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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Gauteng government to launch mobile showers for the homeless**

17 April 2024

Gauteng Premier, Panyaza Lesufi and MEC for Social Development, Agriculture, Rural Development, and Environment, will on Friday, 19 April 2024 unveil mobile showers for homeless people in Johannesburg.

The provincial government is responding to the growing number of homeless people in the province, by amongst others: linking them to our shelters, providing them with daily warm meals, family reunification and various social work interventions. To add to the basket of services, the province will now provide mobile showers to ensure hygiene and health for the homeless.

The mobile wash bus services will be located in parks, open areas, under bridges, and on streets where the homeless community often reside. Targeting those who refuse to be reunited with their families or placed within our shelters.

“Addressing homelessness is one of our provincial priorities. And whilst we do much to reunify those on the streets with their families or place others within our shelters, some refuse to leave the streets and in this regard we must have services readily available to them.

“In addition to the daily warm meals we provide them, the wash buses will help us to ensure their hygiene and health. As the Premier indicated, “Sine crush no lova” and the Gauteng government is prioritising those who need government services the most. The poor and vulnerable amongst us,” said MEC Hlophe.

#### **The media is invited to the launch that is scheduled as follows:**

Date: 19 April 2024

Time: 11H00

Venue: Wembley Stadium, Turffontein, Johannesburg

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