

# Executive Mayor reaches out to farming cooperatives as he Celebrates birthday

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi donated boreholes to farming cooperatives as part of his birthday celebrations, saying the donations are aimed at helping the cooperatives to continue contributing to efforts around food security and fighting hunger in communities.

He started his day by handing over a borehole and storage tank to Kuhlula Farming Projects, a cooperative at Lefara village in Ward 22 of Greater Tzaneen Municipality. The cooperative was formed in 2027, and has since established access to market, including supplying major food retailers and local non-governmental organizations.

The Executive Mayor's next stop was at Lephaphane in Ward 34 of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality. He also handed over a borehole and water storage tank to Tswaranang Disabled Project.

He then proceeded to the Greater Giyani Municipality. He also handed over a borehole and water storage facility to Khwezi Lehlabile Agricultural Coop, a women-led farming cooperative at Khaxani village.

He concluded his birthday outreach programme with a visit to Benfarm village in Ward 17 of Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, where he handed over a borehole to Kurhula Benfarm Cooperative.

The Executive Mayor said the donations were in line with the demands of the freedom charter, saying: "We selected to invest in food security by supporting cooperatives across the entire district. Through resource mobilization, we were able to drill and equip boreholes. We do that to ensure that we support cooperative that are women, youth-led, but also led by our disabled communities.

"We think we have sufficiently covered the ground in supporting our people. In their growth, they will be able to access the market and expand the businesses for the immediate communities to benefit from the proceeds," he said.



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