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**REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF
SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CLLR KEAMOTSENG
STANLEY RAMAILA ON THE OCCASION OF DISTRICT SPEAKER'S
THUMA MINA PROGRAMME HELD AT MADIBONG ENGLISH
MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THE 18TH JANUARY 2019,
10:00AM.**

Mosepediši wa Modiro

Madam Speaker of our District Council, Mme Maria Manamela;

Your Worship Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Cllr Mina Bahula;

Members of the Mayoral Committee present here today;

Chief Whips, Honourable Speakers and all Councillors from our Municipalities;

The Principal of Madibong English Medium Primary School, SMT and Staff;

The Chairperson of SBG and all SGB members;

Our Esteemed Learners of the school;

Kgosigadi Kgoloko and Members of the Traditional Council;

Officials from all Sector Departments and Employees of our Municipalities;

Batswadi le Bahlokomedi ba Bana;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning! Thobela!

Programme Director

Ke ikwa ke tletse lethabo go fiwa sebakanyana se, gore le nna ke kgone go lahlela mantsunyana, kopanong ye bohlokwa ye, ele yago matlafatsa bana ba sekolo se sa Madibong, elego motse wabo rena. I am deeply humbled indeed and on behalf of the executive of the district municipality, please accept my compliments of the New Season.

Kopano ye ya lehono e tla beke fela morago ga gore dikolo tsa gabo rena di bulwe, elego setlwaedi sa setshaba morago ga gore dipoelo tsa mphato wa marematlou di begwe. And we are still on course as we continue with our massive programmes of back to school.

We are here mindful of the fact that our province Limpopo in the main and Sekhukhune District Municipality in particular, has not performed well looking at how the matric class of 2018 fared. That is why we are therefore concerned as various sectors of society about this growing under-performance.

As part of broader interventions to this effect, we are therefore convinced more than ever before that this narrative which puts education as a societal matter is correct in all its forms. Thuto ya bana ba rena ka dikolong ka moka ke maikarabelo a rena rele ditheo tsa go fapanafapana tsa setshaba.

Nka fao, taletso ya lehono ele bohlokwa kudu go rena rele baetapele dipolotiking ts selete se, gomme rere a gobe bjalo makaleng ka moka. Thuto e nyaka kgoro ya thuto, barutisi, baetapele ba setso, dikereke, mekgahlo yeo e sebego ya mmuso, rena boradipolotiki, setshaba ka kakaretso, lena bana ba rena ka moka. Education is indeed a collective responsibility and all sectors must play the part if we have to emerge victorious and build our nation. We do this as we are **'growing South Africa together'**

Programme Director

Re tlile mo go tlo thekga mosepekara wa khansela ya mmasepala wa selete sa Sekhukhune, Mme Maria Manamela, maikemisetsong a gagwe a go kgwatha ngwana wo mosetsana, girl child. As men of the district municipality, we support this initiative by our Speaker of Council and equally so, wish to praise, our esteemed Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Municipality Cllr Mina Bahula, for having held on to this initiative of distributing sanitary towels to school children for some years to date.

I am indeed proud of you bommago setshaba for this important contribution you are collectively making to society. By taking care of the girl child you are comparatively taking care of the nation. By focusing on schools, you are relatively building the nation. That is why you have our undying support.

Dipalopalo di setse di hlathile gore, bonnyane, bana ba banenyana dikolong, ba palelwa ke go ipshina ka dithuto tsa bona ka mabaka a go swana le go hlokwa mesamelwana ye ya mohola matsatsing a sesadi. As a result, they are absent from studies for day, they can not go out of their house-holds, they become victims of lack of proper hygiene. And this happens every day to young woman here in South Africa.

Ours as elected leaders is to strive and change the lives of all the people of our country step by step, hence we are here today to donate these sanitary towels to the girl child. Our goal is making sure that each of these young girls have their own sanitary towels, colourful and effective feminine solutions.

Ba boletse bagologolo nakong ya bogologolo gomme bare 'education is the precondition towards development'. Thuto ke lesedi magagesu. For these girls it is too expensive to buy disposable products, or they may not even be available at all. This problem affects particularly young girls in schools.

Programme Director

A recent study by Build Africa, commissioned by United Nations reveal that, of the 80 days allocated to a school term, only 29,7% of the adolescent girls said that they miss a minimum of four days per cycle. This also includes examination days, important class presentations and the introduction of new topic.

Also in the same study, over 45% of the girls have admitted that whenever their periods come, they immediately go home, probably not appearing the entire week. But even at home, the situation is no different. They are pressurised into keeping the tiny rags they use to pad to themselves out of sight from their family members.

Here in South Africa, in places like Langa Township in the Western Cape – young girls still use socks filled with sand as sanitary towels, and we as Sekhukhune District Municipality are afraid that this might be happening in our district too. We urge all of you to notify us if such is a reality for some people that you might know.

There are thousands of young girls, including even older women in our country whom are in need of these basic items that we consider a necessity. As Sekhukhune District Municipality our goal is for every young girl in our district to have access to safe and hygienic sanitary products.

Our goals is to help girls to reclaim the dignity that poverty denies them and enable girls to make a lasting and positive impact on the communities they live in and society as a whole. Gomme gore re atlege mo lenanegong le, kamoka re swanetse go kgatha tema, re thusane le baetapele ba barena bo Mogaleadi le Mologadi.

Mosepedisi wa Modiro

Ge ke feleletsa polelo yaka, ke kgopela go buseletsa molaetsa wa mopresitente Mna. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, nakong ya go thakgolwa polelo ya Jenewari 8, ka motseng wa Durban, probenseng ya Kwa Zulu-Natal, ge are, setshaba ka moka, tla re thusaneng go lwantsha tlaiso ya basadi le bana. Ke dira boipeletso gore 're ageng Afrika Borwa mmogo'.

Ke ruma ka mantsu a mokgalabje, tatago temokrasi, yoo lerato la gagwe baneng le sa fetwego ke sele, Tata Madiba, o rile:

“Without education, your children can never really meet the challenges they will face. So it's very important to give children education and explain that they should play a role for their country.” Ke motsopotse.

A buseletsa gape are:

“It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of the students with facts.....it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves” ke motsopotse.

THANK YOU ALL!

KEA LEBOGA!