



STATE-OF-THE-ART PRE-SCHOOLS FOR INVERAAN AND MOKHURUMELA CHILDREN

Research shows that children who participate in quality Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes at an early age are more ready to learn when they begin school and are less likely to repeat grades or drop out of school. Blouberg municipality placed high on the priority list the early childhood education to ensure good foundation for the rural Blouberg children.

Jubilation was the order of the day (04th, October 2018) at Inveraan Village as Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi unveils the plaque marking the official opening of the newly built state-of-the-art crèche project. The Mayor was accompanied by members of the Political Management Team, the Executive Committee, Ward and PR Councillors and the Management led by Municipal Manager, Mr Junias Machaba.

The same joy was extended to the residents of Mokhurumela the following day (05th October 2018) where the municipality handed over the same crèche project.

Parents and community members gathered at the venue to witness the handing over of the children's new play and educational area. The school children at these villages were previously housed under unsuitable structures without adequate resources and not conducive for teaching and learning.

Blouberg Municipality is proud to have set aside a budget to ensure that children at Inveraan and Mokhurumela communities get the best early childhood facility. These modern pre-schools are fully functional with running water, class rooms, sleeping rooms, playrooms with furniture, fully equipped kitchen, play ground with swings as well as educational toys to unlock their minds and opportune them to engage in a variety of educational and social activities.

These are two of the municipality's four crèche projects for the financial year 2017/2018. The other two completed projects were officially handed over to Machaba community in March and Mamehlabe community in June respectively.

Reports on educational achievement in South Africa also demonstrate that far too many of our school-going children are performing very poorly often failing to acquire functional numeracy and literacy skills due to non-exposure to early childhood education.

This Financial year, 2018/2019 will see the municipality build a state-of-the-art crèche for the children at Thlonasedimong (Towerfontein) Village who are currently housed under a sub-standard structure.

