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Media Statement

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RE: Premier Ramathuba Pleased with Improvement in Job Creation and Limpopo Unemployment Dropping to 31,4%

Premier of Limpopo Dr Phophi Ramathuba has welcomed the 2024 Quarter 2 Labour Force Survey results that have shown that Limpopo is among the two top provinces in South Africa to have created more jobs in the second quarter of 2024. The results were released by the Statistician General, Mr Risenga Maluleka on 13 August 2024.

Whilst general unemployment in the country has increased to 33,5%, the largest increases in jobs created were observed in Gauteng (42 000), Limpopo (31 000) and Eastern Cape (25 000) provinces.

“We are pleased with the report from Statistics South Africa showing that we have increased the number of jobs we have created in the past quarter. Our resolve is to fight unemployment. Any increase in the number of jobs we can create helps us in this battle,” said Premier Dr Ramathuba

Dr Ramathuba further said that Limpopo has potential to increase the number of jobs as shown in the Labour surveys of 2023 wherein Limpopo was among the leading provinces in increasing job creation. She said although being second best in job creation in 2023 with 182 000 jobs created, it is still not enough to bring a drop in the overall unemployment rate in the province currently standing at 31,4% for Limpopo.

Dr Ramathuba said: “What worries us the most on this Women’s Month is that we still see a huge number of women amongst the unemployed. I will be very much happy if we can increase the number of women who get employed because we know that once a woman is employed, she feeds the entire village.”

The Limpopo Provincial government has set its eyes on industrialisation and agriculture as areas where it will help with growing the economy and creating more opportunities for employment.

Premier Ramathuba gave marching orders recently during the Opening of Legislature by saying that all projects that have potential to create jobs that have stalled should be resuscitated immediately. Projects like the Lebowakgomo Abattoir, Musina-Makhado

SEZ and the Zebediela Citrus Farm are amongst those that she wants to see operationalised in the next few weeks. She also encouraged the support for SMMEs so that in that way it would influence the informal sector that helps a lot in decreasing unemployment.

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