



#### MAYOR MARIPE MANGENA DONATES WHEELCHAIRS IN MAVELE AND RAMOTSHINYADI

Mayor Maripe Mangena donated two wheelchairs to two elderly men, one in Mavele Village and another in Ramotshinyadi Village. The two elderly men have both lost their mobility due to illness. In Mavele Village, 72-year-old Thompson Ngwenya said that he lost his ability to walk and now relied on his grandson to basic things that he used to do on his own. He welcomed the gift from the Mayor and also pleaded with the Mayor for a new Ventilated Pit Latrine which is user-friendly to people with disability.

In Ramotshinyadi Village, Gilbert Machete, also on his 70s was relieved to finally get his wheelchair. Machete says that he used to crawl to the pit latrine almost 100 meters from the main house. He said the Mayor's intervention will make things a lot easier for him.

Jonas Mathebula, a key lobbyist for the disabled who sits in local, district and Provincial disability forums said, "The Greater Tzaneen Municipality takes matters of people living with disability serious. Mathebula the GTM was the best in addressing disability issues pointing out to the newly installed lift in the main municipality building.

Mayor Maripe Mangena said that the programme to assist with wheelchairs was made possible by good Samaritans. He called on businesses and individuals to come on board and assist the cause.