

PREMIER MOKGOSI HANDS OVER RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE TO KGOSI PILANE

By Neo Modupe

North West Premier, Lazarus Mokgosi recently handed over a certificate of recognition to Kgosi Nyalala Pilane of Bakgatla Ba Kgafela in Moruleng as stipulated by chapter 3 of the North West Traditional Leadership and Governance Act, No. 2 of 2005.

This recognition was confirmed by the court when it set aside the Baloyi report, allowing Kgosi Pilane to officially revert to his chieftaincy after the royal family confirmed that he is the chief.

This followed years of disputes regarding to who should lead the Bakgatla community.

Premier Mokgosi was accompanied by MEC for Cooperative governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Molapisi, MEC for Social Development, Susanna Dantjie, Provincial Government Director General, Mosweu Mogolhe and Magosi.

Uncle to the royal house Morena Segale Pilane appreciated premier Mokgosi for his intervention and emphasised that the royal family chose Kgosi Pilane to occupy the throne and there was no any form of interference from government.

"We appreciate the Premier to respond to our concern, after taking our decision on who supposed to be our leader and I also want to confirm that only Bakgatla ba Kgafela have authority to choose their leader not the government, and we also wel-



Kgosi Pilane and said that he is hopeful that he will serve Bakgatla with integrity.

"As we officially giving this certificate we hope that the chosen traditional leader will do what he is supposed to do for the community as he is entrusted with the responsibility by the royal family to serve the Bakgatla community", Premier Mokgosi said.

Kgosi Pilane expressed his appreciation to everyone who supported him and his family when they were facing challenges.

"This was not an easy journey for myself and the family, but your



come our leader and we hope that he will do what is right and we will learn a

lot from him", he said.
Premier Mokgosi congratulated

support carried us through", Kgosi Pilane said.

NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SALUTES MATONG, FOR BEING TOP ACHIEVER

By Elias Malindi and Tshenolelo Zebediela

The North West Provincial Government is proud of Temogo Matong (18) for his exceptional performance in the 2025 National Senior Certificate(NSC), Matong matriculated from Setswakgosing Secondary School in Morokweng village near Vryburg, he is the top learner in Quintile two schools nationally and an overall performer provincially.

Matong obtained distinctions in all his seven subjects, Life Sciences is the highest amongst all of them as he got 99%. Matong attributed his milestone to imparting knowledge to his counterparts, he said that, that assisted him to do well on his studies as doing something repeatedly helps one to excel.

"Normally whenever we were studying with my classmates I will be the one who became a teacher, the more you repeat something many times. The more you understand it very well. I realized that sharing was caring about other people. Today I stand with great pride knowing that I have assisted many other colleagues at school", Matong said.

Advising current Matriculants, he said that pupils must work well with their teachers and they should stay away from the streets and invest all their attention on their studies.

"My advice to learners in schools is to listen to their teachers in class, no matter the age of your teacher. All you need is to follow their instructions in class because those people have been trained to teach learners. Again learners need to cut off from galivanting around and not paying attention to their books."

"Again they should distance themselves from friends who will distract them from their studies. They should formulate study groups in order to help each other on different topics of their studies", added Matong.

The Principal of Setswakgosing



Secondary School, Olaotse Moreke, indicated that Temogo was very dedicated to his studies.

"Temogo Matong from early grades was showing signs that he is an exceptional learner. He was dedicated and committed to his studies", Moreke said.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi, said that schools in the rural areas are producing quality

results.

"As North West Department of Education, we are extremely proud that Temogo Matong is coming from a school that is based in the rural area. Schools in the rural areas are also producing top learners who are able to compete with urban schools.

"As a Department, we provide quality education across the province irrespective of the area in which is the

school based. We salute all our teachers who continue to work hard in our schools, these schools produce jewels of our country", MEC Motsumi said.

