



COMMENTS

**BY MEC DESBO MOHONO NORTH WEST
PROVINCE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT DURING THE KHUNWANA
HANDLING FACILITIES HANDING OVER
HELD AT KHUNWANA SPORTS GROUND
RATLOU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
ON THE, 29th FEBRUARY 2024**

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Magosi otlhe a rona a a fano

Head of Department

Councillor Khunwana- Rre Victor Mogodu

SMS Members

Farmers Association and other stakeholders

Women and Youth in Agriculture

All Media Houses present

Ladies and Gentlemen

A ke tseye tshono eno go lo dumedisa lotlhe mo mogoteng ono wa letsatsi. Bagaetsho ke ka boitumelo jo bogolo gore gompiano be re kopanentse mo motseng waga **Kgosi Moshoebe mo Khunwana wa Barolong Boo Tlou Ba Ga Seitshiro**. Tota re motlotlo gore gompiano Lefapha be le neelana ka marekisetso a diphologolo a maemo a a kwa godimo jaana. Ladies and Gentlemen today mark an important chapter towards restoring the dignity and the respect of our farmers in Ngaka Modiri Molema- Khunwana Village. Tota re le lefapha re le diegetse bagaetsho, mme ra re ga go fose kota go fosa motho.

Go tshwanetse gore marekelo ano be e le kgale a dira, bagaetsho ba ungwelwa, ba bona ledi la go ka itshidisa. Mme ka thato ya Modimo yo o thata yotlhe gompiono re kgonne go kopana fano go tla go bula le go neelana ka ditlabakelo tseno tsa marekelo a diphologolo.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the department is aware that as farmers you are constantly faced with many challenges to grow your profile. You are also faced with limitations within the agricultural value chain production owed to various reasons that include sustainable quality and quantity production, poor infrastructure, transportation, capacitated trailers, feed, water, electricity, production capital, technical skill, and most importantly a suitable place for marketing your animals. This 150-capacity holding auction-pen that comprises fencing, office, ablution facilities, borehole and stands will really come in handy in answering the above-mentioned obstacles.

The department saw and acted upon it henceforth we are here today to really circumvent the loss that you are dealing with daily. Now this handling facilities build by the Department is for Khunwana and nearby villages like Kraaipan, Madibogo, Setlagole, Sione, Mofufutso 1 and 2, Shaleng, Morena and Majeng. Re kopa tirisano mmogo go lona lotlhe gore marekelo ano a lo tlhokomele ebile a lo tshedise mmogo le dikokomana.

As government we are saying **let the people take center stage** in taking care of their own things. Gone are the days when we have to deal with issues relating to our people claiming to own government facilities thus stalling progress for farmers. Before closure let me take this prime moment to thank all nine (9) committee members who made this landmark a reality. The department notes your effort into making sure that people of Khunwana and nearby villages also have their own auction-pen.

Ladies and Gentlemen I cannot afford to be lengthy, but I am now saying **let the auction begin!!!** As a department we are **certain that these auction facilities will live up to expectations and that it will be a symbol of economic growth, recovery and hope for all farmers of Tswaing Local Municipality.**

Ke a leboga - I thank you!

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