

Press Statement

Securing the Right to Education - NLC helps to rebuild schools in Vuwani

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Limpopo. After the uprisings of mid-2016 in Vuwani, Limpopo where over 20 schools were burnt to the ground, the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) received a request for assistance from Vhafamadi Secondary School.

Today, the NLC handed over the keys to a newly rebuilt Vhafamadi to the Principal, Mr Thenga just in time for the 2017 academic year.

This was done at an event attended by Limpopo MEC for Education, Ishmael Kgetjepe and dignitaries including local Chief Thobela Mashau and Chief Luvhuwani Matsila, who gave a message of support.

In 2016, Vhafamadi had enrolled 867 learners with 26 educators. The Charities Distributing Agency of the NLC considered the request and recommended a contribution towards the rebuilding of the school under the proactive funding programme, which allows the NLC to address pressing needs with immediacy - such as that of the communities in Vuwani.

The funding was directed toward rebuilding 20 classrooms; a library; a computer lab; a science laboratory; an NSNP kitchen; and a school hall. A palisade fence has also been installed in order to minimize vandalism.

Speakers at the event, including the Chairperson and Commissioner of the NLC stressed the importance of community ownership of public infrastructure and the community's role in safeguarding the future of learners by protecting the school.

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