

Port of Mossel Bay World Food Day Commemoration

[Mossel Bay, South Africa, 02 November 2020] On 28 October 2020, the Port of Mossel Bay joined the global World Food Day celebrations, by partnering with the Kwa-Nonqaba Meals on Wheels Community Service (NPO), Swift Engineering and AMSOL through its trademark Meals on Wheels Soup Kitchen which benefitted approximately 150 Kwa-Nonqaba residents. AMSOL and Swift Engineering donated a high-end, 4-plate industrial stove which will aid in ensuring that the Soup Kitchen is sustained for many years to come. The partnership between these organisations reflects the true meaning of this year's theme which is: #GROW,NOURISH,SUSTAIN.TOGETHER.

Vulnerable communities have been severely affected by the devastation caused by COVID-19, some have lost jobs, and some are struggling to put food on the table. This year's theme also perfectly aligned itself with global efforts aimed at helping all communities, especially the most vulnerable, to recover from the pandemic. As a responsible corporate citizen, the Port of Mossel Bay proactively and strategically aligns itself with national and global Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, such as World Food Day, which are aimed at enhancing and enriching the lives of the communities in which we operate.

"As a port, we always seek out opportunities that will not only enhance our efforts as a good corporate citizen but also those that will positively benefit our surrounding vulnerable communities. This year, we have ensured that we partner with civil society such as non-profit organisations in supporting vulnerable families and individuals who have been tremendously affected by this pandemic, said Shadrack Tshikalange, Port Manager of the Port of Mossel Bay.

Chairperson of the Kwa-Nonqaba Meals on Wheels Community Service, Zingisile Hobongwana, said, "The partnership we have with the TNPA Port of Mossel Bay has proven to be very fruitful and beneficial, not only to us as an organisation but also to the community. Our determination and collaborative efforts play a critical role towards the betterment of the lives of those who are most vulnerable. We are looking forward to more collaborations in future."

"I would like to reiterate once again that we would not be able to achieve our operational and strategic objectives without the community's participation and support. As Transnet National Port's Authority, we are committed to developing and sustaining the livelihood of our surrounding communities. Our support for initiatives such as World Food Day are not just showing support for what happens in a day, however, they are aligned with the Port's Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy which includes an array of activities that will immensely benefit our surrounding communities," added Tshikalange.

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Image Gallery:



Port Manager, Shadrack Tshikalange handing over meals.



Kwa-Nonqaba Residents receiving their meals.



Meals and Stove Handover.

From the left: Mr. T. Stengana from AMSOL, Mrs. L. Xolani from the Kwa-Nonqaba Meals on Wheels Community Service, Mr. D. Otto from Swift Engineering, Mrs. N. Tshedu from the Kwa-Nonqaba Meals on Wheels Community Service and Mr. S. Tshikalange from Transnet Port of Mossel Bay.

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