

First Lady welcomes new year's day babies

The First Lady of Mopani District Municipality, Mme Vinolia Shayi has encouraged mothers of babies born on new year's day to stick to breastfeeding, saying breastfeeding offers many benefits to infants.

She said this while on her visit to Letaba Hospital in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality where she handed over gifts to four babies born in the early hours of new year's day. She was joined by the First Lady of Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Mme Precious Mangena, the MMC for Community Services, Cllr Mikateko Shimange-Fazi, Cllr Sevwengwana Nkuna who is the chairperson of women caucus in Mopani, as well as the Speaker of Greater Letaba Municipality, Cllr Jeppe Makhananisa.

"I want to congratulate you for having carried these babies for nine months. We are happy that you have made the decision to carry these babies during that period. And for now, we want to encourage to you to breastfeed, because nothing beats breast milk. Your babies will benefit immensely from breast milk," she said.

Tinyiko Shivuri whose child was born at 02h17 said she was overwhelmed by the love shown by the first lady. Shivuri, from Joppie village outside Tzaneen said "I'm really grateful for these gifts, and I pray for God to keep her safe so she can show this kindness to other people as well."

Meanwhile, the Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality has hailed the work done by the management team led by McDonald Sibuyi who is the CEO at Letaba Hospital in changing the outlook of that hospital. He said that Sibuyi "symbolizes a beacon of hope for our people. You have given public service a good name and credence. We would want you to continue from that angle. We walk tall knowing there is McD at Letaba Hospital."



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