

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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MEC Kekana encourages establishment of food gardens to combat poverty, hunger, and inequality.

Join MEC Nakedi Kekana as she takes the lead in planting food gardens at Tanani Matiko Disability Cooperative, to encourage all South Africans to do the same in honour of Mandela Month to fight poverty, hunger, and inequality.

The 67 minutes of time for collective volunteerism in collaboration with stakeholders to change the lives of the community will take place at Shawela Village in Giyani, Mopani District, on 18 July 2025.

The theme for this year's event is, "It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequality". The theme reflects the urgent need of planting vegetables to dismantle poverty and inequality to ensure no one in community goes to bed hungry. However, it calls on all individuals, civil society, and businesses to join hands in growing food for shared benefits.

Home and communal gardens promote food security, create jobs and support nutrition. Combating poverty is possible when we act together as a nation that works for all.

The celebration is scheduled as follows:

Date: 18 July 2025 Venue: Tanani Matiko Disability Cooperative, Shawela village, in Giyani, Mopani District Time: 09:00am

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