

MAYOR SHARES A SMILE WITH ORPHANS

MOKOPANE: Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela says despite the challenges that municipal residents face such as poverty and other socio-economic challenges, it is important to put a smile on the faces of the less fortunate.

Matsemela was speaking at a Christmas Lunch Party for orphans recently held at Mokopane Town pool where over 160 children, five children per ward from all four clusters of Mogalakwena Local Municipality, were showered with food hampers during the annual event.

Matsemela said the aim of this annual party was part of improving the standard of living of orphans, spending a day with them to make them feel loved, appreciated and putting a smile on their faces.

“Rotationally we host Christmas parties for orphans and senior citizens, so this year we decided to host orphans in order to share a smile with them,” said Mayor Matsemela.

“This is part of our community programmes that are aimed at getting government closer to the people, sharing a smile with the children and to create more visibility of leadership to communities instead of visiting or inviting people only during electioneering,” she said.

Mayor Matsemela used the platform to announce that she would assist with full sets of school uniforms to the children who are in dire need of such. Later after the programme she took some children and bought them pairs of clothes to wear on Christmas and New Year’s day.

Keabetswe Mothopi (26) a resident of Taueatsoala from Rebone Cluster said she was very happy with the Mayor’s annual event.

“We got a chance to meet the Mayor in a more sociable manner, she is very accommodating and even allowed us to take pictures and dance with her. It is very nice to have a person of this calibre as Mayor,” said Mothopi.

Each food parcel is aimed at sustaining a household of five members comfortably for at least one month.