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## DSACR MOURNS PASSING ON OF ESTEEMED WORDSMITH – MME SUZAN LIMAKATO SEFATSA

It is with shock and sorrow that the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) has learnt of the passing on of Mme Suzan Limakatso Sefatsa, a highly celebrated Sesotho writer and educator. She departed on 27 June 2021 at the age of 90. Mme Sefatsa was born in Senekal (Matwabeng) in a little village called Lebabalasi, on the 29th of September in 1930. She was a published author and member of MoabSesotho Writers Organization.

Through the MACUFE-WordFest, Mme Sefatsa was honoured by DSACR for the impeccable role she played in the development of literature in our country. DSACR further honoured her in 2015 by renaming the erstwhile Matwabeng Public Library to Suzan Limakatso Sefatsa Public Library.

From 1950 to 1952, she studied for her Teachers' qualification at the Strydom College which was then in Bloemfontein where Pelonomi Hospital is now. In 1953, she started to work as a teacher. In 1970, she became the Principal of the Lejweleputswa Primary School in Meadowlands, Gauteng. Mme Sefatsa's parents as well as her husband, Ntate Sefatsa, have since passed away. She then moved to Senekal and in 1986 became a teacher in Senekal.

As a writer, Mme Sefatsa was a Secretary of the writers' organisation called Lekgotla la Sesotho le Ikemetseng la Bangodi (LESIBA). She was also a member of the Sesotho Language Body. Her contribution to the wealth of Sesotho books came in the form of a drama book called *Pakiso*, published by Educum in 1979. Some of her other books include *Makomo* and a series of grammar books for Standard Three, Four and Five, which she wrote with Mr

Khotseng. These series are called *Mphatlalatsane* and were published by Juta Printers.

“The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation is truly saddened about the departure of one of our country’s most revered Sesotho writers. Mme Sefatsa was a legendary figure whom we continued to honour while she was still with us. We call on those she leaves behind to pick up from where she left and continue to develop and promote Sesotho literature. The Department sends its condolences to her family, colleagues, friends and all those who followed her work. May her soul rest in peace” said MEC Limakatso Mahasa.

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