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**FREE STATE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO LEAD COORDINATED  
PROVINCIAL MANDELA MONTH PROGRAMME**

**BLOEMFONTEIN:** - The Free State Provincial Government (FSPG) will lead a Provincial Mandela Month programme, held under the theme: *"It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity"* on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024, to various hospital across the province. The late former President, Nelson Mandela, in addressing the scourge of poverty and inequity, once said: "Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings." These inspirational words by the late former President, are a reminder that we must collectively do more to fight the scourge of poverty and inequity.

"This initiative to hospitals, reaffirms our commitment to addressing pressing issues in our society. Together, we can make a tangible difference and honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela through meaningful action and community service," said the Premier of the Free State, MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae.

The Premier has deployed Members of the Executive Council (MECs), to visit various hospitals across Free State Districts, focusing on resolving maintenance issues, reviving hospital infrastructure and collectively addressing challenges in the health sector.

"As we celebrate Nelson Mandela Month, we must be reminded of the importance of giving back to our communities and taking responsibility and ownership for the good upkeep, preservation and protection against vandalism and theft. Our hospitals are our community assets, they must be kept in a good state so that they can always serve the health care needs of all our people. They are in need of revitalization, and we are committed to making this happen, by working together in making a difference in the lives of our people," said Premier Letsoha-Mathae.

This hands-on approach aims to make a tangible difference in the lives of the people, aligning with the spirit of Nelson Mandela's legacy.

The EXCO programme to hospitals throughout the province, will be coordinated under the following arrangements:

<b>DELEGATED EXCO MEMBER</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>HOSPITAL</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>
<b>MANGAUNG MUNICIPALITY</b>			
Premier of the Free State: MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae	Mangaung	Pelonomi Regional Hospital	Tshediso Nkgwedi: 0744952018
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<b>THABO MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY</b>			
MEC for Health: Monyatso Mahlatsi	QwaQwa	Mofumahadi Manapo Mopeli Regional Hospital	Mondli Mvambi: 082 043 3744
MEC for Social Development: Mathabo Leeto	Bethlehem	Phekolong District Hospital	Thembile Nqabeni: 066 476 6193
<b>FEZILE DABI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY</b>			
MEC for Sport, Arts Culture, and Recreation: Ntombizanele Sifuba	Sasolburg	Fezi Ngubentombi District Hospital	Tankiso Zola 084 016 0662
MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism: Ketso Makume	Heilbron	Tokollo Mafube District Hospital	Mojalefa Mphapang: 072 712 6617 and Tshidiso Mokokoane: 082 887 8413
<b>LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY</b>			

MEC Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements: Saki Mokoena	Odendaalsrus	Thusanong District Hospital	Busi Mashwama: 066 488 5959
MEC for Community Safety, Roads and Transport: Jabu Mbalula	Virginia	Katleho District Hospital	Hillary Mophethe: 079 521 7113
<b>XHARIEP DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY</b>			
MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development, and Environmental Affairs: Elzabe Rockman	Trompsburg	Albert Nzula District Hospital	Zimasa Mbewu: 060 976 8683 and Moliehi Moeng: 073 260 5173
MEC for Education: Dr. Mamiki Mabuya	Smithfield	Stoffel Coetzee District Hospital	Howard Ndaba: 079 503 5485

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