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Commissioner Thobakgale endorses the key role of the National Muslim Prison Board in DCS

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Acting National Commissioner, Makgothi Thobakgale met with the National Muslim Prison Board (NMPB) at Kgoši Mampuru II Management Area, Gauteng region on 20 October 2021, to engage on their strategic plans and activities in the Department of Correctional Services (DCS).

The NMPB was established to render effective spiritual care services for incarcerated Muslim offenders in South Africa's correctional centres. Over the years, DCS has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the NMPB to improve the working relations in the rehabilitation of offenders as well as advancing the spiritual care services and strengthening their roles in the correctional centres.

Deputy Chairperson of the NMPB, Moulana Ahmad Namutamba stated that the Board is grateful for the support and cooperation they are receiving from DCS on various programmes, including Halaal productions, re-

habilitation and reintegration of offenders and the Pre-Ramaadan workshops.

Deputy Director (Programme and Design), Reverend Khusi Mkhesu gave a detailed overview of the events calendar, which comprises of the remaining projects for the financial year 2021/22. These projects include the National Chaplains Workshop, during which the NMPB will be afforded an opportunity to make their inputs. In order to avoid the clashing of events, NMPB also presented their Muslim Calendar and requested that it be shared with the regions and management areas.

Furthermore, Director (Spiritual Care) Rever-



Acting National Commissioner, Makgothi Thobakgale listening attentively during the meeting with the National Muslim Prison Board.

end Menzi Mkhathini made a commitment to the NMPB that they will ensure that Muslim slaughterers receive training on the Self-Sufficiency and Self-Sustainability Framework, and identify models they can adopt to implement the framework and work together to achieve this objective.

Commissioner Thobakgale applauded the NMPB leadership for the work they are doing in the correctional centres, which positively contributes to the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders. Thobakgale also encouraged a continued partnership, which aspire to successfully rehabilitate offenders in the centres. "I look forward to further engagements, and to witness the envisaged outcomes of these meetings come to fruition," concluded Thobakgale.



From left: Secretary General of the National Muslim Prison Board, Mohammed Choksi; Reverend Menzi Mkhathini; acting National Commissioner, Makgothi Thobakgale; National Educational Coordinator, Mohamed Azeem and Reverend Khusi Mkhesu.



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