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Media Advisory

## DEPUTY MINISTER BOGOPANE-ZULU TO LAUNCH IDLEBE MULTIMEDIA CENTRE IN ULUNDI, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

The Deputy Minister of Social Development, Mme Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, will as part of Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM) campaign, launch a Multimedia Centre at Idlebe Community Care in Ulundi, Mahlabathini, KZN Province, on Wednesday, 23 November.

To be launched in partnership with the MTN SA Foundation, this is part of a longstanding Public Private Partnership (PPP) between the Department and the Foundation. The 22 seater Multimedia Centre with connectivity at MTN's cost for 24 months; has an electronic curriculum and an interactive board which assists with skills development for orphaned and vulnerable children.

The Idlebe Community Care Centre provides psychosocial care and support services and skills development to orphans and vulnerable children, including child-headed households and youth.

The Department of Social Development is responsible for implementation of RISIHA programme, community-based child protection programme which through Child and Youth Care Workers, provides protection services to orphaned and vulnerable children.

The programme RISIHA, which is a Xitsonga word for "resilience; also take care of orphaned children living in child and youth headed households, those who live with chronic health conditions as well as children who are living and working on the streets. RISIHA was first conceptualised to provide care and support services for children affected by HIV and AIDS as many were left without parents or primary caregivers.

Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM) is an annual campaign currently underway from 03 November to 03 December, under the theme; "Empowering Persons with Disabilities through resourceful, sustainable and safe environment."

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the launch planned as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Time: 10h00

Venue: Idlebe Community Care Centre in Ulundi, Mahlabathini, Kwa-Zulu Natal Province

Media can RSVP by contacting Ms Makhosazana Mavuso on 0727329381 or [MakhosazanaMa@dsd.gov.za](mailto:MakhosazanaMa@dsd.gov.za)

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