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KZN DARD MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES

As the world celebrates the Nelson Mandela's spirit of giving and sharing with the less fortunate, the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development lead by MEC Themba Mthembu, undertook various engagements around the Province in commemoration of the 67 minutes for Mandela day.

Starting off these activities, was a Provincial Government engagement that was held at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site in Howick, Pietermaritzburg. Here, MEC Themba Mthembu together with other **Provincial MEC's**, held a session where they laid a wreath at the Capture Site followed by the planting of 67 trees and concluding with the Members of the Executive Council locking-in padlocks in the Remembrance chain at the Capture Site.

This was then followed by Departmental engagements in the uMzinyathi District, uMsinga where MEC Mthembu is the MEC Champion. In uMsinga, **the first point of contact was a visit to the Sipiwe'yinkosi** agricultural project, which is predominantly a female run crop focused agricultural project. During this visit, the MEC together with HOD Dr. Sipiwe Mkhize, where accompanied by all the senior manager of the Department to give their 67 minutes to agricultural projects in the area. The last stop was a visit to the Qedusizi agricultural project also in uMsinga, which is similar in structure to **the Sipiwe'inkosi project**. **This day of giving was heart-warming and inspirational** as the Department handed over watering cans, hoes and shovels to the farmers.



KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Themba Mthembu, celebrating Mandela Day with rural women farmers in uMsinga



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KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Themba Mthembu together with KZN Head of Department for Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Siphile Mkhize and Senior Government Officials, handing over farming inputs to uMsinga farmers



MEC Themba Mthembu planting cabbages at uMsinga



MEC Themba Mthembu assisting officials of the Department to plant cabbages and spinach at uMsinga