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Mohono applauds villages for hosting the 2015 COSAFA Tournament

Moruleng – The North West MEC for Tourism, Desbo Mohono applauded Bakgatla Ba Kgafela and Bafokeng Communities for successfully hosting the group matches of the 14th Confederation of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Cup which took place on Sunday and Monday at Moruleng Stadium and the Royal Bafokeng Stadium.

“We are proud that our villages are able to successfully host events of this magnitude. Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Tribal Authority and the community of Moruleng at large were excellent hosts on Sunday for the two opening matches played at the Moruleng Stadium. The arrangement and organization really gave our visitors a true Setswana hospitality. Bafokeng also showed that one can have a world class experience while in the villages when they hosted the second matches of the group stages which were played at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium”, MEC Mohono said.

“As the department responsible for Tourism in the province, we are proud that we have world class villages and this is in alignment with Premier Supra Mahumapelo’s pronouncement of ensuring that we bring about the much needed economic stimulation in our Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies (VTSD). This vision can only be realized through private and public partnerships as seen through the COSAFA Cup Tournament”, Mohono added.

MEC Mohono also went on to urge Tour Operators to use this tournament as an opportunity to market the province by packaging this tournament for visitors from



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outside and within the country. “There should be adequate economic spin offs from this tournament and one of the key role players is our Tour Operators who will need to package this tournament in order to sell other tourism products which the province has to offer. We have a beautiful province and we need to also showcase that during this tournament”, MEC Mohono said.

MEC Mohono went on further to reiterate and called on to encourage communities to go out in their numbers to support this tournament by attending matches at either Moruleng Stadium or Royal Bafokeng Stadium as the tournament continues until 30 May 2015

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Pic_1_Key stakeholders of the 2015 COSAFA CUP during the official opening ceremony and match of the 2015 COSAFA *From Left: CAF Executive member: Dr. Molefi Oliphant, President of the Namibian Football Federation: John Muingo, COSAFA President: Suketu Patel, CEO of Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Tribal Authority: Morena Kagiso Pilane, North West Premier: Supra Mahumapelo, North West MEC for Education and Sports Development: Wendy Matsemela, North West MEC for Tourism: Desbo Mohono and COSAFA Executive Member: Timothy Shongwe.*

Pic_2_Some of the delegates during the opening match of the COSAFA Cup

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