## UNPRIVILEGED LEARNERS RECEIVES SCHOOL UNIFORM

**MAPELA:** The Mogalakwena Local Municipality (MLM) Mayor, His Worship Cllr Malesela Frans Mokwele continued with the programme they launched with Limpopo Department of Social Development (DSD) MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale to bring relief to struggling families, schools and children when he donated school uniforms to needy and unprivileged children.

This was the evident as the MLM Mayor Mokwele donated eighty (80) set of school uniforms to leaners at Sebiloane Primary school, Ga-Matlou village in Mapela Cluster, this morning.

In the past few days Mayor Mokwele who was accompanied by Councillors has been embarking on a programme of visiting schools which obtained 100% pass rate and rewarding the Top 5 Performing school learners with laptops.

The DSD Waterberg District Manager Mr Matome Makwela indicated that the Social relieve of distress comes in many ways. "In the past the Department used to hand-over only the food parcels, and now the upon receiving so many requests for the school uniform from the distressed households, we are now relieving them," said Mr. Makwela.

In his address, Mayor Mokwele advised everyone who participated in the programme to heed to President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa's call to observe COVID 19 regulations and to enforce compliance in order to save lives. This was two days after President Ramaphosa moved the country from level 3 to level 1.

The delighted Mayor who seem to be highly interested in education thanked the school management for putting measures in place for the programme to be compliant with COVID 19 regulations and he was humbled by seeing kids wearing masks as a sign of being taught about the pandemic.

"This collective leadership in conjunction with the DSD MEC, Mme Nkakareng Rakgoale found it necessary to invest in primary education by handing over school uniforms for these unprivileged learners. This intervention was triggered by the hardships that have been brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic where some of the family members have lost their jobs as a result this will have a direct negative impact on well-being of some of the learners," added the emotional Mayor Mokwele.

"The school uniform does not only bring about equal identity amongst learners but also a sense of belonging in the education sector. On behalf of the MLM Council I would like to thank the DSD for this contribution, and I am hopeful that parents welcome this initiative because they value education serious more than anything," added Mayor Mokwele.

"As a parent I am well aware that it is every parent's wish that his or her child gets quality and best education under conducive environment. I am confident that parents welcome this contribution with both hands," said Mayor Mokwele.

"The well-being of our society and families must always be a priority because a well-being society is productive and response to the economic growth of our country. Setshaba seo se phedileng gabotse se raloka karolo ye bohlokwa go goleng ga moruo wa naga. To the Bambinos,ke a leboga sebaka seo le mphilego sona gore ke bolele le lena, molaetsa waka ke gore le ithuteng gore le tle le beng batho ba bohlokwa setshabeng," Mokwele signed off.