

PREMIER'S OFFICE LAUNCHES DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS IN JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT

The Office of the Premier in partnership with the district municipality launched the National Disability Rights awareness month on the 3rd of November 2015 in Seeding at the Baone Intellectual Disability Centre. The event was attended by councillors, officials from Office of the Premier, district and local municipalities, learners and teachers from the centre, sector departments, the Government Communications Information System and the parents.

The theme for this year's awareness month is "Celebrating 60 years of the Freedom South Africa- a free and just society inclusive of all persons with disabilities as equal citizens"



From left to right, Councillor Guys Molawa, Councillor Moriri from Joe Morolong Local Municipality, Councillor Patricia Selonyana- Gamagara Local Municipality, Executive Mayor Councillor Sofia Mosikatsi at the launching of the Disability Rights Awareness month is Seeding

The Executive Mayor, Councillor Sofia Mosikatsi delivered a keynote address and reiterated the commitment by her office to support all structures dealing with the disabled as well as the disabled people in the district. **She said people living with disabilities must enjoy equal rights and opportunities as enshrined in the constitution. She also emphasised the importance of education for the disabled because some parents of the disabled children do not want people to know that their children have disabilities.** The ruling government has made it possible for everyone to get opportunities and the same must be done for the disabled, their rights must be respected and protected, she said.

The Mayor also encouraged parents and the teachers to make sure that the disabled children who are eighteen (18) years and older are registered to vote because it is important for them to take part in how the country is governed.

The 03rd November 2015 until the 03rd December 2015 has been declared the national disability rights awareness month, and the 03rd December as the National Day of Persons with disabilities.

The Department of Environment and Nature Conservation donated ten (10) trees and two large rubbish bins to the centre in an effort to promote greening and a clean environment.

The Baone Intellectual Disability Centre is situated in Seoding village and has a total number of 76 intellectually disabled children from around the district. The centre offers different training to the learners ranging from arts, carpentry and bead work. It is managed by a group of retired government employees dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the disabled.



The Centre Manager Mrs. Fredman receiving trees and rubbish bins from the Executive Mayor