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To: All Media Houses

"MEC Sam Mashinini to donate educational toys to Autistic Children at Pholoho Special School"

"It is assumed that one in every hundred children born worldwide is diagnosed on the autistic spectrum. If we assume that the ratio is the same in South Africa it means that a child with autism is born every hour in our country and that about 400 children-a-year are born with the diagnosis in the Free State".

As part of raising awareness of autism and as an initiative towards social responsibility on issues of mainstreaming disability within the Department and the society, the MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure MEC Sam Mashinini identified Pholoho, a Special School for about 620 Severely Intellectually Disabled learners in Mangaung, as a possible beneficiary.

Autism Classes at the School were started about 5years ago on realization that there is a great need for this education. The School, which currently has about 40 learners with Autism, started a fifth class this year which needs teaching and learning resources that cater for the intellectual, sensory, physical and emotional needs of the learners.

To this effect, MEC Sam Mashinini will be donating educational toys at Pholoho under the following arrangements:

Date: Thursday, 06 November 2014
Time: 09:00
Venue: Pholoho Special School, Monapi Street, Phahameng Location, Bloemfontein

All media houses are hereby invited to be part of the exercise.

Issued by: Department of Public Works & Infrastructure
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