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MULTI-MILLION SOCIAL FACILITIES TO BENEFIT KAMACHEKEZA RESIDENTS

In what could best be described as an exciting and most rewarding day for the resident of KaMachekeza, Nkomazi Local Municipality in Mpumalanga scores celebrated the official opening and handover of a multi-million Child Care Centre and Community hall this week. MEC for Human Settlements, Ms Norah Mahlangu officially unveiled a newly built facilities worth over 19 million to the community of KaMachekeza in Nkomazi Local Municipality Tuesday this week. The state of the art hall with the capacity to accommodate nearly 600 people will be used for social events meanwhile the Child Care Centre will benefit children from the area.

The facilities are delivered under Social and Economic Amenity programme which aims at assisting municipalities to construct social amenities that can be utilised by their citizens in close proximity to their communities. This laudable delivery is in line with the department's provision approach Breaking New Grounds (BNG). During the hand over MEC Mahlangu mentioned that the department has a responsibility of delivering even beyond the normal houses being constructed in the country, but economic and social amenities such as community halls, day care centres, servicing of sites, title deeds and rental accommodation.

"These facilities will assist the municipality to generate funds by using the hall appropriately, for social gatherings, community meeting and hiring, amongst other. I urged members of the community, please don't vent your anger on these new facilities during service delivery protest" stressed Mahlangu. The department has delivered eight (8) Social Economic amenities and planned to construct eleven in various municipalities within the province which include among others the Steenbok Social Economic amenity within the MTEF period.

Nkomazi Executive Mayor, Cllr Johan Mkhathshwa said good governance means listening and looking to the needs of a community and doing what it takes to meet those needs. "I thank our provincial department of Human Settlement for their foresight in providing these very important facilities to the people of KaMachekeza" expressed Mkhathshwa. MEC Mahlangu announced that the department has planned to deliver nearly 1200 housing units throughout the municipality this financial year. Both the facilities will be the responsibility of the municipality, however, the functioning and operations of the centre will be the Department of Social Development.

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