

Mayor hands out food parcels to the communities of Olifantshoek and Camden

As part of the outreach programme, the Executive Mayor of the John Taolo Gaetsewe District municipality Councillor Sofia Mosikatsi handed food parcels to destitute families around the district. The families were identified by ward councillors with the assistance of home based care givers.



Councillor O. Hantise, beneficiary of the food parcel Mr. William Mere, Executive Mayor Sofia Mosikatsi and Councillor Rosemary Makwati in Olifantshoek

In Olifantshoek, the Executive Mayor handed the food parcels to three families whose homes were destroyed by fire. These included the families of William Mere, Lucia Olley who lost everything including a fridge, stove and other household items.

Natalia Fiku, a 23 year old who survives by doing piece-jobs also lost all her belongings when her shack was destroyed in the fire.

Accompanying the Mayor was Councillor Hantise who indicated that the Gamagara local municipality was looking at ways of assisting the families to rebuild their homes.

In a similar event in Camden in the Joe Morolong municipality, the Executive Mayor accompanied by the Ward Councillor O. Kgopodithata, Kgosi Bakang Phetlhu, home based care givers, civil society representatives and officials from government departments, eight

(8) families were also handed with food parcels. To many of the families it was an early Christmas present and they were grateful to the municipality for having identified them as recipients of the food parcels.

This was followed by the District World AIDS Day event, where the Executive Mayor emphasised the importance of working towards the “getting to zero” campaign and the end of stigmatization of victims of HIV and AIDS. “we must work harder to pull our energies to respond to the HIV/AIDS and acknowledge the vital role that communities have played towards achieving the long term vision of the National Strategic Plan on HIV, STIs and TB, 2012–2016 (NSP). This vision is ‘zero new HIV and TB infections; zero HIV and TB-related deaths; zero new infections due to vertical transmission and zero discrimination” said the Mayor.

Kgosi Phetlhu appealed to the young people to take care of themselves especially during the festive season and to make sure that they have responsible fun. He also appealed to the government to work harder to create jobs for the people and to make follow-ups on the matters that were raised during the public participation programmes. Kgosi Phetlhu also encouraged other chiefs to make meaningful contribution to the municipal plans by playing an active roles in the municipal councils.



From left to right Kgosi Bakang Phetlhu of Ba-ga Phetlhu Tribal Authority, Executive Mayor Sofia Mosikatsi, Mme Kediemetse Mothomme with the home based care givers from Camden