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### Deputy Minister of Public Works Mr Jeremy Cronin commemorates the Nelson Mandela Month with learners of Mnyamana Primary School in Mpumalanga

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The Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr Jeremy Cronin on Wednesday, 25 July 2018, commemorated the Nelson Mandela Month with learners of Mnyamana Primary School in KwaMhlanga, Mpumalanga.

As part of his 67 minutes for Nelson Mandela, Deputy Minister handed over some of the items that the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) officials donated to the school. The donations included sanitary towels for girls, food items, cosmetics as well as school uniform.

Deputy Minister Cronin has also assisted with the preparation and dish up of food for the learners as well as planting of trees in the school premises.

During his interaction with the learners, Deputy Minister Cronin also highlighted the importance of the Nelson Mandela Month.

“The importance of today is to spend the day with you the children of Mnyamana Primary School...to listen to you and see how we can work with you to resolve some of the issues that you might be having here at your school and in your community and thereby contributing towards uTata Madiba's call to “make of the world a better place.”

Deputy Minister Cronin told the learners that the Department will find ways to work with the management of the school to resolve some of the challenges raised by the latter such as blocked toilets and other such issues.

The principal of the school Ms Lorna Mahlangu thanked the Department for spending the Nelson Mandela Month at the school.

The event was attended by the local councilor Ms Maria Mnguni, the local Chief Mr Mahlangu as well as officials from the Department's EPWP Branch in the head office and Mpumalanga provincial government.

The event was held under the 2018 Nelson Mandela Theme: “Be The Legacy!”

### Upcoming events

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Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) PR & Communication Unit will participate in exhibitions and showcase the EPWP services during the National Science Week to be held in Limpopo from 30 July to 01 August 2018 and Gauteng (Mamelodi) on 03 August 2018.

The National Science Week is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology.

The theme for the 2018 National Science Week is “Deepening our democracy through science”.

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### Department of Public Works Gender Unit hosts Nelson Mandela Month at Imbalenhle Primary School in KwaZulu-Natal

Article by Emmanuel Jiyane

Officials in the Department of Public Works' Gender Unit on 21 July 2018 commemorated the Nelson Mandela Month with the children of Imbalenhle Primary School in Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal.

The event was led by the Chief Director: Gender, Disability and Youth Development in the Department, Reverend Naledi Stemela, who together with the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) manager in the province Mr Sduzuzo Simelane handed-over 10 computers to the school.

“Donating these computers is part of the investment to education of our children. The children must be trained on how to use computers at the earlier age in order for them to have an advantage of opportunities presented by the

technological boom that is being experienced globally,” Reverend Stemela said.

During the event, Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) National Youth Services (NYS) participants painted, cleaned and did general maintenance at the school.

The DPW through Gender, Disability and Youth Development unit Gender Unit also partnered with the Methodist Church of South Africa's Natal West District Young Men's Guild (YGM) in the execution of the successful event. The church donated school uniform to the school.

The school principal Ms Mthimkhulu thanked the Department as well as the church for hosting the event at the school.