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MECS THUSI AND KAUNDA ANNOUNCE R61 MILLION INVESTMENT IN ROAD UPGRADE AND MULTI-PURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITY IN MANDENI

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, together with the MEC for Social Development, Mrs. Weziwe Thusi, handed over to contractors to upgrade main road P415 and officially opened new social development offices as part of service delivery to improve socio-economic development in Mandeni.

Addressing an estimated 4 000 excited members of the public, Kaunda said the upgrade of main road P415 will boost the tourism and agriculture industries in the area.

"The Mandeni area, and the Ilembe District, are experiencing an increase in economic activity, especially in the tourism and agriculture sectors, which are strategic growth sectors for the province. The expansion of main road P415 which goes over to Tugela Mouth and connects to the national N2 route. Furthermore, the construction of the road at R45 million investment will help create 60 direct jobs and enable the transfer of skills, and once completed after two years will improve access to schools, clinics and other amenities," said Kaunda.

The newly built, R16 million one-stop Social Development offices offer, among others, early childhood development, elderly care HIV and Aids support services, care and support to families, child care, substance abuse support.

"It has been a long road for the people of Mandeni as they had to endure being serviced by an office that was not well-equipped. We also thank our employees who had to work under very trying conditions, as they used to operate in facilities with no proper sanitation facilities. The structure we are handing over today will go a long way towards ensuring provision of good quality services to the people," said Thusi.

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