

MAYOR WELCOMES NEW YEAR BABIES & VISIT BEREAVED FAMILY

MOGALAKWENA: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Thulane Tauetsoala along with the Speaker Cllr Pheladi Olifant, members of the executive council and ward councillors welcomed the New Year's Day babies into the world.

Mayor Tauetsoala, along with the delegation celebrated the New Year with new born babies at George Masebe, Mokopane and Voortrekker hospitals in Mokopane.

The first five mothers and their newborn babies were blessed with gift packages that contained a bucket, baby bath tub filled with items including, nappies, wipes, nappy changing bag, cosmetic items and clothes for the new-borns. Other sixteen (16) new year born babies who were born during the day also received gift packages from the hospital management.

Mayor Tauetsoala advised mothers to breastfeed their children, to register the child for a birth certificate at the hospitals Home Affairs offices and thanked the entire hospital staff for their dedication and hard work.

“The Department of Health is continuing to be the frontline department, you are the mother of the nation, without you there will be no nation, keep up the good work,” said the Mayor Tauetsoala.

Mayor Tauetsoala and the retinue rounded off his programme by visiting the Manganyi family in Kadichuene village after learning that they lost two family members following the heavy rains on the last day of the year. Both the deceased were in Kadichuene village for the new year's eve celebrations.

“We have learned that some parts of the Mogalakwena Local Municipality in the Bakenberg Cluster experienced torrential heavy rains that was characterized by thunderstorms on the new year's eve which led to most of the houses in Kadichuene, Marulaneng and Pudiakgopa villages been swept away by heavy winds. During the storm several houses had their roofs blown off and electricity lines were damaged,” said Mayor Tauetsoala during the visit at the Manganyi family.

“We will engage with our local disaster management team, department of Social Development, department of Corporative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Eskom and other relevant stakeholders to assess the damage and provide assistance,” said Mayor Tauetsoala.

Mayor added that the teams will be deployed to all affected areas to assess the damage and restore electricity since there is communication breakdown.