



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC VISIT TO FLOODS VICTIMS IN MALUTI-A-PHOFUNG MUNICIPALITY- CHRIS HANI PARK

Today, MEC for Social Development, Free State, MG “Mamiki” Qabathe together with Cllr Pastor Mary Crockett, a Councilor at the affected ward as well as managers and officials of the Department in the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality and Maluti-A-Phofung Local Municipality, visited families that were affected by the recent floods. This was part of the provincial interventions aimed at providing relief to those affected and further assessing the damage caused by the floods that took place in Qwa-Qwa.

The weather conditions worsened in January 2022 and families residing in the mud houses including those located near the riverbanks in Chris Hani Park were the worst hit by the flash floods. Amongst the severely affected was a house that was completely destroyed by the impact of the floods. Three people were reported drowned in the areas of Bluegumbosch, Tshirela and Phamong Village.

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

Free State Department of Social development provided Mattresses, Toiletry packs and Blankets
SASSA has committed to providing the Social Relief of Distress cash benefit for qualifying families
The Red Cross provided food parcels with vegetables to qualifying families

The Department of Social Development will be providing emotional support to the affected families and members of the community.

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