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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **FIRE DESTROYS SHACKS AT BRONDAL INFORMAL SETTLEMENT IN THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

A fire has destroyed a number of shacks at Brondal informal settlement in Thaba Chweu. More than 100 people were affected by this fire. There were no injuries or fatalities suffered. The fire was contained by Mbombela Fire Services and Komatiland Forestry. Thaba Chweu, Mbombela and the Provincial Fire Services and Disaster Management Units were also on site to assist.

The Mpumalanga Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs is currently engaging the Departments of Education and Social Development to offer relevant assistance to affected people. The Mbombela Disaster Management Unit has distributed tents and blankets to all the affected people.

The Department once again requests residents to be careful when using fire in their homes. Land owners and the public are requested to use extreme caution. Residents should make sure that they do not start fires in the open veld, all fires are controlled and that they make sure that the fires are completely put out before leaving that area and they must not throw away burning cigarette stubs in the open veld.

Residents must report any fires as quick as possible to their closest fire brigades. The Provincial Disaster Management team is monitoring the situation.

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