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Media Release:

Renovation of the Greater Middelburg Workshop for the Disabled

The Gender and Social Development department at Steve Tshwete Municipality, has acquired a grant of R1 million from BHP Billiton mining group, to fund renovations at the dilapidated building which houses the Greater Middelburg Workshop for the disabled.

The workshop has about 75 disabled individuals, aged from 18, who are being trained for employment. The majority are from Mhluzi, from where they are bussed to the workshop daily.

According to the centre's Manager, Karen Loesch, their work is to skill the disabled in various handiwork field, such as making handbags, jewellery, wire-work such as cooking pins, and wool-work, such as scarves.

The centre also offers ABET classes. The house from which the the workshop operates was donated by the Steve Tshwete Municipality in 1998, and it is still monitored by the municipality. Renovations should be complete by September this year.

Municipal Manager
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