



MDM HOSTS ITS BATHO PELE DAY EVENT IN MARULENG MUNICIPALITY

Mopani District Municipality celebrated its Batho Pele Day at Makgaung community hall in the Maruleng local Municipality on Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

MDM's MMC for governance and shared services, Cllr. Lucky Mohlala presented the district citizen's report. He also addressed the people on behalf of the Executive Mayor, saying access to quality public services is no longer a privilege for a few.

"Through the sweat, blood and the sustained sacrifices of our forebears, access to public services is a rightful expectation of all of our people. We have put in place systems to ensure that we are a government that is open, transparent, and accountable," he said.

MMC Mohlala said that much ground has been covered in ensuring access to services for people, especially in the rural areas. He said the democratic government introduced the Thusong Service Centre Programme, targeting in the main the underserved communities.

"We came here in Maruleng and introduced the Maruleng Thusong Service Centre at Metz village. And indeed, through that centre our people have access to integrated basic services as well as information closer to where they live," he said.

"It was this democratic government that introduced the Imbizo programme. The imbizo programme seeks to promote increased unmediated dialogue between government and our people. We are now implementing this programme at all levels of our democratic government, including at the level of wards as led by ward councillors," he said.

He also said elected public office bearers also had a bigger role to play in promoting the batho pele principles, saying "Batho Pele is not just about the frontline staff in our offices, it's also about us as leaders. We have a responsibility to promote and champion these principles"

