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## SEKHUKHUNE FOOD BANK

### MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Limpopo Premier launches Sekhukhune Food Bank

Limpopo Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha has today launched the Sekhukhune District Food Bank at Old Jane Furse Hospital, Sekhukhune District. This Food Bank is necessary to help destitute families under the nationwide Lockdown as pronounced by President Cyril Ramaphosa in March due to Coronavirus pandemic.

"Since the outbreak, government has embarked on measures to assist vulnerable households through the provision of food parcels to deserving beneficiaries. I am glad that District Municipalities have already distributed hundreds of food parcels to our deserving people in the Province", says Premier Mathabatha during the launch.

As of today (Friday 15 May 2020), Limpopo had 60 positive Covid-19 cases.

"Life under Covid-19 is no going to be the same, we're now in a new normal," says Premier Mathabatha.

The Premier also slammed officials and politicians who abuse food parcels for their selfish ends. He urged the media and the public to expose such rogue elements.

"We've had such challenges, at times they do it for party political interests," says Premier.

“As you would remember some councillors have been charged, but as and when we receive these allegations, we act decisively. But this is not widespread. What we’re emphasizing is that councillors are not allowed to distribute food parcels,” says Premier.

While councillors will assist in identifying indigent families, the process will be audited and only eligible officials will distribute food parcels. This process will be led by the Department of Social Development.

The Provincial Command Council will discuss the movement to level-3 in the next meeting and the President will announce that movement in due time.

Speaking during the same briefing, Executive Mayor Stanley Ramaila said over 27 000 indigent families in the district are eligible to receive food parcels.

He called on businesses and individuals to contact both the District Municipality and the Social Development Department for a list of food items they could buy.

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