

MAYOR RESTORE HOPE TO A VILLAGER'S LIFE

DIPERE: The Mayor of Mogalakwena, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela was accompanied by a number of councilors and traditional leaders, when she gave hope to residents of Dipere village in the Bakenburg cluster. In celebration of heritage month, Mayor Matsemela donated a six roomed house to Ms Ablonia Sekalo (61) in that village.

Sekalo who is a mother of five lost her house after her mentally ill son burnt it to the ground.

“I had no idea how I was going to rebuild the house as I am providing for the family with my pension grant. I have been longing for a moment like this. I thank God for answering my prayers by sending good Samaritans like the Mayor Mme Matsemela and her team to rescue me.” said Sekalo.

She expressed gratitude when Mayor Matsemela further provided her with furnisher including four beds, a kitchen unit, a fridge, a stove, a lounge suite along with groceries to give them a fresh start.

Mayor Matsemela applauded the contractor for a partnership which produced a well built house.

“Government alone cannot reach out to each and every citizen. Those who are privileged should plough back to their communities. This would be in line with Mandela’s legacy, which teaches us to be compassionate and help the less fortunate. Once again I want to thank the contractor and donors and I hope even Mandela will be happy with such an initiative of helping the poor” Mayor Matsemela said.

Community members from nearby villages came in large numbers to witness the official handover of the house and to also celebrate Heritage day at Dipere United Sports ground.

The festivities continued at the sports ground where villagers sang and danced in celebration. Everyone waited anxiously for the Mayor to deliver her heartfelt speech.

In her speech Mayor Matsemela said, “I cannot tell you what a privilege it is for me to visit Dipere village and to celebrate with you as the Sekalo family receives a house. It is moments like this that remind me why I work day in and day out to meet the needs of our people. Even though the needs are overwhelming, and though the resources may often be scarce, it is possible to make a fundamental difference in someone’s life.”

When Mayor Matsemela finally expressed what was close to her heart. Seeing young people dancing reminded her of her youth. She saw fit to celebrate heritage day as it reminds us of who we are and where we are from, and that we should never forget that.

“We have different cultures, but a black person comes from somewhere. We should teach our children where they come from and this should start at home. I believe that heritage should be celebrated every day in order to know, understand who we are and so that we never forget our roots” added Matsemela.