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DEPUTY MINISTER HOLOMISA VISITS NORTH WEST CORRECTIONAL CENTRES TO MONITOR SERVICE DELIVERY

Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Nkosi Phathekile Holomisa, will embark on a two-day working visit to the North West Province, where he will visit Mahikeng Female and Rooigrond Correctional Centres, so that improvements to the quality of service delivery is realized with an overall aim of advancing planning, accountability, responsibility and reporting through monitoring in the Department of Correctional Services (DCS).

His visit will commence on Tuesday, 31 August 2021, at the Mahikeng Female Centre. Holomisa will inspect the facility to ensure that operations are running as expected and that effective rehabilitation programmes are implemented. As part of efforts to highlight the plight of victims of the Gender Based Violence and Femicide pandemic, he will interact with inmates incarcerated for violating and in other instances, killing their abusive partners.

On the second day, Wednesday, 01 September 2021, Holomisa will visit the Rooigrond Correctional Centre where he will inspect the farms at the centre to establish if they are utilized optimally. The centre is situated on a 1 845 ha farm and boasts vegetable fields, a piggery and as well as a herd of bonsmara cattle.

DCS is implementing the Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability Model where offender labour is being utilized to ensure the self-dependency of inmates. This is aimed at reducing the costs incurred by the state and to transfer skills to inmates. Correctional centres across the country are no longer procuring pork and eggs as there is enough production and supply of these items within.

DCS wants inmates to spend their time whilst incarcerated meaningfully contributing towards building the economy and giving back to communities they harmed. In this regard, Holomisa will also handover a vegetable garden to the Retlametswe Special School in Mafikeng which caters for learners with special education needs. Parolees and probationers will maintain the garden and this is part of DCS' efforts of empowering communities.

Holomisa will also use the working visit to implore both correctional officials and inmates to continue adhering to COVID-19 preventative measures. Those who are yet to receive their vaccine doses are encouraged to avail themselves.

The Deputy Minister's working visit to the North West Province is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 31 August 2021

Venue: Mahikeng Female Correctional Centre

Time: 10h00

Date: Wednesday, 01 September 2021

Venue: Rooigrond Correctional Centre

Time: 09h00

NB: On the 1st of September, Holomisa will start at the Retlametswe Special School at 08h00.

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