Matong is planning to pursue medical studies at University of Cape Town. Delivering a keynote address, North West Premier Lazarus Mokgosi congratulated the class of 2025 and urged those who did not do well to never lose hope and utilize government resources to rewrite and improve their NSC results. Premier Mokgosi said that these results demonstrate government's commitment to reshaping the education system.

He further emphasised that investing in education system will heal the injustices of the past brought by the apartheid system.

"By investing in our education system, we seek to heal the divisions of the past by establishing a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights", Premier Mokgosi said.



NEEDY LEARNERS RECEIVE SCHOOL UNIFORMS



By Neo Modupe

As part of restoring dignity of the needy learners, North West Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi recently handed over school uniforms to 61 learners in Senthaga primary school, Wolmaranstad. These uniforms were donated by South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) through their social relief programme.

This school is located in Extension 17, a township where poverty and unemployment are very rife and these factors make it very difficult for parents to afford to buy school uniforms for their little ones. SASSA has been very consistent in doing this, as the recent donation was the third one in three consecutive years.

Representing SASSA, Rose Snyman said that this programme



ensures that each learner attends school without challenge of the uniform regardless of their home situation.

Parents welcomed this gesture with warm hands, saying that they can now breathe a sigh of relief.

One of them is Olebogeng Modito, she said that she was grateful to government for changing her

daughter's life, and further said that she will take care of this uniform by keeping it tidy at all times.

"I am very grateful and happy for this school uniform donated to my daughter by government, this will really excite her because she loves school so much, it is now my responsibility to keep it clean and ensure that little girl attends school

every day", she said.

Premier Mokgosi applauded SASSA for igniting hope and confidence on pupils through this initiative and further said that government invests more in education to create a self-reliant society that will contribute towards the economic growth of the country.

"As government we work very closely with relevant departments and stakeholders to make sure that we address challenges our province is facing, hence we are here with SASSA giving out this hamper uniform. By doing so, we restore dignity and self-esteem of those learners to come to school without being ashamed and bullied by their counterparts, we also invest more in education to build educated, independent and growing community that can partake in the economy of the country" Premier Mokgosi said.

DEDECET AND DBSA ADVANCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO ACCELERATE SEZ DESIGNATION AND INDUSTRIAL REVITALISATION



By staff Reporter

Receiving an assessment report on provincial public entities from a panel of experts appointed in the sixth administration, Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi said that the government will use this report as a guideline to develop a turnaround strategy to assist state-owned entities to be self-sustainable and generate revenue to contribute towards the economic growth of the

province and the country.

Public entities play a particularly important role in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), provide basic services to the masses, and create much-needed employment opportunities. The Premier received reports on the following entities amongst others ; North West Housing Corporation and North West Development Corporation (NWDC).

“We are looking at having state-owned entities that will contribute to the economy of the province, that will have an active participation in the

entire value chain of the economy and create jobs, therefore we do not want them to be reliant on government to bail them, we will use this report to formulate a turnaround strategy for these entities”, he said.

Premier Mokgosi also received the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy report which aims to guide economic growth and said that the government will use it as a prototype after making minor alterations and present it to the Premier's Economic Advisory Council to finalize it for execution.

“We have also looked at the PGDS report because it is important, as a foundation, to start to plan the trajectory and reposition the province in our key foundations of the economy which are Agriculture, Tourism, Mining, Manufacturing, and others, and therefore PGDS should be our guiding document”, Premier Mokgosi said. “The report we have received, needs some fine-tuning before tabling it to the Premier's economic and investment advisory council for final ratification and implementation”, he added.

NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CREATES A SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO ACCESS SERVICES TECHNOLOGICALLY



By Nonofo Lobelo, Lerato Majobe and Neo Medupi

Speaking at a recent Information Communication Technology (ICT) Lekgotla under the theme "Building a Digital Northwest (2025 to 2030) in Rustenburg, North West Government Information Technology Officer, Thato Matsipe said that this theme serves as a prototype for the provincial government to integrate ICT and governance so that people

can access services instantly using contemporary technology.

