

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

**MEDIA ALERT** 

Tuesday: 29 October 2024

## MEC TSHITEREKE MATIBE CONTRIBUTES ENORMOUSLY TO EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

MEC Tshitereke Matibe is to contribute over R432 000.00 to Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers on ECD Learning tools that will be allocated to all districts with a total of 10 ECD beneficiaries to benefit from the initiative.

The Limpopo Gambling Sector has availed approximately R14 Million over the past 5 years for Corporate Social Investment projects across the Province. The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism together with the Limpopo Gambling Board has strategically secured a larger portion of the funds to exclusively benefit the Basic Education Sector.

According to MEC Tshitereke Matibe, Investments in child care and other types of early childhood development (ECD) programs also have a long-term impact on the future labor force, early innovative thinking, teamwork and a competent youth. Matibe also stated that building our future leaders should begin at a very early stage as failure to invest in early childhood initiatives has a detrimental effect on our future generations.

The responsibility of creating a developmental state as well as a competent, innovative and well equipped citizenry is not the responsibility of the Basic Education Sector alone. The Department calls upon the Private Sector to play its part in contributing positively to ECDs across the province.

## MEC Tshitereke Matibe is to hand over ECD Learning tools as follows;

Date: Tuesday, 29 October 2024

**Time:** 10h00

Venue: Khoroni Hotel, Thohoyandou, Vhembe District

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