

Executive Mayor calls for joint efforts to improve spending on grants

Municipal officials should not frustrate service providers with payment delays on work done, the Executive Mayor said this while meeting with service providers as well as officials from the engineering services department.

Joined by MMC Malatji of infrastructure and MMC Sefufi responsible for water services, the Executive Mayor met with the service providers at the Disaster Management Centre on Tuesday morning. He said that contractors and engineers were key stakeholders in ensuring that the municipality delivers on its mandate of providing water and sanitation. He said service providers who have done work and there is proper paperwork must be paid within 3 days. "I don't want to receive calls that you are frustrating service providers. When we frustrate service providers, we are equally frustrating our people."

The Executive Mayor said that improved working relations will assist the municipality to improve its spending on grants. "By June 30th we should have used all the money government has given us to spend on behalf of our people. Help us to manage our cash flow. We want to spend money so fast, and the only way to spend this money that government has allocated to us is when your work is also faster and concluded on time. If you are able to work faster, you won't need to bring a fraudulent invoice."

"We have given you this task of providing water and sanitation because we have a sense that you can do it. You must be focused, committed, dedicated. Do your work, finish it on time and get out of site, so our people can use that infrastructure," the Executive Mayor said.

He also urged engineers to ensure that contractors do quality work, saying "We want to implore u as engineers to ensure there is quality assurance on the work done by our contractors. We are depended on you on quality assurance," he said.



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