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**Citizens of the province can easily triumph over socio-economic challenges as long as they are educated – Premier Mokgoro**

**Ramatlabama** - North West Premier, Professor Job Mokgoro believes the citizens of the province can easily triumph over socio-economic challenges as long as they are educated.

Professor Mokgoro said this when he was officially opening the Ramatlabama Six-Hundred Dual Purpose Library which he believes will be a well of knowledge for young people in the area to instill the culture of reading amongst Batlounge ba ga Shole at large.

The library which will be used by learners and community members at large will also have internet connection and can be used by virtually impaired residents.

Premier Mokgoro, who was accompanied by MEC for Culture Arts and Traditional Affairs Ontlametse Mochware and Leader of Batlounge Baga Shole, Kgosi Shole, said by opening the library in Ramatlabama it is a reminder of the statement by Nelson Mandela when he declared that, Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

“Books in their own nature, are packed with knowledge, life lessons, advice and most importantly, insights into a new world, a new life. Books have been around since time immemorial and without them, the knowledge we have of the past and our forebears, their cultures and traditions would have been virtually impossible and non-existent.

As the provincial government, we're proud to have made such a facility available to Batlounge and future generations to come" said the overjoyed Professor Mokgoro.

Premier said books play a significant role in our lives because every time a human being opens a new book, it becomes a gateway to a new world. He has however warned residents against the demolition of public amenities like libraries when raising community challenges.

"We need to jealously guard against the destruction of important community properties such as a library. Government is doing everything in its power to change the lives of our people and we need to unite and work together in this regard. Let's find democratic ways of raising our grievances and not destroy great legacies" concluded Premier Mokgoro who believes the library will groom educated people whom will bring change and development to their ancestral land.

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