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Phase 2 of the newly revamped Tshireletsong Children's Home in Bloemfontein was officially handed over to the Department of Social Development on 12 March.

The Tshireletsong project has two phases: Phase One which provided a safe home for Orphaned and Vulnerable children and Phase Two. This phase provided offices for the Mangaung District Social Development Department as well as a dedicated area for outdoor activities, including a netball sport facility, basketball court, tennis court and swimming pool, where the children can engage in recreational activities.

The handover to Social Development was done by the Free State Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, who were responsible for revamping the children's home.

The revamp was done to dormitories, classrooms and included the construction

of a guardhouse, external works, a sports centre and comprehensive electrical and mechanical improvements for both dormitories and offices.

The Centre will service the community of Bloemfontein.

Acting Head of Department Nelisiwe Ntombela from Social Development said, "The delivery of these facilities (offices and consultation rooms) means a lot to us as this will help in the enhancement of rendering social support services to members of the Free State at large."

"It gives us joy and great pleasure to see the completion of Tshireletsong Children's Home. The life and social being of the children, especially vulnerable children will be cared for," Public Works MEC Mance emphasized.

*In photos: The revamped Tshireletsong Children's Home.
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