"This is not just a slogan or words to say, but a strategic direction that the province has adopted. We have built a roadmap towards building a future where technology, governance, and service delivery are integrated, are coherent, and are efficient.

People expect services that are accessible; they want those services to be immediate. They want them to be reliable, and they want those services to come with a level of transparency", Matsipe said.

Matsipe said that this theme is inspired by shared infrastructure and the provincial vision of a unified digital province that seeks to have all government departments, State Owned Entities (SOEs) and municipalities working together to advance digital accessibility to communities.

This means that technological resources including personnel would be integrated, ICT Practitioners would be deployed with their digital tools to any department, entity or a municipality, regardless of where they are employed.

Matsipe further said that the

Lekgotla was a platform that marked a defining moment in the digital transformation journey of this province, as they were able to make the following recommendations.

- Governance and compliance of the procurement of the broadband to be assisted by SITA and Executive of the province
- Ngaka Modiri District to be used as a starting point
- Pricing model to be decided on by EXCO
- The provincial infrastructure audit of SOE's for Municipalities
- The project to open to other Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for fairness
- Project implementation plan for 5 years
- Partnership with local SMMEs and main fibre operation across the province.
- Presentation of Smart safe only to be presented to the Audit Cluster.

These recommendations will be presented before the Executive Council for inputs and approval.

PREMIER MOKGOSI HANDS OVER HOUSES TO THEKWANA COMMUNITY

By Tebogo Serai

North West Provincial Government continues to bring about a change to communities through the Accelerated Service Delivery Programme (ASDP). Thunthsha Lerole, recently, Premier Lazarus Mokgosi handed over three houses to beneficiaries in Thekwane Village in Rustenburg Local Municipality during the programme's activities in the area.

Premier Mokgosi, accompanied by the MEC for Health, Sello Lehari, emphasised that the handover formed part of the department of Human Settlement's mandate to fast-track housing projects, restore the dignity of communities, and improve the living conditions of vulnerable groups in the province.

"We are handing over these houses to restore dignity, pride, and hope to residents by providing them with a secure foundation. We urge beneficiaries to ensure that their houses are well cared for", Premier Mokgosi said.

Premier Mokgosi highlighted that the handover demonstrates the ongoing departmental efforts to deliver housing and title deeds to beneficiaries across the province and added that having a house brings comfort, security, and a sense of belonging to every family.

The first recipient was Catherine Phiri (47), she is a person with disability and lives with her 55-year-old caretaker, Kgora Makhura. Phiri said that they had lived in a shack for more than ten years and they survive solely on her monthly disability grant.

She appreciated the gesture and further said that she looked forward to moving into her newly built home. Joseph Rapoo (63) and his wife, Dipuo (67) also received the house and expressed pride saying that they could breathe a sigh of relief, as they do no longer worry about unfavour-



able weather conditions.

"I am proud to say I am the owner of this beautiful house. My wife and I can now live a normal life without worrying about changes in the weather," he said

This couple lived in Wonderkop Farms before relocating to this Village and they also survive on old age grant like Phiri. The third recipi-

ent was Sophia Tladi (63), she is also a person with a disability. She lives with her only son and three grandchildren, she could not contain her emotions when she received her house keys, saying that the department had changed her family's life drastically.

Premier Mokgosi went on to symbolically hand over ten of the 218

title deeds to beneficiaries in Phatsima, Rustenburg. Among the recipients was 72-year-old Tseleng Mogale, who relocated from Bosfontein Farm to Phatsima, and Ben Molefe (66), who survives on an old age grant. Molefe, originally from Ventersdorp, lives with his wife and nine grandchildren.

LEFAPHA LA COGTA LE TSWELELA GO EMA MAGOSI NOKENG



Ka Thebeetsile Keameditsa

Mokhuduthama wa Mebuso Kopanelo le Merero ya Segosi - CoGTA, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi o netefaleditse maloko a Khuduthamaga ya Ntlo Ya Magosi le Makhoi-San fa puso ya profense e tlie go tsweletsa kemo nokeng ya yona go Magosi.

