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MEC FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT EXPRESSES SHOCK AFTER TWO KIDS DROWN IN A DIP TANK OUTSIDE BERGVILLE

MEC Mthembu has expressed heartfelt condolences to the Mdletshe Family in the Bethany area, outside Bergville, after their two children drowned in a Dip tank on Monday 4th March. The two children aged five and six years were grade R and One scholars at Bethany Primary School.

MEC Mthembu says “We are saddened by the incident where we lost two innocent lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family during this difficult time. Officials from the Department have visited the family immediately after hearing about the incident. We will be conducting an investigation to see how an incident like this can be prevented in future.”

MEC Mthembu is calling all communities and Livestock Associations to be vigilant to ensure that accidents like these do not happen.

Bethany Dip Tank which was built by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in 2005, is currently used by the Okhahlamba Livestock Association.

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