



**Ministry Justice and Correctional Services
Republic of South Africa**

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**MINISTER LAMOLA ENGAGEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
DAY**

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola, will mark the 16 Days of Activism For No Violence Against Women and Children by donating Dignity Packs to girl learners in the Free State Province at the Bizzah Makhathe Management Area in Kroonstad on Thursday, 10 December 2020.

Some of the products in the dignity packs were manufactured by inmates from the Free State and Northern Cape Region as part of efforts by the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) to utilize offender labour for initiatives that are aimed at empowering communities. A total of 1 400 Boxer Underwear were manufactured and they will benefit 700 school girls across all seven Management Areas in the Free State. Each Management Area will identify 100 girl learners from low quintile schools.

The DCS has partnered with Old Mutual who contributed funds to buy material for the production of Boxer Underwear and the Dignity Packs which will include sanitizers. The items will contribute to the restoration of the girl child's dignity, safety and promotion of education.

The manufacturing of the Boxer Underwear contributed towards skills transfer to inmates who upon their release, will be employable or create opportunities for themselves. This is in line with this year's theme for 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children which is: "Women's Economic Justice for a Non-Violent and Non-Sexist South Africa."

Minister Lamola will also deliver a keynote address at the Commemoration of International Human Rights Day and the Signing of our Constitution. This day will also mark the 25th Anniversary of South African Human Rights Commission. A Monograph on the late Chief Justice Ismail Mohamed will also be unveiled. International Human Rights Day is being celebrated under the theme: "**Putting Human Rights at the core of Recovery**"

Details of the Handover Ceremony:

Date: Thursday, 10 December 2020

Venue: Bizzah Makhathe Management Area, Kroonstad

Time: 08h30

Details of the International Human Rights Day Celebrations:

Date: Thursday, 10 December 2020

Venue: Constitution Hill, Johannesburg

Time: 10h00

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