Mokhuduthamaga Molapisi obuile seno go sale gale fa ane a tsenetse

kopano ya bofelo ya ngwaga le boeteledipele jwa Ntlo Ya Magosi le Makhoi-San go sekaseka diphilhelelo tsa bone tsa ngwaga ono le go loga maano a go samagana le tse dingwe tsa dikgwetlo tse di ba lebaneng.

Gareng ga tsone di akaretsa

badiri baba tlhokegang mo dikantorong tsa segosi, seemo sa dikantoro tsa magosi, tshireletsego ya magosi, le ditlhopo tsa Makgotla a Segosi.

Lefapha la CoGTA le ikanne go itlhaganedisa go thapa setlamo se se tla tsamaisang ditlhopo. Lefapha

gape letla tsweletsa kemo nokeng ya go neela magosi baba saletseng ko morago dikoloi le didiriswa tse dingwe go dira tiro ya bone bonolo. Lefapha gape le tla sekaseka go thapa batlhankela go thusa mo dikantorong tsa magosi.

Kopano e sweditse go nna le kopano gape le Tonakgolo ya profense, Lazarus Mokgosi go akaretsa le Bakhuduthamaga ba bangwe baba maleba, go netefatsa fa tse dingwe tsa dilelo tsa bona di sekegelwa tsebe.



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4. Night Club		10h00 - 02h00 18h00 - 06h00	Monday to Saturday Sunday and Public Holidays
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6. Sports Ground		10h00 - 02h00	Every Day
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MEC MADODA SAMBATHA CONDUCTS SCHOOL READINESS OVERSIGHT VISITS IN MARIKANA

By Tshegofatso Leepile

The 14th of January officially marked the commencement of the 2026 academic year for public schools in South Africa. As part of the government's monitoring and evaluation of school readiness, Members of parliament, provincial legislatures, and councillors across the country embarked on oversight visits to assess the state of preparedness of primary and secondary schools.

In the North West Province, the MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Madoda Sambatha, accompanied by officials from his office, conducted school readiness oversight visits in Marikana from 13 January. The oversight programme included visits to Marikana High School, Areaganeng Secondary School, Marikana Primary School, Retief Primary School, and Tlhapi Morue Primary School.

The visits focused on assessing key factors that impact teaching and learning, including learner enrolment, availability of educators and learning support materials, infrastructure conditions, and overall school functionality. During engagements with school management teams, challenges affecting schools were discussed alongside achievements recorded in previous years.

At Tlhapi Morue Primary School, MEC Sambatha encouraged learners to prioritise reading as a foundation for a better future. He emphasised the importance of dedication and ambition, stating that "studying and aiming high with dedication affords one a bright future."

The principal of Tlhapi Morue Primary School, Chales Obakeng Mahlangu, who accompanied the MEC Sambatha during the walkabouts, outlined the challenges



faced by the school while also highlighting its progress and achievements over the years. The school, located in Wonderkop, Marikana, like others visited during the oversight programme, operates a kitchen funded through the Department of Education's National School Nutrition Programme. The

kitchen programme provides learners with breakfast and lunch during break times to ensure they receive adequate nutrition, particularly learners from underprivileged households, enabling them to focus better in class.

At Marikana Primary School, MEC Sambatha, together with the school

principal, Ms Banyana Gloria Motsewagae, handed over 24 pairs of school shoes donated by community members to less fortunate learners. Ms Motsewagae expressed her gratitude for the visit and the support shown to the school, noting her hope that the challenges raised during the engagement would be addressed in due course.

MEC Sambatha reassured the principals of Tlhapi Morue Primary School and Marikana Primary School that the relevant authorities would intervene, indicating that he would escalate the concerns raised to the appropriate structures for attention

and resolution.

