

CLEANING CAMPAIGN TO OBSERVE 67 MINUTES OF MANDELA DAY



The Executive Mayor of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality Councillor Malefu Vilakazi on Friday, 18 July 2014, dedicated 67 minutes of Mandela Day by embarking on a cleaning campaign at public hospitals and a clinic in Bethlehem in Dihlabeng Local Municipality.

Accompanied by Councillors with the support of Dihlabeng Local Municipality, government departments, business people, pastors, officials and community members, the Executive Mayor's first stop was at Dihlabeng Regional Hospital, from there she proceeded to Phekolong District Hospital and ended up with the cleaning at Mphohadi Clinic. The Executive Mayor also distributed toys among newly born babies.

The Executive Mayor furthermore visited Omdraai Farm in Ward 18 in Dihlabeng where she celebrated with the cutting of the cake with 96-year-old Mary Mlangeni, who was born in the same year as Madiba – 1918.

Vilakazi also marked Mandela Day on the farm by distributing food parcels to several families.

Kick-starting the day, Vilakazi said it was a great honour to have a chance to observe the day that has been set aside by the South African democratic government to honour the foremost black President, the great colossus and a giant of our times, the late Former State President Rolihlahla Nelson "Madiba" Mandela.

"Let us all make it our calling that we shall make differences in the lives of our people. Let us also make it our calling that we shall plough back in our communities to ensure that the very

same communities that made us who are today reap the rewards of their contributions in making us a better people,” added the Executive Mayor.

The initiative by the Executive Mayor was warmly welcomed by the management, doctors, staff and patients at the three public health institutions. She was also heartily welcomed with ululations and applause by the community of Omdraai farm.