

Speaking notes for AfriSam CSI Project for deployed Councillor – eThekwini Municipality

- **Greetings,**
- All protocols,
- Ladies and gentlemen,
- Sanibonani,

We thank you for inviting us to be part of your program. On behalf of Mayor Zandile Gumede and people of eThekwini, we appreciate the work you doing for this community.

- President Ramaphosa made a call earlier this year to South Africans to be responsible citizens by heeding a call of Thuma Mina.
- Thuma Mina is about asking yourself what can I do for my community instead of what can your community do for you. It is about encouraging giving instead of receiving.
- We are all called to build and empower one another to be better people. when we give our time and talent for the development of our people our fortunes multiply.
- We must learn from previous leaders such as President Nelson Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu our struggle champions.
- Besides fighting apartheid and making big speeches, these two leaders contributed towards development of their communities. What is common between them is their role towards developing of children.
- The appreciate AfriSam for the work they have been doing toward development of this community especially the youth. Investing in the youth is investing in the future.

- President Mandela once said: **"As we set about building a new South Africa, one of our highest priorities must be our children. The vision of a new society that guides us should already be manifest in the steps we take to address the wrong done to our youth and to prepare for their future. Our actions and policies, and the institutions we create, should be eloquent with care, respect and love."**
- Such facilities and other amenities are important for the development of youth in our communities. These will ensure that young people are not involved in drugs and are not victims of social ills.
- We encourage AfriSam to cast its nets wider and reach other communities around eThekweni, especially in townships and rural areas.
- We appreciate this moment and hope the community will take a good care of this facility. We must protect this and ensure that nobody steals public facilities. No one has a right of burning or destroying our facilities no matter how angry that person is.
- Let's build a health society and love our bodies. Let's take a good care of health, check our status (HIV, TB or Diabetics). Take your medication, exercise and eat well.
- I thank you!