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MEDIA STATEMENT

Today I visited the site of where the new Home Affairs offices will be built in Mokopane, Limpopo which will bring a great benefit to thousands of people in the greater district.

The project, funded by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) at a cost of R31.1 million, will create much-needed jobs for local communities during the construction phase.

I visited the site of this DPWI project today ahead of President Cyril Ramaphosa's launch of the Presidential District Development Model launch in Waterberg Region, Limpopo tomorrow.

The Home Affairs office in Mokopane currently operates from leased properties and serves a huge volume of people from 22 areas which has given rise to the need for a better operating space.

DPWI is proud to finally start this project to benefit the people of this district which is being implemented in line with the Batho Pele principles of putting people first by giving citizens access to the quality services they deserve.

Services that will be rendered to the community at the new Home Affairs include:

- Maintaining the National Population Register
- Managing the birth, marriage and death records
- Determining and granting citizenship
- Issuing travel documents and passports
- Issuing identity documents

Construction on the project has started and is set for completion in early 2021.

We look forward to the completion and delivery of this project to Home Affairs and the people of the Waterberg district.

Government buildings are a litmus test for citizens to see whether government is in fact working for them. We have a duty to ensure that public spaces such as government facilities are accessible, friendly and comfortable so that we leave a good impression on the citizens we serve. Investing in decent buildings and facilities also shows citizens that government cares and that we are using public land, public buildings and public funds for public good.

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