

Mopani's Executive Mayor reaches out to female farm workers

Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says he is happy with the measures put in place by the management of Beerseuns Boerdery Agricultural Cooperative to minimize the exposure of farm workers to Covid-19.

He visited the farm on Friday as part of his outreach programme to female farm workers as Women's Month draws to an end. He handed over personal protective equipment for covid-19 as well as sanitary towels to female farm workers, which were donated by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and businesspeople within the district. The farm employs over 700 people and women make up 70% of the workforce.

The Executive Mayor was joined by few of his female MMCs, the Chief Whip as well as the Speaker of Maruleng Municipality. "This is part of our efforts to ensure that there is compliance on covid-19 regulations, but also to appreciate the food security measures taking place in the farming industry as part of our collective efforts to help our people. "We needed to bring some tokens to our female employees at this farm. We consolidated a package of which includes masks, sanitizers and sanitary towels so that we begin to undermine the burden of oppression experienced by our women in society. We are happy to learn that none of the employees in this farm have been infected."

Merriam Mohale from Makhwibidung village is the Quality controller at the farm. She said she was happy with the visit by the Executive Mayor. "We are happy to have received the Executive Mayor during this women's month. We also want to appreciate the gifts."

Kobus De Beer, the managing director at the farm said that his farm supports a lot of emerging farmers in the area. "We appreciate our women a lot. They are very valuable to our company. We have a lot of women in supervisory roles. There is no job that a man can do that a woman cannot do."

