



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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MEC VISIT TO FLOODS VICTIMS IN MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Today, the MEC for Social Development, Free State, MG “Mamiki” Qabathe together with the South African Red Cross Society, visited families that were affected by the recent floods. This was part of the provincial interventions aimed at providing relief to those affected families in the Province following the floods in December 2021 and January 2022.

The Department of Social Development in partnership with the South African Red Cross Society which is a Non-Profit Organisation that renders services to prevent and alleviate human suffering and to foster human dignity in all communities conducted joint assessments to identify needs and of the affected families and handed out food parcels to household affected by floods in Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

MEC Qabathe was joined by the Deputy-Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, Makhotso Sotyu, Lejweleputswa District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Veronica Ntakumbana, Matjhabeng Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Thanduxolo Khalipha and MMC, Local Councilors from respective municipalities, visited Allanridge and Bronville Families which were affected by recent floods.

The Department as part of its objective of promoting an integrated and coordinated system, in responding to such disasters, further established a response team consisting of Social Workers, Community Development Practitioners and social partners. The following was provided as part of the much-needed relief to affected families:

The South African Red Cross Provided 104 Food Parcels and Vegetables to identified households from the community of Nyakallong (Allanridge).

The South African Red Cross Society Provided 92 food parcel and Vegetables to identified households from the community of (Bronville).

SASSA has committed to providing the Social Relief of Distress cash benefit for qualifying families.

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