



## Media Statement

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### **Setsokotsane bring changes to Lekwa-Teemane communities**

Five houses which were damaged by the storm in ward 3, Boitumelong Township under Lekwa teemane Municipality will be demolished and re- build by the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements. The commitment was made MEC Collen Maine during his visit to these houses as part of Setsokotsane Programme which was recently held at Bloemhof and Christiana in Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality.

MEC Collen Maine said: "As the department we need to step in and intervene. All these houses will be demolished soon and new houses will be build".

*Setsokotsane* which means whirl wind, is a government service delivery programme which is spearheaded by Premier of Bokone Bophirima, Supra Obakeng Ramoetsi Mahumapelo. The programme seeks to put into practice integrated planning of service delivery programmes and activities, whilst also giving government the platform to engage with local communities and solve their problems on the spot.

Other services provided included, patching of potholes, maintenance of internal roads, fixing of streets lights and the removal of illegal dump.

MEC Collen Maine who was representing the provincial government also handed out the sanitary towels to young school girls at Thuto-Lore and Gaopalelwe Secondary School on behalf Department of Social Development. "We have realised that young girls do not come to school because it's that time of the month because they are from poor families which can't afford to buy them sanitary towels. We have decided to intervene by giving them these little gifts so that they can help themselves during their periods. We know it's not enough but this will make a difference" said MEC Maine.

The local hostels which were built by the department were also inspected with a view of resuscitating the project. About R4 million will be set aside for the exercise and to give the structures a facelift. Other housing projects in the area were also inspected

MEC Collen Maine who was accompanied by Mayor of Lekwa-Teemane also handed out at least 300 title deeds to the beneficiaries of low cost houses Boitumelong. 970 indigent residents were also registered for free basic water and electricity, in line with the indigent policy. The residents also received consumer education on various housing programmes and qualifying criteria.