

## **ARMERS ADVISED TO REGISTER FOR REFLECTIVE BELTS**

**MOKOPANE:** The reflective belts were distributed in Mogalakwena last year to make livestock visible should they wander onto the road. Driving along the N11 leading to the South Africa's Botswana border post, there is a lot of livestock wandering along the road, but none of them have any reflective belts on hence we have witnessed.

The Limpopo MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mme Nandi Ndalane and Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Thulane Taueatsoala were handing over reflector belts to livestock farmers at Ga-Taueatsoala Traditional Authority.

The reflective belts were distributed to cattle and donkey farmers who rely on their livestock for survival.

The reflectors will assist motorists to spot stray animals from a distance especially at night to avoid car accidents which are taking the lives of the people.

MEC Ndalane says indicated that Mogalakwena is one of the municipalities in Limpopo with a high number of stock theft hence farmers were urged to register for reflective belts. Farmers were also urged by the MEC to ensure that they keep their livestock away from the roads and lock them up at night.

This morning a cow was found slaughtered along the R518, just about 6km from Masodi village. This time it looks like the cow was killed and some parts were taken from the cow. The cow is marked with a red earring.

SAPS Colonel Mafokwane advised the community members about stock theft and the importance of brand marking livestock and also tattooing them so they can't be stolen. The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Taueatsoala appeals to members of the public to register for reflective belts and not let their livestock to roam around unmonitored.