



Presidential Christmas Party Celebration – Sasolburg

Almost 5000 orphans and vulnerable children, including those with disabilities from across the Free State gathered at the Harry Gwala Multi-Purpose Centre in Zamdela, Sasolburg on the 17th December 2016 for a Christmas Party. The Free State Provincial Government and the office of the

Presidency saw it fitting that every child receives warmth and love during the festive season. The event, which formed part of Operation Hlasela, was graced by the presence of President Jacob Zuma, Free State Premier, Mr Ace Magashule, Minister of Minerals and Energy Mosebenzi Zwane, the Free State cabinet and the Mayors of Metsimaholo and Fezile Dabi Municipalities.

President Zuma, in his speech, thanked Premier Magashule for organising the party for the children as Christmas is the time for giving and is also a time when vulnerable children feel the emptiness of not having parents who can afford to buy gifts for them. He further pleaded with the society to offer support to child-headed households as they need the guidance and care of adults. Uniforms and toys were given to all children from different districts and they later enjoyed playing on jumping castles and having their faces painted.