

## NYDA LAUNCHES NEW FULL-SERVICE BRANCH IN ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



NYDA Executive Chairperson Sfiso Mtshweni and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor, Julia Mathebe during the cutting of a ribbon which marked the official opening of the NYDA Groblersdal Centre

**GROBLERSDAL** - In move to ensure young people in Sekhukhune get access to products and services the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) offers, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) in partnership with the agency opened an NYDA Centre in Groblersdal.

The initiative aims to meaningfully benefit rural young people through varied developmental interventions relating to skills and economic development as well as national youth service.

Located on Van Riebeek Street at EMLM offices, Commando, the centre brings with it a training centre including entrepreneurial training, NSFAS administration full WIFI hotspot. Julia Mathebe, EMLM Mayor, said measures were in place to guard against individual use of the centre and vandalism.

“We have youth officers who are expected to make frequent reports to my office on the running of the centre and security personnel to guard against vandalism and all factors that might seem bent towards derailing the services of the centre,” said Mathebe.

The Mayor said as the local municipality they had taken an effort to avail the offices to the NYDA and that it was equally important to see the journey through in order ensure youth accessed the agency’s services and products to better lives.

“Following engagement with communities, we realised the need for youth to access services of NYDA, which they could not in the area. Through availing the space, we backed the NYDA to come closer to young people as a decision taken through council resolution,” added Mathebe.

Mathebe concluded youth ought to come in and utilise the services of the fully fledged centre and that with the kind of services the NYDA offers, circumstances of young people were set for change.

Sfiso Mtshweni, NYDA Executive Chairperson, said there had been an outcry from youth in rural areas townships about the difficulty in accessing NYDA.

“The youth complained they only saw the NYDA on televisions and newspapers but could not access it. In Limpopo there is one office in Polokwane which is supposed to cater for all young people. NYDA decided to open 17 new centres,” said Mtshweni.

The Executive Chairperson said the Groblersdal centre in particular would cater for Sekhukhune youth with specific focus on Groblersdal area.

“Another access point is envisaged for Jane Furse as part of the programme to increase NYDA services and products accessibility, concluded Mtshweni.

