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MEDIA ADVISORY

DEPARTMENT HOSTS THE 2021 RURAL CHILDREN'S SUMMIT IN THE CHRIS HANI DISTRICT, EASTERN CAPE

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, will be hosting the annual Rural Children's Summit in the Christ Hani District Municipality, under the theme; Let us protect children during COVID-19 and beyond.

The summit will be attended by 100 children between the ages of 8 and 15 from local municipalities of the Chris Hani District Municipality. Various activities are planned for the two-day summit, including the handover of schools supplies to the youth.

South African rural children face additional challenges which are inherent in rural communities, including poverty and underdevelopment. In addition to this, some are forced to bear the responsibility of heading entire households, thus making it difficult for them to participate meaningfully in their schooling and to enjoy their childhood.

This Summit builds on this year's National Child Protection Week which was commemorated earlier this month under the theme; Let us protect children during COVID-19 and beyond.

The 2021 Rural Children's Summit will see a convergence of governmental and non governmental stakeholders with the aim of providing support to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children, the majority of whom are from among the country's poorest households.

Members of media are invited to cover the summit as follows:

Date: 12 – 13June 2021

Time: 10H00

Venue: Victoria Manor- Queenstown

For **RSVP** and further information regarding the event, kindly contact the following official:

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