

MAYOR HANDOVER A HOUSE TO MATSAUNG's FAMILY

MAPELA: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela, Mogalakwena Anglo Platinum Mine, Nale Holdings and WBA Holdings were handing-over a six roomed house to a destitute child headed family in Mapela, Ga-Molekane village. The Matsaung family been living in a shack for years.

Six children from the family are at school while their eldest brother (24) is unemployed, they are surviving mainly on social grants and hand out from neighbours.

Mogalakwena Municipality Mayor, Cllr Andrina Matsemela said, "I am touched by the level of care in this community especially their neighbour Ms Victoria Machoga who made sure that these children don't go to bed hungry. I am extremely excited that we gathered here this morning to officially hand-over this house as this will bring hope to the children that the ANC led government will take care of them."

"We knew about this family after the death of Ms Matsaung (mother) it was very difficult for the family to bury. We did our best until we buried her with respect and bought these children school uniforms. We engaged Mogalakwena Anglo Platinum Mine and put up this structure in collaboration with Nale Holdings, WBA Holding and other local businesses. We will do our best to support this family," added Matsemela.

"We are honoured to witness the end result. The house before us has been built for the Matsaung family through the ANC leadership and we will do this to other destitute families within our municipality," said Matsemela.

"It pains me to see the many families in our municipality who are struggling to stay afloat in these difficult economic times. I long to see every family supported, especially those that are headed by children or grandmothers. These are our most vulnerable families, and they must be supported," continued Matsemela.

"My prayer is that this house will become a home, a place where this family can feel safe, where they can rest and share meals and have conversations. Now that they don't have to worry anymore about shelter, I pray that their hearts will be filled with peace," Matsemela said.

"I ask that this community continues to care, for this family, and for every other family that is struggling. Help one another, because a burden shared is a burden halved. That is the way we do it in the ANC," Matsemela signed off.

Mayor Matsemela acknowledged the contribution from Mogalakwena Anglo Platinum Mine, Nale Holdings, ABA Holdings Letswaing Construction and other sponsors who donated a voucher of R1000 clothing voucher, beds, fridge, food parcels/grocery, stove, television set to ensure that the Matsaung kids have a fully furniture house.

"It is a good pleasure to see you as my parents today coming together to celebrate with us on this wonderful occasion. I would like to make a great gratitude to the Matlawe family for allowing us to use their toilet with them, Victoria Machoga is an Angle sent from God. She

was there whenever we needed help, whenever we needed a mother she never gave up on us, she gave us the purpose to live even after our mother left us,” said

Thabang Matsaung (beneficiary) expressed his words of gratitude to everyone who ensured that they gave a roof over their heads.