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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### 87 QUARANTINED FARM WORKERS GO HOME TO STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES

The 87 farm workers who quarantined at Christiana All Seasons Resort, Vryburg Molopo Travel Inn and in one of Mahikeng quarantine site respectively have been released yesterday, on the 05<sup>th</sup> May 2020, to go and stay home with their families during this level 4 South African lockdown. The group was referred for 14 day quarantine when the buses that they were travelling in from Hopetown farm stopped by the law enforcement officers during one of the road blocks taken place in Hartswater on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, last month.

The purpose of this was to comply with the COVID-19 regulations and to ensure that they get screened and assessed for the possible symptoms of pandemic of Coronavirus disease / COVID-19 if there are any as they were from one province to another. It is important to state that of all of them, originally from Greater Taung and Kagisano-Molopo local municipality, they were healthy and happy to go and re-join with their loved one.

The Executive Mayor of the District Municipality, Cllr Boitumelo Mahlangu had an opportunity to come and have a word with 17 of these quarantined farm workers who have been stayed at Vryburg Molopo Travel Inn Guesthouse. She has given them the personal protective equipment to use when they arrive at their homes. In each package, there was a bottle of hands sanitizers, soap, face mask and hand gloves. Cllr Mahlangu says these supplements a donation were also distributed to their co-workers who have been taken to other quarantine sites.

“Masks and gloves can be very dangerous if they are not handled properly. If you are going to wear a mask and fiddle with it, there is no point in wearing it because the reason why you are wearing a mask is to protect yourself from other people who cough. Even when you are wearing gloves, you must sanitise your hands because gloves are the biggest transmitters



of disease or viruses. It is important that we should know how to use masks and the gloves,” concluded Cllr Mahlangu.

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