



# NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

### Media Statement

#### For Immediate Release

**Mahikeng, 03 May 2016:**

#### **NMMDM MOURNS WITH A GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILY IN DEELPAN VILLAGE**

The early hours of Sunday morning, the 1st of May 2016 was a painful one for the Mogale family in Deelpan village, where six members lost their lives when they were burnt to death by a fire that caught their shack.

The Disaster Management team of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality responded swiftly to this tragic event though the distressed family lost six (6) of their members on the spot and one of the two surviving, a minor died on Monday in Tshepong Hospital.

The Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Cllr Tshepo Justice Makolomakwa sends his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved Mogale family and the community of Deelpan. He also indicated that, "Currently the District Municipality managed to provide the family with **one (1)** shanty for shelter, **five (5)** mattresses for sleeping purposes, **two (2)** tents, **one (1)** jojo tank, food parcels and coordinated with SASSA to provide blankets", the Executive Mayor further committed that more assistance will be provided through stakeholder engagement led by Cllr Priscilla Kwenaithe, MMC responsible for Municipal Health and Safety Services of which her team is on-site to assess the actual damage and additional food parcels are being delivered today by the Speaker, Cllr Yoliswa Sechoaro and MMC Priscilla Kwenaithe.

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A task team of officials working with Councillors is being established by Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and Tswaing Local Municipality to manage all matters related to this painful disaster in support of the family and relatives.

Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality pleads with members of the community to monitor each other in keeping fire away from the households and avoid leaving things such as candles, and heaters, on during the night as they may easily cause a blaze.

Members of the community and all other institutions that can provide any assistance to the family of Mogale during these difficult times are urged to contact **Cllr Priscilla Kwenaithe at 073 706 7029**

Together we can do it and avoid painful losses in our District. The funeral of the deceased will be held this weekend in Deelpan, but details thereof will be released after consultation with the family and relatives.

**In the spirit of Renewal, Healing and Reconciliation we can all “Move Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and South Africa Forward”**

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