

## NAZARENE ECD OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO MGCOBANENI COMMUNITY



The Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, officially handed over a newly built Nazarene Early Childhood Development centre (ECD) to the community of Mgcobaneni Village in Mpumalanga on Friday 12 April 2024. The National Development Agency (NDA) built the centre in collaboration with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

*“Through this collaboration between the NDA and the Church initiative, we are not merely investing in children’s education, but we are building the very foundations of our nation’s future. We are committed to nurture the potential of every child and ensure equitable opportunities for growth and development across our communities.” Minister Lindiwe Zulu.*

The centre currently provides access to early learning opportunities for 118 children between the ages of 0-4 years. Given that most of the children at the centre are from vulnerable households, 70 of the children currently receive a subsidy of R17 per child per day from the Department of Basic Education. The NDA granted R 1, 2 million towards the second phase of the structure and the Church topped up that amount with an additional R 500 000.

*“As the NDA, we call upon the community of Mgcobaneni to cherish and support the Nazarene Educare & Preschool. This institution is not just a building, it is a beacon of hope and a testament to what we can achieve when we come together. Let us protect and nurture this vital community assets, ensuring it stands as a safe and stimulating place where our children can learn and grow. By supporting the Nazarene Educare & Preschool, we invest in our future leaders and strengthen the very fabric of our society.” Chief Livhuwani Matsila – Deputy Chairperson of the NDA Board.*

Minister Lindiwe Zulu was joined by Mr Bonakele Majuba, the MEC of Education and Ms Lindiwe Ntshalintshali, the MEC of Social Development in Mpumalanga province, Deputy Chairperson of the NDA Board, Chief Livhuwani Matsila, the NDA's Acting CEO, Ms Reekeletseng Hlapolosa, President Adriaan Groenewald from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints and the NDA's COO, Ms Susan Khumalo. The event further garnered significance with the participation of Cllr. Sibongile Makhushu, the Executive Mayor of Mbombela, and a representative of Gutshwa Tribal Authority.

The NDA has shown its commitment to unlock the potential of poor communities in the Ehlanzeni District through investing R8,3 million. This sped-up community empowerment in the form of grant funding and capacitation of 346 organizations from various sectors that received NDA support over the past three years.

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