

# The end of a long journey to school for students



Bicycles donated to learners

# Helping those who cannot help themselves



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Lefakane Disabled Centre is one of the many schools that are built out of love and care for disabled children. The School has 11 children coming from different places. Mrs Mankge from Ngwaritsi who is the founder of the school told Sekhukhune express about her long journey that compelled her to open the school: "I started the School just after I travelled all over seeking for an institution where i can register my disabled child, with no one willing to register her. it really broke my heart thinking about many children out there who do not get the care that they deserve. "I looked at the way disabled people

are being treated in our rural areas, and found that they are not well taken care of and as a result they end up with no hope, there are many of these children in our society who needs special care and love, they need to have dreams just like everybody else," said Ms Mankge. The School is still struggling financially and currently located in an abandoned shop at Ngwaritsi were the children are sleeping in one bedroom, they sleep on a sponge brought by their parents and there is no enough food to feed them. Mankge said she's still seeking for financial assistance, " I approached the Municipality on this matter but until today I haven't



heard any response from them," said Mankge adding that she's happy Sekhukhune Express visited her, "now people will know about us and maybe someone will come to our rescue." She said



Mayor of Fetakgomo Municipality with some of the beneficiaries

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The opening of Fetakgomo Hall brought joy into 15 learners coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. When community members celebrated the opening of a community hall in their area, some learners celebrated the end of a long journey to and from school. not so long ago children coming from Fetakgomo and local villages used to walk about 8km to Nyaku Secondary School, but now all that has finally come to an end for the 15 learners who received bicycle from Government. Even though they are not enough for all of them, but the principal of the School Mr MP Serwale re-assured others that they will soon also

receive their own bicycles, "late coming is a bit of a challenge but we understand that some of the learners comes from far, now the number of late comers will be reduced, we really appreciate what the Government has done for us," said Mr Serwale adding that all he wants is to see children enjoying School and not worrying about distance. Some of the children who received those bicycles seemed confident that those days of arriving late at school and at home are long gone. "It was hard for us to travel long distances to get to school because every time we arrive late and tired," said one of the learners.

## Sekhukhune Community Radio ( SK FM ) is finally on air

The long awaited SK FM is finally on air. Locals can tune in everyday on 98,7 fm.

Sekhukhune Express has learnt that the station will soon be hosting a mother of all parties to launch the station. Listeners should stay tuned to the station to get more information about the event. The station which broadcasts in Sepedi, English and Ndebele. is based at Hlatlolanang Health and Nutrition Centre in Jane Furse



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