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KZN FINANCE MEC LENDS A HELPING HAND TO “HOME OF COMFORT” IN KOKSTAD ON MANDELA DAY

The new MEC for Finance in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Francois Rodgers, has started to demonstrate his commitment to working with Non-Governmental Organisations to fight poverty, unemployment and inequality in communities.

The renowned International Nelson Mandela Day, held on the 18th of July of every year which is also the birthday of the icon, Dr Nelson Mandela, was celebrated under the theme: ***“It’s still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity”***

MEC Rodgers said that he wanted to make a small difference in the lives of the underprivileged children on this day.

“In line with the theme, the fight against poverty, unemployment and inequality can be fought through the contributions we make to households and organisations that work with our government the fight this scourge. We would like to see a situation where communities rally around these institutions because they make a critical contribution to the rebuilding of our communities”, he said.

Rodgers led a team made up of local councillors, officials from both Departments of KZN Treasury and Social Development as well as volunteers from the community of ward 3 in Kokstad.

His list of activities included the painting of the fence and walls of the building internally and externally as well as various donations.

The Home of Comfort houses children 56 children who come from homes with various challenges around Harry Gwala District, with ages varying from 2 to 18 years.

Chairperson of the Board of Home of Comfort, Mr Lulamile Mehlokhulu, said their Mandela Day was made extra special by the welcome visit of the MEC for Finance.

“We would like to thank KZN Treasury for their contribution. The donation they gave us was very relevant and highly sought by Home of Comfort. As Home of Comfort, we can only make this home comfortable and useful when many people with willing hearts help us with every little things they have,” he said.

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