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**MEC RADZILANI TO VISIT OLD AGE HOMES AMID CONCERNS OF ELDERLY CARE**

The MEC responsible for Social Development in Limpopo, Ms Florence Radzilani will be embarking on a province wide tour of centres accommodating elderly people as well as vulnerable member of society. The MEC's tour comes in response to alarming conditions under which the elderly are reportedly subjected to at Vutlhari Old Age Home in Sekgosesa outside Tzaneen. The visit is part of a dedicated initiative to improve the living conditions of elderly people across the province.

The MEC's visit coincides with Social Development Month, a time to recognize and support the needs of vulnerable populations in our society amongst others. It also comes on the heels of Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba's commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, where she marked the essential role our senior citizens play in the community and emphasized the need for adequate care and support.

Expressing the deep concern of the need to care for the elderly Radzilani said: "Each older person deserves to live with dignity and respect. We must ensure that our elderly citizens are receiving proper care and support. During the visit, the MEC will engage with staff and residents, assess the facilities and discuss ways to address the challenges currently faced by old age homes in the province. "It is critical that we listen to the voices of our older population and consider their needs in our social development programs," Radzilani added.

As part of the Department's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for older persons, the Department will be taking immediate steps to work with local authorities and community organizations to address these pressing issues. The health, safety and well-being of the elderly citizens are a priority and the MEC urges all stakeholders to join in this essential effort.

The MEC's tour will start in the Waterberg district on Tuesday (08 October 2024) making her first stop at Waterberg old age home then move to Phagameng Service centre and conclude the tour at Mookgophong Service Centre.

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