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ESHOWE GETS NEW SPORTS FACILITIES

The Department of Sport and Recreation is set to begin with the building of a major sports field Mavumengwane named after an adjacent secondary school in the Mbongolwane area in Ward 4, Eshowe under Umlalazi Local Municipality.

This was announced by the MEC for Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation, Mrs. Ntombikayise Sibhidla-Saphetha at a sod turning ceremony on Saturday, 6 February, where the constructor for the facilities was also introduced to the community.

MEC Sibhidla-Saphetha was accompanied by Uthungulu District Mayor Zanele Mchunu, Umlalazi Councilors and Department of Education Wards Managers.

Announcing the project, she said the facility in the rural area will not only consist of a football field, but it will also comprise of netball courts and an athletics track as well as ablution facilities. Construction is expected to take about eight months.

The building of community facilities is part of the Department of Sport and Recreation's mandate to avail opportunities for sport development in previously disadvantaged communities, including rural areas to level the playing fields. The Department is also rolling out the outdoor gyms to encourage people to adopt healthy lifestyles and to be active in order to prevent lifestyle diseases and obesity.

The MEC's visit began with the handover of an outdoor gym at King Dinuzulu Township in Ward 12. She also opened a School Combo Court, a multi-sport facility in Ward 4, a stone's throw away from the proposed Mavumengwane Sports field.