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MULTI-MILLION RAND SOCIAL AMENITIES FACILITY UNVEILED AT HLALAMNANDI

"This project represents a significant milestone in government's ongoing commitment to provide sustainable human settlements and fostering a brighter future for our communities," stated Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela during. He unveiled a multi-million rand social amenities facility at Hlalamnandi Township in Middelburg. The facility includes a Community Hall with a capacity for 750 people and a Child Care Centre with three classrooms. Its aim is to empower children and youth, offering them opportunities to break the cycle of poverty and envision a better tomorrow.

Mayor Masilela stressed the community's role in maintaining and utilising the facility for the benefit of both current and future generations. He urged residents to seize the opportunities provided by this development, assuring them of the municipality's support. He also highlighted the facility's potential to enhance social cohesion and improve the surrounding areas.

Thoko Shabangu (50), a longtime resident of the area, expressed her optimism for the future, noting the positive impact the facility would have on the community, particularly for her grandchildren who can now access Early Childhood Development (EDM) services locally, reducing financial strain. "I have lived here for years; we never had a hall or a creche. Therefore, the opening of this facility will change our lives", said Shabangu.

On the sidelines of the event, Cllr. Lindiwe Mahlangu, Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) on Economic Development for Nkangala District Municipality, praised the project as a testament to the government's commitment to providing essential services. She emphasised the importance of collaboration between local and provincial governments in achieving such milestones, acknowledging the support of MEC Speed Mashilo. The project, costing R23 million, created 76 job opportunities and serves as a model for similar initiatives throughout the province.

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