



Ntjapedi ha e hlole ke Sebata

Sontaha sena sa ho feta maqheku Sa kgothaditswe ka ho ikopanya ba be ngatana nngwe, ho batla tsebo le thuso moo ba sa tsebeng le ho se tshabe ho bua ka tse ba ngongorehisang. Sena se etsahetse Zamdela, Sasolburg, nakong eo mokgatlo wa Thabo Beleng Foundation le wa RBM Centre o neng o tshwere moketjana Phase 5 le Mooidraai. Sepheo sa moketjana ona e bile ho kgothatsa, ho fana ka tsebo le lesedi ekasitana le ho thabisa maqheku. Ke maikemisetso a mekgatlo ena e mmedi e leng wa Thabo Beleng Foundation le wa RBM Centre ho thusetsa le ho tlisa thabo ho baahi ba kojwana di mahetleng. Mokgatlo wa Thabo Beleng Foundation o fumanehang Snake Park (ditamading), Zamdela o qadile ka selemo 2010 empa wa ingodisa semmuso ka 2021. Mothehi

e bile e le Motsamaisi wa mokgatlo ona ke Thabo Beleng.

Sepheo le morero ka mokgatlo ona ho ya ka Beleng ke ho tsamaela malapa kahara motse le ho bona hore ba ka thusetsa jwang moo ho nang le mathata. “Re sebetsa mmoho le lefapha la tsa Thekolohelo (Social Development), ho thusa maqheku ka mangolo a boitsebiso (ID), ka dikopo tsa bona tsa penshene, mangolo a tlhaho a bana, le malapeng ao ho se nang lekeno ka hohlehohle,” ho rialo Bereng.

“Ntlhakgolo e nngwe ya mokgatlo ke ho bona baahi ba kopane e le ngatana nngwe,” o keleditse ka seo. Mokgatlo o na le maloko a mararo eleng Thabisa Beleng, Tshehla Mokoena le Katleho Nkutha hammoho le Jeanette Mohlokoana. “Ka tshebedisano mmoho le dikgwebu tse nyane le tse kgolo mokgatlo o boela o lakatsa ho

thusa bana le maqheku nakong ena ya mariha ka diaparo tse mofuthu le diaparo tsa sekolo bakeng sa bana.

Mokgatlo wa RBM Centre ona o fumaneha Mooidraai, mme o qadile ka selemo sa 2012 mme wa ngodiswa monongwaha. Mothehi le Motsamaisi wa ona ke Mornesi Kapotsa. Ho ya ka Kapotsa mokgatlo o sebetsa ka maqheku le bana ba dikgutsana. “Sepheo sa mokgatlo ke ho leka ho finyella ditlhoko tsa maqheku le bana, mokgatlo o leka ho nehelana ka dijo ho ba hlohang, hape ke leka le ho tshedisa moo ho hlokahalang. Re boela re thusa le maqheku hara motse ka ho ba tlela le meriana ya bona dikleniking” ho rialo Kapotsa. Mokgatlo ona le maloko a ka bang 30 ha jwale. “Mokgatlo o lakatsa ho etsesa maqheku lehae leo e leng la bona moo ba tlang ho fumana thuso ditlhokong tsa bona”. Maqheku a ile a phomosetswa ka dijo le dinwamaphodi moketeng ona. -Tlaleho ka Ouma Mbaso.

Youth urged to grab opportunities

That “knowledge is power” was highlighted this week as Metsimaholo Local Municipality hosted a two-day Youth Summit at Refengkgotso Community Hall in Deneysville.

Organised by the Office of the Executive Mayor, Jeff Zwane, the purpose of the summit was to open networking channels for youth that aspire to start their own businesses or platforms that can create income as well as improving their lives.

The summit was themed “Social entrepreneurship as a tool to decrease youth unemployment and create better communities”. Member of Mayoral Committee for Community Services and Special Programs, Ruanda Meyer, warmed up the summit and welcomed the guest, presenters and stakeholders. In providing message of support Member of Mayoral Committee for Spatial Planning and Human Settlement, Thulani Mbana, stressed the importance of youth participation in growing the economy.

Also present at the summit to share information and empower the youth on various topics ranging from entrepreneurship to public sector programmes were officials from SEDA, Department of Agriculture, Department of Social Service, DESTEA, MYB Consulting and Youth Matters. Addressing the summit Executive Mayor Zwane encouraged the participants to grab and make use of opportunities provided to them. He reminded the youth of the importance of being an active community member that can positively contribute to society.

“The Municipality is mindful of the challenges that the youth of today are facing, hence the activation of the summit in order to empower them with the necessary skills and information,” said Zwane. MYB Consulting offered youth with an opportunity of a 12-week short course that will assist those that are interested in starting a business.

The Department of Agriculture committed to mentor young people that are interested in food plantation. They will provide them with fertilizers and seeds. The Office of the Mayor said that it has an assigned youth officer to offer advice on matters affecting the youth.

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Elderly people should differentiate between being loved and being abused

Last week was no ordinary week for older persons in Zamdela, Sasolburg, as they gathered together at the Mmokeng wa Maqheku centre in Harry Gwala section to commemorate the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Their gathering was on Wednesday on the eve of WEAAD, which is on the 15th June.

The day of 15th June is known as the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, or WEAAD. It is an annual initiative launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization. In its 66/127 resolution, the United Nations General Assembly designated that date as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a day in which the entire world voices its opposition to any form of abuse of the older generation.

At Mmokeng wa Maqheku the elderly people were addressed by a Social Worker Mamiki Nkalai about various issues affecting them and their rights. The theme for 2023 is “Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age – Policy, Law and Evidence-based Responses.” The theme underscores the intersection of gender-based violence and elder abuse, specifically focusing on the

experiences of older individuals.

Nkalai said it is important to commemorate this day. She said the abuse of the elderly is wide-ranging and includes, physical, sexual, emotional as well as financial abuse. “I am encouraging you to make sure you are safe when left alone at home, by closing and locking the door, or go to elderly centre near your home if there is any. The other most important issue is for you the elders to speak up when being abused, most of our elders don’t speak about the abuse they are faced with, some are being physically abused by their children and grandchildren and they don’t report such cases to the social workers,” advised Nkalai.

She said elders are also being abused emotionally and this is one of the painful abuses to them. It happens at home by family members and in the centres by the same elders.

“Financial abuse is also common problem to many elders, many don’t even have their social grants cards with them as we speak, they are somewhere with their children or grandchildren. You must know and differentiate between being loved by any family member and being abused. “Our elders must know they can go on their own on social grants paydays to withdraw their own money.

They must report any form of abuse directed to them without any fear as they will be protected and assisted in such incidences,” said Nkalai.

In Zamdela Sasolburg elders can approach Social Welfare offices at No. 7 Riemland street, or Lydiah Mokgadi and Pastor Ben Msimanga of Mmokeng wa Maqheku. Elders can also report their grievances with the Elders Forum in Zamdela. WEAAD aims to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of the abuse older people suffer by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting them. Elder abuse is one of the least investigated types of violence and does not get addressed in national action plans as frequently as other key social issues. The UN International Plan of Action described elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. Globally we have an aging population, with the number of older people in the world expected to be 1.4 billion by 2030. Research suggests that 4 to 6 percent of the elderly suffer from some kind of abuse, most of which go unreported. This day is to make sure we remain focused on our elders, ensuring they lead a life of high quality and dignity.