



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Lamola hands over another upgraded Sport Field developed by inmates

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola, in partnership with Multichoice, has ensured that young people in Cunningmore, Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga, have their sporting talents harnessed by upgrading a sport field at Mchaka High School in Cunningmore B.

The sport field developed through offender labour, will provide young people with an opportunity to take part in various sporting codes, such as soccer and netball.

Minister Lamola has often lamented about poor sporting infrastructure in public schools which deny young people opportunities to take part in sport. To mitigate against this challenge, the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) has utilised offender labour to develop and revamp sporting infrastructure at schools. This has resulted in some schools in Gauteng; Western Cape; and Northern Cape, boasting of sporting infrastructure that will make it possible for school sport to flourish.

Multichoice, Africa's leading entertainment company, partnered with Minister Lamola to provide much needed resources to develop the Mchaka High School sport field in line with its values of doing what is best for everyone, and most importantly, its customers and connecting with others and building lasting relationships through collaboration, communication and clarity.

Minister Lamola says school sport has a potential to install discipline and excellence among learners and unearth exciting opportunities for those with talent.

"Some of the renowned sport icons were identified at school sport tournaments, it is our hope that our work of developing sport fields will revive the vibrant school sport culture and yield more champions," Minister Lamola says.

DCS has just over 40 000 youth incarcerated across its correctional centres and some of them were lured into crime due to failure to channel their youthful energies to positive activities like sport and recreation.

Projects of this nature are thus aligned to DCS' Self Sustainability and Sufficiency Framework, by means of partnering with strategic stakeholders like Multichoice in order to rollout infrastructure in disadvantaged communities. Such work will serve as a catalyst to promote sport leading to positive lifestyles among the youth.

Lamola will officially handover the sport field to the community of Bushbuckridge in a sport and fun filled day where local teams will vie for top honours. Renowned national and provincial artists will also be performing.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: Friday, 08 July, 2022

Venue: Mchaka High School, Cunningmore, Bushbuckridge

Time: 09h30

Media Confirmations

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NB: Deadline for Media Confirmation is Thursday, 07 July 2022 at 12h00.

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