



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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MINISTER LAMOLA DELIVERS ON HIS BUDGET VOTE UNDERTAKING TO UTILISE OFFENDER LABOUR TO BUILD HOUSES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AND THE DESTITUTE

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola, will on Thursday 7 September 2023, handover a fully furnished house to Mme Maria Motale in Ntswelengwe Village, Kuruman.

The downtrodden Mme Motale who is partially blind previously resided in a miniscule one-roomed mud house with her 30-year-old son. The new house built through offender labour is in line with the Department of Correctional Services' perspective to affirmation that inmates advance community empowerment approaches throughout their incarceration periods. This initiative further imparts skills to inmates upon their release from correctional centers but more importantly aimed at giving back to communities that they have harmed.

This is in line with Minister Lamola's undertaking during his budget vote to build three houses for victims of crime and the destitute with one house built in Nongoma (KwaZulu-Natal) and the other in Nyanga (Western Cape), currently under construction.

Subsequent to the handover, Minister Lamola will further host an Anti-Gender Based Violence Imbizo in Manyeding Village. The event will ensure the department's efforts aimed towards encouraging communities to value as well as uphold their rights as envisaged in the Constitution, while further promoting active public participation in the implementation of justice services.

These platforms afford communities opportunities to directly interact with government while further allowing for them to ensure accountability is realised. Furthermore, this allows for free flow of information as well as frank and robust discussions which are tenets on which a thriving democracy and efficient service delivery are premised on.

Details of the Handover are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 7 September 2023

Time: 10h00

Venue: Ntswelengwe Village, Kuruman

Details of the Anti-Gender Based Violence Imbizo are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 7 September 2023

Time: 11h30

Venue: Manyeding Village, GaJantjie Traditional Office, Kuruman

Media Confirmations

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