The oversight visits formed part of ongoing government efforts to ensure a smooth start to the academic year and to strengthen collaboration between government, school management, and communities in improving education outcomes across the province.

COGTA TO PRESENT THE MUNICIPAL PLAN OF ACTION TO RESPOND TO HRC DIRECTIVE

By Thebeetsile Keameditse and Lerato Gamba

The North West Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) has resolved to take urgent and decisive action in response to a damning report issued by the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) recently.

The resolution followed a special MUNIMEC meeting convened by MEC for CoGTA, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi, with Executive Mayors, Mayors, and Municipal Managers from all affected local and district municipalities in the province.

In the meeting, SAHRC

Commissioner Dr. Henk Boshoff presented the report's findings, detailing complaints against the 14 municipalities, namely Matlosana, JB Marks, Maquassi Hills, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati, Lekwa Teemane, Kagisano Molopo, Ngaka Modiri Molema, Mahikeng, Ditsobotla, Kgetleng Rivier, Madibeng, Moretele, Moses Kotane, and Rustenburg.

According to MEC Molapisi the report painted a picture of communities without clean running water, sewer running in streets, lack of roads infrastructure, and municipalities weakened by instability and poor management.

He emphasised that the findings represent not only service delivery

failures but human rights violations.

"When we fail to provide water, sanitation, electricity, remove refuse, or maintain trafficable roads, we are stripping our people of their dignity. We need to do better as municipalities", MEC Molapisi said.

Commissioner Boshoff urged municipalities to implement the SAHRC's directives urgently and within the outlined timelines, warning that the Commission would not hesitate to "name and shame" non-performing municipalities.

CoGTA has also resolved to further strengthen oversight where governance has collapsed, increase support to struggling municipalities and intervene decisively where needed, drive filling critical vacant

critical posts including at technical services, enforce compliance with laws and hold those who break them accountable and clean up municipal finances and ensure accountability.

Municipalities committed to resolving service challenges, with some already indicating progress. CoGTA will consolidate an Action Plan to present to the SAHRC to meet the timelines set out by the report.

MEC Molapisi further said that government must respond to these challenges swiftly.

"We do not have the luxury of time. We must speedily respond to the issues raised to give our people hope and drive change in our communities", he concluded.

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Foot and mouth disease is a serious disease that spreads easily. It is caused by a virus. The virus is found in all body fluids such as saliva, urine, faeces, milk and in the air that is breathed out by all diseased animals.

- Animals get this disease when eating or breathing in the virus from these body fluids.
- People can also spread the virus by unclean clothing, shoes, hands and car tyres.
- Animals that can get sick are mainly cattle, but pigs, goats, sheep and other cloven-hoofed animals, including wildlife, can also get the disease.



What are the signs:

- Blisters and sores in the mouth (gums, lips and tongue), are raw and painful, making it difficult for the animal to eat and often causes drooling.
- Blisters and sores between the toes and where the hooves join the skin, can cause the animals to limp and not want to walk around. Sometimes they may lose their claws or hooves.
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- FMD is usually diagnosed clinically based on symptoms.
- In severe cases, throat or stool samples may be collected and sent to a laboratory for confirmation.
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MEC MOLAPISI COMMENDS PROGRESS ON TLAPENG BULK WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

By Boitumelo Seleka

North West MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi has commended progress registered in the Tlapeng Bulk Water Supply Project (Contract A), labelling it a transformative shift in addressing service delivery particularly water supply.

MEC Molapisi was conducting an oversight inspection at the project as part of the Accelerated Service Delivery Programme - Thuntsha Lerole, that took place in different parts of Kagiso Molopo Local Municipality.

The 84% complete project, valued at R140 million, commenced on 08 January last year and was originally scheduled for completion on 29 August this year.

