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On Saturday, 26 August, the Free State MEC for the Department of Arts, Sport, Culture and Recreation Limakatso Mahasa held an imbizo with women in art businesses at Phuthaditjhaba Multi-Purpose Hall.

According to the MEC, the purpose of the imbizo was to engage with the women in these type of creative businesses to discuss their challenges and get suggestions on how the department can empower and help them in order to develop their businesses.

During the engagement with the MEC, the women raised challenges of not having a building to operate their businesses from, a lack of market opportunity, a shortage of equipment and lack of financial support

from her department. The MEC said she would forward some of the issues to relevant departments like Public Works and DESTEA. Mahasa indicated that she realized that lack of information was a serious issue and that the local office should raise awareness on the services available from her department.

Mahasa donated four overlocking sewing machines and fabric to eight cooperatives. These went to 2 Q Trading, Sizo Rugs, Memus Dress Making, Dlarora Ditaui, Tswaranang, Meaparo ya Afrika, Amohela Mpho and Thabonaka.

*In photo: Women in art businesses at Phuthaditjhaba Multi-Purpose Hall.
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