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## DPWI PRINCIPALS DONATE THEIR TIME IN COMMEMORATION OF MANDELA DAY



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South Africa marks Nelson Mandela Day this year as the country celebrates 30 years of democracy while also ushering in the 7th administration. This year's Mandela Day is held under the theme *"It is still in our hands to combat poverty & inequity"*. In honour of Nelson Mandela Day, senior managers of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) led by **Minister Dean Macpherson**, **Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala** and **Director-General Sifiso Mdakane** visited different areas of the Western Cape, to donate their time towards the cause. The three different areas were identified by Chief Director: Gender, Dr Mveleli Gqwede, working closely with the DPWI Cape Town Regional Manager Ms Phucuka Penxa.

Minister Macpherson visited the Langa Police Station in KwaLanga. The building that houses the Langa Police Station belongs to the DPWI and maintenance of the building lies with the Department. As a frontline service point for community members in distress due to criminal offences, including Gender-based violence, the police station had a number of maintenance issues. While visiting the police station, the Minister and officials including various CEO's of DPWI entities, **DDG: EPWP Ntokozo Chonco**, **DDG: IGR Adam Mthombeni** and **Cape Town Regional Manager Phucuka Penxa** participated in paint and gardening work inside and around the police station. To assist with maintenance services in the future, *the Minister pledged to allocate 20 work opportunities through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) for the youth, women and persons with disabilities in the area, who will be on a 24month contract providing all the necessary services required to maintain the building.*

Deputy Minister Zikalala visited the Pauline Podbrey Foundation in Khayelitsha. The Department provides assistance to the community through this NGO by giving stipends from the EPWP to people who donate their time and skills to this NGO on a daily basis. While in Khayelitsha, the Deputy Minister and officials including **PMTE Head Siza Sibande** and **Acting DDG: Corporate Services & Pretoria Regional Manager Thembi Hlatshwayo** participated in some paint and maintenance work. Also accompanying the Deputy Minister were professionals and specialists in various fields of maintenance work, who will continue with all work that needs to be done at these facilities for the remainder of the week. While there, the DM also donated chest of drawers, tables, shelves, stoves, couches, washing machine, computers and a lot more furniture to the NGO.

The Director-General (DG), Sifiso Mdakane visited A place called home in Hout Bay. The place is a Gender-based violence shelter, an educational center, a drug rehabilitation center, they train the youth on handy work, and also assist school children with extra lessons and after school. The DG and various DPWI managers including **DDG: REIS Sasa Subban** and **Acting DDG: GRC Lwazi Mahlangu** participated in cleaning, painting and maintenance activities. The DG also donated computers, chairs, and other furniture, that will assist the management of the NGO's daily work. DG Mdakane revealed that the Department, through the Cape Town Regional office, will continue, even after Mandela Day, to providing support to this shelter, in order to ensure the safety of vulnerable women and children.



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