MEC Molapisi expressed both optimism and urgency, acknowledging the visible strides made while



addressing the challenges affecting final delivery, by describing the project as a tectonic shift in the province's water provision efforts. "What we are seeing here is a signifi-

cant milestone in our journey to restore dignity and improve the lives of our people especially those deep rural communities. This project demonstrates government's commit-

ment to ensuring that every household has access to clean and reliable water", MEC Molapisi said.

However, he noted the construction delays due to access challenges involving certain farmers whose properties the pipeline route must cross. These delays stem from demands for immediate compensation upon excavation.

"I have requested a comprehensive report so that we can assess all constraints and determine how best to mitigate the delays. The people of Tlapeng and surrounding villages cannot wait any longer for clean drinking water", MEC Molapisi said.

The project comprises the construction of seven (7) borehole pumpstations, enhancing groundwater abstraction capacity, installation of approximately 18 km of collector pipelines to channel water from boreholes to the storage reservoir and the construction of a 3ML reinforced concrete reservoir, ensuring stable water storage for sustained supply.



NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICIALLY HANDS OVER A STATE-OF-THE-ART RICHARD TUMAHOLE LENTSELA PRIMARY SCHOOL



By Mphata Molokwane

In a continuous effort to better learning environments for learners across the province, MEC for Education Viola Motsumi recently handed over a newly constructed Richard Tumahole Lentsela Primary School in Ipeleng Township near Schweizer Reneke.

The newly built Primary School comprises 21 classrooms, a fully

equipped library, a science laboratory, computer laboratory, Grade R facility, an administration block, security fencing, sporting facilities and an NSNP kitchen.

The school is named after a struggle icon, Richard Tumahole Lentsela who started his basic education at the local schools in this area and later went on to study towards BSc degree at Turfloop University in Limpopo Province. The decision to name this school after this



hero was taken by community members through an election process.

He was killed in exile while fighting for the liberation of South Africa. His remains were repatriated and reburied in the country in 2015

The construction project of this school empowered local people through skill transfer and business empowerment.

MEC Motsumi respectfully advised parents and community members to support and uphold the integrity of the teaching and learning process by refraining from arson, disruptions and vandalism, particularly in the course of service delivery protests.

"Let's all work together to take good care of our newly built school. I encourage everyone in the community, our learners, and the School Governing Bodies to help protect our school from theft and vandalism by also reporting any suspicious activities to relevant authorities.

"I urge the youth of this Township to be inspired by the name of Richard Tumahole Lentsela. This icon was a political activist, academic and a Mathematics and Science teacher. He was generous enough to empower his community through education and freedom. Let the youth

read more about this icon and other heroes in order to change their lives. A successful society is the one that knows about its background", MEC Motsumi said.

The handing over of this school is one of several planned handovers by MEC Motsumi in this financial year to address overcrowding in schools that the department has been experiencing since some years ago.

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MSMEs BENEFIT FROM MARKET EXPOSURE AT MORENA MALL

By Staff Reporter

Intensifying the local economy, The North West Development Corporation (NWDC), through its Small Business Development (SBD) division recently hosted an MSME Flea Market at Morena Mall in Mmabatho.

The event gave MSME an opportunity to capitalise on the onset of the festive season's gift shopping on consumers.

This was the second flea market hosted by the NWDC as the first one was in September in the JB Marks local municipality.

Items that were sold included amongst others handcrafted goods, cleaning materials, décor, flowers, jewellery, personalised key holders, personalised and engraved glasses, fashion items, cakes, cookies and creative gifts.

NWDC Acting Small Business Executive, Sam Mudramuthoo said that the Morena Mall flea market is an extension of the non-financial support services entity offers to local MSMEs and serves as a critical interface in ensuring market access



opportunities.

He further said that this prepares these businesspersons to exhibit at larger business spaces.

