



## **MEQHELENG (FICKSBURG) TORNADO STRICKEN AREA DECLARED A DISASTER AREA**

A special EXCO meeting took place on Wednesday, 05<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Ficksburg to discuss among other issues the destruction that took place in Meqheleng, Zone 8 on Sunday afternoon. The Premier Ace Magashule and the Members of the Executive Council visited the area to assess the damage caused by the tornado, then declared the area disaster area.

All the organization that contributed have expressed their heart-felt condolences to the family of Tjama Nkgekge (9 year old boy) who died when the tornado struck and the walls collapsed and he died instantly.

### **Contributions made:**

- The Free State Provincial Government and Setsoto Local Municipality committed to assist the bereaved family with the burial costs.
- The Department of Social Development distributed food parcels to the families affected and other community based organizations ie. Local churches, local business people and Kwazulu Natal NGO's donated food parcels and blankets.
- The Department of Home Affairs was there to register and assist those that lost their identity documents
- Eskom came to reconnect the electricity



*mother of the 9 year old boy who died during the tornado that struck  
Meqheleng (Ficksburg)*



*One of the affected community  
member who also received food*



*The KZN NGO giving food parcels to the Nkgekge family*



*Department of Home Affairs registering people who lost their document during the tornado*



*Eskom reinstalling electric cables destroyed during the tornado*



*Premier Ace Magashule with the ECXO members visit the Nkgekge Family*