



**MEDIA ALERT**

Att: Newsdesk/ All Media

25 June 2024

**LAUNCH OF THE VERULAM ECD CENTRE IN MPUMALANGA**

The National Youth Development Agency, through their Board Legacy Programme, will be launching the Verulam ECD Centre in Ward 43 at Singqobile CWP sub-site, Mpumalanga Province. The NYDA in collaboration with the CWP and Hollywood Foundation established a programme that could have a positive impact on the identified community by renovating an ECD centre that had been dilapidated. 33 young people were roped in to participate in the renovations of the ECD and to volunteer their services in the maintenance of the vegetable garden, yard and to assist with ECD feeding scheme. The ECD is now fully equipped and ready for handover on the 27th of July 2024.

“It brings us great joy to have worked with our various social partners in ensuring that the project moves from ideation to implementation. Seeing the impact that this centre has had in the community has brought the Board a great sense of fulfilment and we cannot wait to witness its continued positive influence,” said the Executive Chair of the Board, Ms Asanda Luwaca.

The intervention had primary objectives which were anchored on:

- Ensuring the safety of children in the area
- Building a strong foundation for early childhood learning
- Increasing the number of compliant ECD centres in disadvantaged communities
- Increasing the capacity in ECDs to ensure the employment of more young people in the sector

With the media being a critical stakeholder of government, we would like to request your presence and support at our Verulam ECD handover due to take place at the following:

Date: 27 June 2024

Venue: Verulam ECD Centre, Ward 43 Singqobile CWP Sub-Site, Mpumalanga

Time: 10:00

Ends

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