



**Mopani District  
Municipality**

# MDM TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION ON INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

The Mopani District Municipality will pay special attention on infrastructure maintenance during the 2023/24 financial year – the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi revealed this during his State of the District Address on Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at the Giyani community hall.

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality has moved some meters in reducing the backlog on water provision, delivering his speech under the theme: “our renewed commitment to accelerate service delivery and build the District’s economy.”

He said that 25% of the R2,1 billion budget in the 2023/24 financial year will be utilized to continue with infrastructure projects on water and wastewater, building from the achievements of the previous financial year. “More and more of our people now have water closer to where they reside.”

“We are steadfast in our commitment to the social contract as entered into with our people in the context of the fifth democratic local government. And we remember vividly the resounding message delivered by our people that of building better communities together.”

The Executive Mayor hailed the progress made on the Giyani water Project, saying “water from Nandoni has finally reached the Giyani Water Works through the canal, reigniting hope for our people. We have started with the project to refurbish the water treatment works. We have also started with work to reticulate water to the first 24 villages as part of phase 1 of the project. We will proceed with the second phase targeting 31 villages.”

He said special attention will be paid on refurbishment and maintenance of existing infrastructure. “We have set aside R28 million from the maintenance budget to target special areas we have identified as in critical need of maintenance, and this would include Mokgoba Sewer in Modjadjiskloof,” he said.

He also said the Municipality is working around meeting its obligations on the repayments of historic debts to both Lepelle Northern Water and the Department of Water and Sanitation. “We are budgeting R61 million towards servicing the historic debt we have with both LNW and DWS, which constitute 2,8% of the 2023/24 budget.

“We are aware of the limitations that exist around income generation, but we still need to live up to the expectations of our people. We have committed to choose options that maximize service delivery than opulence,” the Executive Mayor said.



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## SODA IN NUMBERS :

200	Work opportunities to be created through the raising of the Tzaneen Dam Wall Project
1715	Boreholes in the District
5858	VIP toilets constructed during the 2022/23 financial year.
180	SMMEs participated in the Pop-Up Market Campaign.
36	Businesses of young people received grants worth R1,6 million from NYDA.
2604	Young people reached through training programmes led by the NYDA.
2797	EPWP jobs created during the 2022/23 financial year.
54	Fire awareness campaigns
1128	Incidences responded to by the MDM Fire and Rescue Unit.
195	Structural fire reported.
100	Young people trained in partnership with EWSTA on water and wastewater reticulation.
70	Informal traders trained and awarded vouchers in partnership with the Wholesale Retail SETA.
50	Learners undergoing training through AgriSETA
110	Development applications processed by the Municipal Planning Tribunals.
51	Approved initiation schools in the district.