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The Premier of the Free State province Sefora Ntombela and the Mayor of Kopanong local municipality Xolani Tseletsele joined humanitarian organisation Gift of the Givers in Itumeleng township, Jagersfontein to donate food parcels to 450 deserving families.

The town recently suffered great tragedy when a mine dam wall burst, destroying hundreds of homes and claiming at least two lives, with one person still unaccounted for.

Premier Ntombela said, in light of the tragic events of 11 September 2022, when the mine dam collapsed, destroying everything on its path, the people of Jagersfontein and surrounding areas deserve a merry Christmas.

The donation of food parcels, specifically for those in need, will continue until Saturday. Premier Ntombela said while the residents of Jagersfontein are slowly rebuilding their lives

two months after the tragedy, they were deserving of a happy Christmas with their families.

"We have identified deserving households to receive food parcels. We are going to also visit towns such as Trompsburg, Fauresmith, Bethulie and Phillipolis. Our hope and wish is to put smiles on the people of Kopanong local municipality and Xhariep district as a whole. It is an open secret that those mostly affected by the tragic mine dam wall collapse have lost everything. Therefore, a caring government like ours, working together with our social partners, saw it necessary to bring aid to our people," Premier Ntombela said.

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