of HIV response. HIV prevalence in Limpopo is the highest in men between the ages of 35 and 59. Across the province, new infections are the highest in men between the ages of 20 and 44."

The Limpopo Provincial Government and SANAC will commemorate the lives of those who succumbed to HIV/AIDS pandemic. On the same note government urges all citizens not to victimise nor stigmatise families and people that are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The World Aids Day commemoration will be held as follows:

Date: 01 December 2023

Time: 10h00

Venue: Mahela Farm, Hlanganani Sport ground  
Letsitele, Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality  
Mopani District

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