



social development

Department of
Social Development
FREE STATE PROVINCE

MEDIA ADVISORY

The MEC for Social Development Me. Ouma Tsopo will on Thursday, 12th June 2008 receive 5 000 blankets worth R450 000.00 as a donation from EDCON. The blankets will be distributed to the Older Persons of 95 – 100 years of age and Child Headed Households in the Province as identified by Social Workers. This hand over ceremony will be graced by the warm presence of the Honourable Premier Me. Marshoff, and the leadership of Matjhabeng Local Municipality and Lejweleputswa District Municipality.

The Department would like to thank EDCON for their generous Corporate Social Investment contribution that will enable the Department to increase the pace of the fight against poverty. The fight against poverty cannot be singlehandedly overcome by government efforts alone, the Department has recognized the need to mobilize all civic, social, corporate and individual efforts to contribute towards mitigating the effects of need and helplessness during this harsh winter season.

Date : Thursday 12th June 2008
Venue : Welkom Ferdi Meyer Hall
Time : 10H00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Thereafter,

Premier Marshoff and MEC Tsopo will lead the Social and Human Development Cluster in the Launch of Integrated Community Registration Outreach Programme (ICROP) for Access to Grants and Social Services to be held at the **Seeisoville Hall in Kroonstad starting at 14:00 on the same day, 12 June 2008**. The Launch is as a demonstration of the dedication, commitment of Government in partnership led by the Department of Social Development, the South African Social Security Agency, the Social and Human Development Cluster; the Free State Provincial Government, Local Government to wage a war against poverty and deliver a better life for all. ICROP is a campaign, which involves various government departments, and is aimed at ensuring that we add impetus to the efforts of building socially cohesive and empowered communities and therefore intensify the fight against poverty. This campaign is crucial in that it has a direct impact on achieving the Millennium Developmental Goal of halving poverty by 2015. The campaign also fulfils the constitutional mandate of section 27 of our constitution that states “**Everyone has the right to have access to social security, including, if they are unable to support themselves and their dependants, appropriate social assistance**”

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