

UGU DISTRICT'S WELL SPENT 67 MINUTES OF MANDELA DAY

As the world celebrated Mandela Day on the 18th of July, the Ugu District Office dedicated their 67 minutes to children of Vukani Oshabeni Creche in Port Shepstone. The crèche is situated in the place called Oshabeni in Port Shepstone with 5 staff (3 teachers, 1 cleaner and 1 cooker). The district's management and personnel first assembled at the district's boardroom and sang for Madiba a Happy Birthday song. Mr Mike Mvelase, the Ugu District Manager thanked the district officials for making this day an important day. He further mentioned that this is a very important day for South Africa where all South Africans celebrate the life of a legend Tata Mandela.



Ugu District Officials singing Happy Birthday Song

Thereafter, all officials present, led by Mr Mvelase and Ms Nobuhle Mlotshwa from the Southern Regional Office proceeded to Vukani Oshabeni Creche in Port Shepstone where the actual 67 minutes work got underway. They started with the painting of the crèche and prepared a meal for the children who were very excited and jubilant of what they saw. It was remarkable to the children in that they realised that they are also remembered on such a special day. Ms Sindisile Hlophe who is the Chairperson for the crèche expressed her appreciation to the Department of Public Works. "I am so excited and thankful to the Department, I was worried about how are we going to paint the crèche because we do not have enough money" she said.



Left & Right: Ms Sindisile Hlophe; Vukani Oshabeni Creche Chairperson and Ms Nobuhle Mlotshwa singing along with the kids

Nelson Mandela International Day is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each 18 July (on Mandela's Birthday). Mandela Day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that each individual has the power to transform the world, the ability to make impact.



Ugu District Officials preparing to start painting