



MOTSEPE MILLIONS TO UPLIFT MANY

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THE Motsepe Foundation has made available R12million for the Free State out of the R500million which has been allocated to the country by the foundation for the next three to five years.

As announced earlier, the Motsepe Foundation will allocate R500million over the next three to five years throughout the country to initiate and support long-term sustainable development and upliftment projects in partnership with local residents and their communities.

According to Patrice Motsepe, the chairperson and founder of the foundation, the Thabo Mofutsanyana District and Mangaung Metro will share the donated millions with each receiving R6million.

He announced this when he was addressing hundreds of people who had gathered at the Tshiya Resource Centre in Phuthaditjhaba, Qwaqwa, last Tuesday.

The R500million will be split like this: R100million each for education, women co-operatives and businesses, youth co-operatives, SME's and businesses, sports, music and arts, in partnership with churches, traditional authorities, workers and other charitable and community development organisations.

Motsepe said they wanted to build the Thabo Mofutsanyana Motsepe Foundation Forum in Qwaqwa. He added that they would work with them to make sure that they reduce poverty and unemployment in the district.

"If you check the level of poverty and unemployment, you realise the money was not enough because there are too many people. So we took that R6million and invited other business people to help," he said.

He said they wanted their forum and the one which is going to be built to meet and chat on how to allocate the money which was made available for the district.

"We are going to help all the provinces in the country. However, we can't help all people but if we work together as businesspeople, we can make a difference in the lives of our people. With the little that we have, we should help one another to create jobs for our people. Our youth are sitting at home because they are unemployed," he said.

Balekile Mzangwa, the executive mayor of the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, said it was a great honour and privilege for the people of the Thabo Mofutsanyana District to be granted such a rare opportunity to form a partnership with one of South Africa's successful black businessman towards the advancement of their lives.

"We gladly accept the initiative taken by the foundation to lend help to our communities in order to be able to emerge from the ashes of poverty and doldrums of despair," he said.

"As we welcome the foundation in our district, we strongly believe that the path we shall chart here today will take us to a long lasting relationship, which will see our community benefiting and ultimately being able to sustain itself," Mzangwa concluded.

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