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DEPUTY MINISTER HOLOMISA VISITS UPINGTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE TO MONITOR SERVICE DELIVERY

Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Nkosi Phathekile Holomisa, will embark on a one-day working visit to the Northern Cape Province, where he will visit Upington Management Area, to assess the quality of service delivery in light of the Department of Correctional Services' (DSC) mandate and plans.

His visit is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 March 2022. Holomisa will inspect the facility to ensure that operations are running as expected and that effective rehabilitation programmes are implemented. He will also visit the Marcus Mbetha Sindisa Secure School in Upington where various products are produced to uplift poor communities. On Wednesday, 30 March 2022, the Acting National Commissioner of Correctional Services, Makgothi Thobakgale, will lead a delegation of DCS to Oranje Oewer Primary School to handover Dignity Packs to learners and establish a vegetable garden at the school,

The establishment of a vegetable garden is part of DCS's efforts of ensuring that inmates spend their time whilst incarcerated meaningfully, contributing towards giving back to communities they harmed. Parolees and probationers will maintain the garden.

Holomisa will also use the working visit to implore both correctional officials and inmates to continue adhering to COVID-19 preventative measures.

The Deputy Minister's working visit to the Northern Cape Province is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 29 March 2022

Venue: Upington Correctional Centre

Time: 10h00

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