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### MEC MOCHWARE GIVES DINGAKA A TECH TOUCH

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As part of its pledge to support the North West Dingaka Association, the Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs (Cata) this week launched the Traditional Healers into the digital age – with the supply of laptops, printers, copiers and stationery for their offices.

The hand-over ceremony was held at the Cata Head Office in Mahikeng, presided by MEC Mme Ontlametse Mochware.

The event follows a promise made by the MEC during the recent North West Dingaka Association Annual Conference, where she pledged to help them with tools of trade such as Information and Communication Technology.

Amongst the promises made by the Department previously which were fulfilled this year include holding a prayer day service, prayer to end the carnage on our roads, as well as the African Medicine Day event.

“The Department is engaging in this support to ensure that we keep the Association going, and that we build a lasting partnership with them,” said Mme Mochware.

“The North West Dingaka Association is one of the best-organised stakeholders we work with.”

The President of North West Dingaka Association Ngaka Mokale was appreciative: “We are all grateful of all the gifts that we received from Cata. This is evidence that Government is committed to helping us as an Association and knows about our existence.”

“We want to take part in building our communities, especially the elderly, people living with disabilities and orphans and play our role in nation-building.”

The Dingaka also expressed gratitude for the recent rains in the Province, following prayers at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dingaka Conference held in Rustenburg last week.

The MEC called on the Dingaka to go around their own areas and scout for old, unutilised government buildings that could be turned into offices for the Association. The government would then do the paperwork with the Department of Public Works. The buildings could be turned into a Centre for Dingaka where they would have offices, consultation rooms and storerooms for their medications.

