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Community centre relief for Thusong

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JOB hunting for the young people of Vryheid has been made a little easier with the opening of the R7m Thusong centre in Mondlo, officially opened by MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube and MEC for agriculture and rural development Cyril Xaba at the weekend.

Job seeking local Zanele Simelane, 21, said in the past she had to travel to Vryheid, more than an hour away, to get home affairs services with her new-born.

"I am running out of words to express how happy I am. Vryheid is about 25km from here and we pay R35 to get there and back. This centre therefore provides



GRAND OPENING: MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube officially opened the Thusong centre in Mondlo, Vryheid, at the weekend.

much-needed relief to our community," Simelane said.

The centre, which opened on Saturday, will house offices for various government departments

including home affairs, labour, post office and Sassa among others.

Dube-Ncube said the province had at least 32 of these centres in rural areas where they were

needed the most.

"We thank KZN Cogta for not forgetting our area" Simelane said.

The Mondlo Thusong Centre will offer computer training facilities to assist young people with their research for school projects.

For people like mother of one Simelane, it means job hunting without having to travel to a city in order to make copies or send faxes.

"Our main aim with these centres is to ensure our residents do not have to travel long distances to get access to government services because we know that this costs money and reduces a family's ability to spend money on essentials," Dube-Ncube said.

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