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DISTRICT MODEL: OPERATION HLASELA CAMPAIGN IN SMITHFIELD, XHARIEP A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The newly revitalized district based Operation Hlasela Campaign (OPC) proved to be an enormous a success on 12 April 2017 in the town of Smithfield, Xhariep District. This new OPC approach seeks to enhance interactions between Government, civil society and communities of the Free State, in a view to understand and respond to their issues with more vigour.

As part of the overall revised approach, political principals (MECs) and Mayors, are expected to give oversight and assist to mobilize resources to address pressing service delivery challenges and maintain positive stakeholder relations communities.

In the Xhariep District, as is the case with Smithfield, the Political Champions allocated there are MEC of the Provincial Treasury Hon. E. Rockman and MEC for the Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon. D. Kotzee. They were assisted executive administrative support by HODs Ms Nthongoa (Social Development) and Mr. Molope (Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation). The Premier of the Free State, Hon ES. Magashule remains the overall overseer of the OPC in all the Districts.

Today's inaugural OPC saw commitments on immediate issues raised by the community being attended to. These included:

- the renovations of the Mofulatsepe Community Hall in Mofulatsepe Township through the Public Works & Infrastructure in house technical expertise,
- the rehabilitate the recreational facility for a safe and secure playground for children in Mofulatsepe,
- donation of sports gear, nets and balls in various sporting codes such as soccer, netball and tennis
- immediate surfacing of the local access roads as the area recently fell victim to storms
- plans and commitments to assist and remedy the source of the bulk water supply to town of Smithfield
- assistance with the eminent housing problems in the area.

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