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

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The NLC has noted a report published by online publication GroundUP which contains inaccurate information on the NLC's sanitation project, and casts aspersions on the work of the organisation.

Background

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 Secondary 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 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 (SGBs), Principals, and learners who expressed gratitude to the Commission for this contribution that will change their daily experiences.

Reporters from the online publication **GroundUP** had been invited to the handover, but did not attend the Polokwane District handovers.



Ncheleleng Secondary School



Ncheleleng Secondary School





Tibanefontein Secondary School

At a third school, Waterval Secondary School in the Vhembe District which was also to receive its upgraded facilities on the same day, officials from the Commission inspected the structure, expressed dissatisfaction at the fact that the facilities had been in use before completion, had been subject to vandalism, and on some of the workmanship, subsequently postponing the handover.

NLC Spokesperson Ndivhuho Mafela addressed the media at Waterval Secondary School and communicated that the Commission had 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. He also corrected information from a report sent to **GroundUP** by the NLC where incorrect images had been supplied.

Despite this correction in their presence at Waterval Secondary School, GroundUp has since published a report, including the images which have been confirmed to be incorrect.

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

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