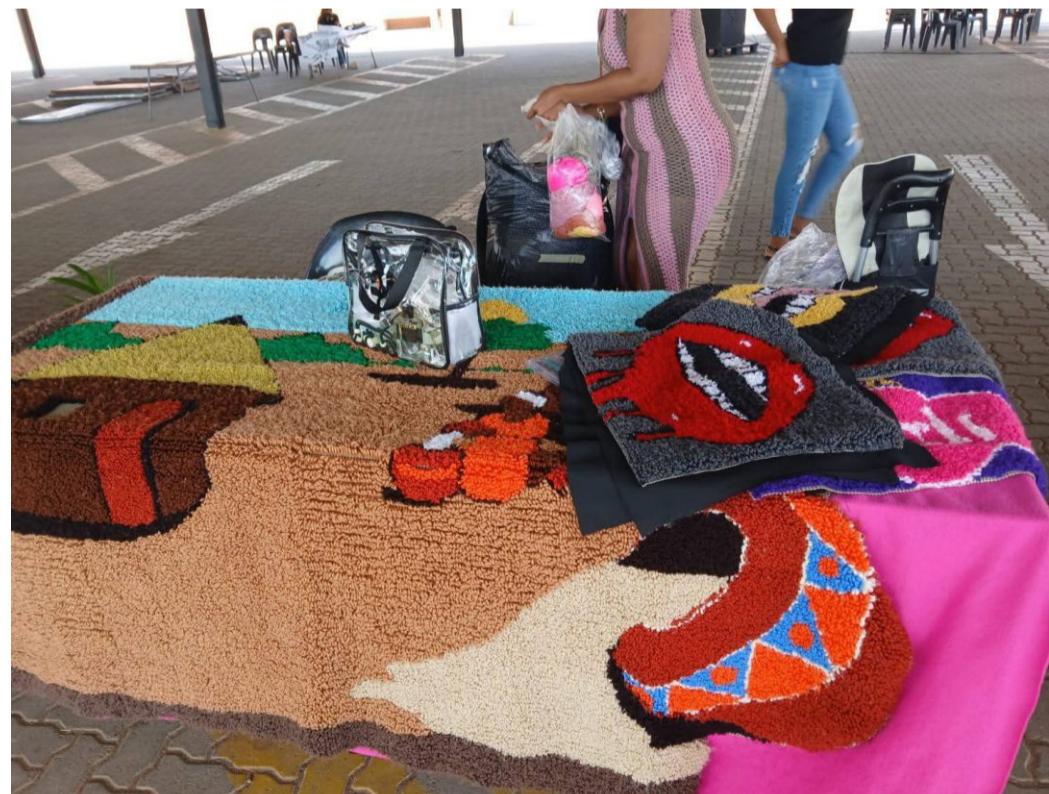
"Not only does this allow MSMEs to connect with communities and showcase their products directly to buyers, but it also prepares them to

manage larger exhibition and sales platforms that may arise in future", Mudramuthoo said.

NWDC plans to continue finding ways to expose provincial MSMEs to greater market reach, customer exposure and grow local MSMEs through market access and other

initiatives.

Mudramuthoo extended her sincere appreciation for the work done by Entity Small Business Development unit in identifying the MSMEs and for promoting their businesses and products on the day.



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YOUNG NORTH WEST ATHLETES BRING HOME MEDALS FROM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



By Vusi Kama

Young North West Gymnasts shone brightest at recent the National School Sport Championships in Johannesburg, they were followed by the North West male Goalball team.

The former struck gold seven times, pocketing nine silver medals and nine bronze. while the latter earned a valuable gold for their impressive efforts.

Other notable achievements for Team North West include table tennis' nine bronze medals.



A cherry on top for the North West 93-strong team was the selection of three of the players to represent South Africa in softball. They are Kgalalelo Maferika (female), Kgomotso Seema (Female) and

Letlhogonolo Motsamai (Male).

The province was represented by young athletes from across the Province. Codes represented were softball, gymnastics, goalball and table tennis.

Team North West was at the games with the support of the Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation (ACSR). The Province came fifth out of the nine that participated.