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MPUMALANGA MEC'S VISIT SHACK FIRE VICTIMS IN THABA CHWEU MUNICIPALITY

The MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Norman Mokoena accompanied by the MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Mr Jabu Mahlangu and the Executive Mayor of Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Cllr Khosi Mkhonto have visited the families that were affected by a fire that destroyed 7 shacks in Mashishing in Thaba Chweu Municipality. The aim of the visit by the MEC's was to assess the damage caused by the fire.

During the visit MEC's Mokoena and Mahlangu handed over food parcels and blankets to the affected families. The MEC's indicated that government will do its best to assist the victims their loss. MEC Mokoena expressed government's condolences to the families of the four people who died in the fire. He further added that the interventions being provided by government were immediate interventions and the department would conduct a detailed assessment to determine what additional assistance will be needed. "Today we are here to make sure that we provide food, blankets and alternative accommodation for the victims. We will be engaging other sector departments such as Home Affairs, Social Services and Education to ensure that we provide the affected families all the assistance they need and this includes school uniforms and books for the affected children. We will also be having discussions with the families of the deceased to see what assistance we can provide to them," said Mokoena.

Four people, two adults and two children, died and five families have been left homeless after the fire razed seven shacks to the ground. The affected families have been moved to temporary shelter in a nearby hostel. They have been provided with food parcels, blankets and clothes. Preliminary investigations indicate that the fire was started by a candle that fell in one of the shacks.

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