



Mayor Moeketsi Moshodi, MEC Sisi Ntombela, Kwanda coach Aaron and Kwanda Kwakwatsi members.

Photo by Noluvuyo Mkhetho

Project's mahala turns to millions!

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THEY started as a small group of volunteers ... working for mahala ... now they have won a million bucks!

They have won the *Kwanda* TV series grand prize of R1 million in the competition that was broadcast on SABC1.

And they are a team of youths from Kwakwatsi near Koppies in the Free State.

Nkgono Choni (22) said they started the project by volunteering. She said when they started there were only a 100 volunteers. Then some of them gave up, saying they were not gaining anything from the project.

Nkgono said they started off by making gardens for the poor and cleaning graveyards and streets.

They entered the *Kwanda* competition then won the grand prize of R1 million!

"Today Ya rona *Kwanda* in Kwakwatsi has 2 000 workers and the rate of unemployment and poverty is very low. The Department of Social Development donated R800 000 to keep on doing our good job," Nkgono said.

Free State Premier Ace Magashule joined the party and expressed his joy with the people in celebrating Kwakwatsi's *Kwanda* victory. He said *Kwanda* belongs to Koppies and the province.

Magashule said small towns like Kwakwatsi need to be redeveloped and the government's plan is to make RDP houses with bathrooms, tile roofs and ceilings.

He thanked Ngwathe Municipality for the hard work they are doing.

