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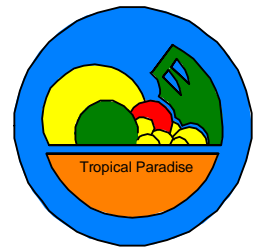
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **GTM BUILDS NEW SPORTS CENTRE IN RUNNYMEDE**

Proper sport facilities were previously reserved for urban areas. People living in villages were forced to settle for dusty sport fields to enjoy sport but that is slowly changing in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality (GTM).

The municipality is rolling out a programme to build sports facilities in rural communities. It started in Julesburg Village (Julesburg Stadium) and through the FIFA Legacy project an artificial football pitch was laid in Burgersdorp Village. A multipurpose sports centre which boasts soccer and netball pitches complete with artificial turfs was built Nkwankowa Section C. The centre was officially opened by Mayor Dikeledi Mmetle on 22 April 2016.

Now the Greater Tzaneen Municipality has committed R28 million on a multipurpose sport centre currently under construction in Runnymede Village. The sports centre which will boast both an indoor and outdoor sports fields will benefit thousands living in and around Runnymede. The sport centre which will boast a 1200 meters of palisade fencing will have a standard football pitch with standard size running tracks around. Both the field and the running tracks will be provided with specialized grass. The centre will also boast a concrete pavilion or grand stands with roofing.

Also included in the centre is a multipurpose hall to be used for indoor games such as basketball, volleyball and netball. The hall will also house pavilions on the sides as well as ablution facilities. In the outside and adjacent to the football pitch, the centre will boast basketball, volleyball, netball and tennis courts. These will be constructed in combos to reduce space and costs. Since grass will be used in the soccer field boreholes will be drilled for irrigation purposes. Participants using the facility will also have access to change rooms equipped with showrooms, lockers and shower benches. Ablution facilities will be provided for both players and spectators.

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