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MEC MOKOENA CELEBRATES MANDELA DAY BY DISTRIBUTING FOOD PARCELS TO THE DRAAIKRAL COMMUNITY.

As the world celebrated Mandela Day, the MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Mr Norman Mokoena celebrated the Day with the community of Draaikral in Thaba Chweu Municipality. The celebration was attended by communities from Shaga and Kiwi villages that are home to impoverished families with scarce resources and a low income.

MEC Mokoena celebrated the Mandela Day by distributing food parcels to four families in that area, accompanied by MEC for Economic, Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Mr J Mahlangu and local Traditional Leader, Ikosi Isaac Mahlangu and Senior officials of various departments and the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality. The entourage later visited the Tondeltoos High School, where painting of classes took place, giving the school a major facelift.

He later told the community in his address: "President Zuma declared in the State of the Nation address this year that the defining feature of this administration will be that it knows where the people live, understands their needs and responds faster. We have committed ourselves to the President's declaration". During the celebration, the community applied for Birth Certificates, ID Documents and Social Grants. The Department of Health and Social Services also registered a number of people who were tested for Diabetes and Eyes, using a Mobile Clinic unit. Mr Mokoena said the provision of such services is also in line with the values of Mr Mandela. "One of the most important values that President Mandela has taught us is the values of ubuntu and reaching out to improve the lives of other people. President Mandela has taught us that ubuntu means that when a stranger walks into a village, hungry and thirsty, that village must take it upon themselves to make sure that they provide food, water and shelter to that man," he said.

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