

MAYOR DONATE TOYS & LEARNING MATERIAL TO PRE-SCHOOL

MOGALAKWENA: 18 July, Mandela Day is the day that gave South Africans and the international community an opportunity to do something good to help others in recognition of Mr. Mandela's decades of sacrifice for humanity.

The Campaign was initiated by the Nelson Mandela Foundation and related organizations to mark Mandela's 91st birthday.

The national government has since declared the 18th July as Mandela day which now forms part of the annual Mandela birthday celebration to honour the former President of a democratic South Africa.

In its response, the Mogalakwena Municipality put together projects divided amongst its four clusters covering all communities within the municipality. Mandela Day activities are undertaken throughout the month led by Mayor Andrina Matsemela.

Mayor Matsemela visited ward 9, a rural community Pre-school at Mabetha Village and in her brief address Matsemela indicated the Mogalakwena Municipality will continue to do all in its power, with its limited resources to answer the calls of the rural communities in terms of getting better and quality services which are on par with those rendered in urban areas.

"These young kids are fortunate to grow up in an era in which they can sing the national anthem. I never had that opportunity and today I'm proud to bring joy to their hearts. Seeing them happy makes my day," said Mayor Matsemela.

"When I grew up there were no creches in my village. These centres we are visiting and those we will be visiting should be different from the crèches where our children grew up in. They should not be places where children just come to eat, sing and sleep. Investment in the future of the country entails investment in the youth of the country through, among others, educational programs," added Matsemela.

Matsemela and her entourage donated toys, tables, chairs, mattresses and educational material to the value of R70 000.00 to 31 children of Malesela Kekae Pre-School. The centre caters for 31 children from 6 months to 5 years old.

Minor renovations like replacing light bulbs were done whilst the Pre-School kids sung and shared a cake with the Mayor. After distributing gifts, the Mayor and her entourage rolled up their sleeves to paint the classrooms.

Mogalakwena Municipality Acting Mayor Cllr Malesela Mokwele, councillors, Kgoši Hans Masebe Langa II, Limpopo Eskom Customer Relations Manager Mr Dikgabane Rampedi and Social Development officials were amongst those who handed over toys and educational material to the children.

The two structures worth about R200 000.00 each while the educational toys and indoor equipment are to the value of R60 000.00.

There were smiles all round as the Mayor and her entourage moved around to hand out toys and educational material to the tiny tots.