

KEY INTERVENTIONS REACHED IN PREMIER NTOMBELA AND MEC QABATHE'S VISIT TO THE HOMELESS

31 March 2020

Premier Sisi Ntombela and MEC for Social Development, Mamiki Qabathe, undertook key interventions during their interactions with two groups of homeless persons currently being provided with shelter at the Tierpoort Dam (86) Resort and Kagisanong Hall (36), respectively.

1. Both groups, currently also being provided with healthcare, grooming, food and other essentials, appreciated the intervention by the Free State Provincial Government (FSPG).
2. The homeless persons further expressed the appreciation of the process currently being undertaken by the FSPG, to reunite them with their families and reintegrate them into their respective communities.
3. The homeless persons will, upon the end of the lockdown, be afforded assistance to go back to school, through various skills development programme facilitated by government.
4. The homeless persons who presented business ideas to the Premier and MEC Qabathe, will be assisted to establish small businesses and cooperatives to enable them to help their families.

Amongst the homeless persons, was old man who is nearing his seventies in age, and will be placed in an appropriate Old Age Facility in Bloemfontein, once the lockdown has been lifted.

The FSPG will bring on board various institutions and Social Workers with expertise in drug rehabilitation in preparation for a smooth transition during the integration process of the homeless persons into society.

The FSPG further calls upon society to work together in assisting the homeless across the province, beyond the lockdown.

The FSPG, led by the Premier, will work with various stakeholders to ensure that the homeless and destitute across the province are attended to during the lockdown period and beyond.

Issued by the Free State Provincial Government Communication Services

Enquiries:

Setjhaba K. Maphalla

071 302 2591

Kgothatso Sparkle Mokoena

Spokesperson to the MEC: Department of Social Development

061 255 1138

END.