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**RELOCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICES TO ENHANCE
SERVICE DELIVERY**

The Limpopo Department of Social Development is pleased to announce a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to improve service delivery and strengthen the Department's presence in the community. With the support and endorsement of Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba and the provincial Executive Committee the Department has acquired new premises in the city of Polokwane

Over the years, the Department of Social Development has benefited from the support of sister departments by utilizing their facilities for accommodation, which has helped maintain service continuity. This strategic move aims to establish a dedicated, professional environment that will enable the Department to serve the public, stakeholders, non-profit organisations, traditional leaders and vulnerable groups among others more effectively.

The Department's Head Office staff will be moving to the former Absa Building at 76 Schoeman Street, while the Capricorn District Office will be situated at the Old Mutual Building, 78 Hans Van Rensburg Street, both in Polokwane.

The new building hosting the head office will be named after struggle icon, activist and a servant of the people, the late former MEC of the Department of Social Development, Ms. Happy Joyce Mashamba. MEC Radzilani met the Mashamba family comprising of the former MEC's husband and a struggle veteran, Mr George Mashamba and his son Nyiko to inform them about this important government decision. The family received the news with heartfelt humility and immense pride. They expressed their deep appreciation for the recognition, describing it as a fitting tribute to honour Ms. Mashamba's selfless dedication and unwavering commitment to serving the people.

Ms Florence Radzilani emphasizes, "This relocation signifies our commitment to creating a conducive workspace that reflects our department's professionalism and dedication to serving our communities. It is a vital step towards enhancing our operational capacity and reinforcing our identity as a department that is accessible, efficient and responsive." She described the naming of the new offices after the late former MEC Happy Joyce Mashamba as an appropriate and meaningful gesture that not only commemorates her legacy but also keeps alive her spirit of resilience, activism and unwavering service to the people.

The Department of Social Development reaffirms its unwavering commitment to providing high-quality services and fostering robust partnerships. The relocation process, including logistical arrangements, is currently in progress. The Department will provide further communication once the transition is complete, ensuring that stakeholders are informed and able to access services seamlessly at the new premises.

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