



Media Statement

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Providing dignity - NLC hands over sanitation facilities to schools in Limpopo

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On Thursday, 25 April 2019 the NLC handed over sanitation facilities to two schools in the Polokwane Education District. These schools, Ncheleleng Secondary School and Tibanefontein Primary School are part of a group of 20 projects funded by the NLC in response to challenges experienced by schools in the rural parts of Eastern Cape and Limpopo, where the disadvantaged communities still struggle with the basic right to sanitation.

The tragic deaths of two children in these provinces, and subsequent studies on sanitation infrastructure galvanised the NLC to intervene and assist in efforts to ensure safety and restore the dignity of the black children in post democratic South Africa.

Facilities at Ncheleleng and Tibanefontein schools, which previously used pit latrines were handed over to the School Governing Body (SGB), Principals, and learners who expressed gratitude to the Commission for this contribution that will change their daily experiences.

At a third school, Waterval Secondary School in the Vhembe District , officials from the Commission inspected the structure, expressed dissatisfaction at the workmanship and postponed the handover. The Commission has instructed the service provider and independent engineers to implement corrective measures, and ensure quality assurance of the projects in consultation with the Provincial Education Department and the school's SGB.

The remaining facilities will be handed over in both Limpopo and the Eastern Cape as they are completed.

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