

Seshego drop-in centre gets an upgrade from Shoprite

Shoprite assisted an after-school centre that caters for over 300 children in Seshego, Polokwane with critical infrastructure upgrades so it could meet the retailer's requirements to register as a surplus food beneficiary organisation.

"The Boledi Drop-in Centre was initially on the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchen's feeding route. We wanted to further aid the centre by registering it as a Shoprite surplus food beneficiary organisation but due to the condition of its infrastructure it failed to meet the necessary requirements. That's when we decided to step in as the centre couldn't afford to do it themselves," explains Morongwa Seabela, Public Relations Officer for Shoprite's Northern Division.

Shoprite ensured that the Boledi Drop-in Centre received a new roof and entrance, extended the kitchen and painted both the outside and inside of the building. The retailer also equipped the centre with new cooking equipment including large kitchen appliances, improved lighting as well as a water tank and pump. Improved hygiene practices and firefighting equipment were also introduced to ensure a safe environment for all who visit the centre.

"Following Shoprite's assistance, I have seen an increase in the number of children coming to the centre as we now have a well maintained and safe building for them to come to. With the surplus food donations and regular visits from the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchen we can now offer our children nutritious, daily meals," says Francina Ngoasheng, founder of the Boledi Drop-in Centre.

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