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MEDIA RELEASE MEC Sa'ad Cachalia assists the community of Rebone



(From left to right) Mayor Bob Mmola, Ms Betty Malope, Mr Preega Nagapen, Mr Abe Marookoane and Mr Gobetse Nchabeleng

Mokgalakwena Local Municipality Mayor Bob Mmola, representing the MEC for Provincial Treasury Sa'ad Cachalia, handed over two (2) LCD plasma screens to the Bob Mmola Drop-In centre in Rebone. This took place on the 05th day of November 2010 at the centre.

This follows MEC Cachalia's outreach visit to the area on the 19th of August 2010. This was aimed at empowering the community with knowledge on the public sector procurement and to celebrate the contribution that women have made in the creation of a democratic South Africa.

During the August 2010 visit MEC Cachalia also spent some time with children and adults at the Bob Mmola Drop-In centre. During this short but inspiring visit he observed that they were well looked after. The management at the centre requested MEC Cachalia to consider purchasing television sets for the centre in order to add to the methods that the centre uses to entertain whilst educating children.

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(From left to right) Mayor Bob Mmola, Mr Sello Lediga, Mr Preega Nagapen, and Mr Gobetse Nchabeleng



Mayor Bob Mmola

At the hand-over event Mayor Mmola indicated that the municipality also organised internet connection utilising data bundles for the centre. The aim is to assist the centre to generate some income that will maintain its development. Visitors and members of the community are expected to buy this service to use the internet. He, further, indicated that government will put all its energy towards ensuring that members of the community that are poor remain prioritised.



(From left to right) Ms Annikie Moremi, Mr Molahliwa Bopadile and Mayor Bob Mmola

The Community Development Worker for the area, Ms Annikie Moremi, spoke at length admiring the efforts that MEC Cachalia had taken to deliver on a commitment that he made only two-and-a-half months earlier. "On behalf of the people of Rebone, I wish to assure Provincial Treasury and the Mogalakwena Local Municipality that we will protect this achievement jealously in order to ensure that our children get to benefit from it", said Moremi.

Molahliwa Bopadile, Manager at the centre and members of the community could not hide their happiness at receiving these gifts.



Children receiving gifts

The Drop-In Centre assists orphans in dealing with their varied developmental needs. Among the activities that the centre performs, the following are prominent:

- Cooking for the ophans when they go to and come back from school. Their guardians leave them at the centre.
- Provincial educational entertainment for the children
- Co-ordinating the HIV/AIDS Support Group
- Co-ordinating foster parents' meeting and workshops monthly
- Assisting child-headed families and
- Assisting elderly people through counseling. The Social Workers play this role.

The centre has performed well. They have also received a "Special Recognition Award" from the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA).

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