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MINISTER MOTSHEKGA AND FAMILY HAVE NO INVLOVEMENT IN COVID-19 TENDER PROCUREMENT

Basic Education Minister Mrs Angie Motshekga (MP) has noted with utter dismay false news that has been making rounds on various social media platforms alleging the involvement of Dr Mathole Motshekga in the production of sanitizers to schools. The allegations are absolutely not true and totally malicious.

Dr Mathole Motshekga, husband to Minister Angie Motshekga does not own, or plan to own a factory that produces or supplies sanitizers or personal protective equipment to schools. In his own right, Dr Motshekga is a politician and a long-standing Member of Parliament. Dr Motshekga is a Professor of Laws and Political Science recognized by many prestigious universities in the country. He spends his time reading, writing and giving local and international lectures on African Heritage, Laws and Political Science. Dr Motshekga is also a Member of Parliament serving as Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Section 25 on Expropriation of Land.

Further allegations that the Kara Heritage Institute which Dr Motshekga founded sells books to schools is a blatant lie. The Institute is not a commercial business and has no interest whatsoever in making business with Government, let alone the Department of Basic Education. These allegations made against Dr Motshekga, which attempt to link Minister Angie Motshekga to corruption regarding the COVID-19 tender procurement for sanitizers are desperate and far-fetched lies that should be ignored.

Minister Motshekga condemns all forms of corruption, and has repeatedly made the point that having an education is the only way to reverse poverty. "Schools do not only provide an education, but is an important institution that provides for the holistic well-being of children. Long absence from school puts younger children at a high risk of social decadence and delinquent behaviours such as crime, drug addiction and unplanned pregnancies, hence it is important to keep children in school for as long as possible."

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