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Correctional Services to Hand Over Shoes to uMsilinga Primary School Learners

Correctional Services National Commissioner, Mr Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale, in partnership with Liberty, will hand over 100 pairs of school shoes to deserving learners at uMsilinga Primary School as part of a community upliftment initiative.

In commemoration of Youth Month, this initiative aims to provide meaningful support to learners at uMsilinga Primary School, located in a community affected by deep rooted social challenges and high crime levels.

Through this gesture, the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) reaffirms its commitment to social responsibility and youth empowerment. In addition to the shoe handover, DCS will offer free offender labour by means of rendering renovations to the school, thus ensuring that learners have a conducive learning environment.

The Department will also provide assistance in the manufacture of school uniforms for other vulnerable learners, utilising the skills of offenders as part of their rehabilitation and community reintegration programmes.

The event is scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Time: 11h00

Venue: uMsilinga Primary School, Copesville, Pietermaritzburg

This initiative is a practical example of restorative justice and social partnership at work, affirming the Department's commitment to building safer and empowered communities by addressing the needs of the youth, especially during Youth Month.

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