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## THE MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY JOINS THE WORLD IN CELEBRATING THE MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY.

The Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale, councillors and the entire staff members joined the world in commemorating the life of Tata Nelson Mandela. The 18th of July 2018 has been characterised by a number of activities in the Greater Giyani Municipality. The day started at Pfunanani Special School where the executive mayor and staff members embarked on a cleaning campaign. The Executive Mayor who addressed the school management and the district's employees highlighted the importance of continuously giving support to the special school.



**“The Nelson Mandela International Day calls for everyone across the globe, to stand up and make a difference, change the lives of others by giving a hand in spending at least 67 minutes to improve the lives of other people in the society”** said the Executive Mayor. Rakgoale says the municipality's participation on the day is also an honour to a call made by President Cyril Ramaphosa who urged all South Africans, especially government employees to respond to the **THUMA MINA CAMPAIGN** and ensure there is improved service delivery to communities.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale and her entourage proceeded to Nsavulani village, still in the same Greater Giyani Municipality to restore dignity to the Makamu family. The Executive Mayor officially handed over an ablution facility to Tatana Khazamula Makamu and his family as part of celebrating the Nelson Mandela International Day. The current environment, will enable Makamu who is an amputee to have an easy success to the ablution facility with his wheelchair.







The dire situation that Makamu was previously living under, prompted him to build his own toilet, which is in an appalling condition with no privacy. The Executive Mayor and the MMCs dedicated 100 minutes of their time in painting the newly built ablution facility. **"I want to take this opportunity and express my disappointment on people who are using social media and other platforms to criticise government, saying that we are celebrating the handing over of toilets. To us, today's activities here at Nsavulani village is about restoring dignity to Tatana Makamu who is wheelchair bound. Our visit to this family also enables us to identify some challenges that the Makamu's are faced with on a daily basis. We will also engage the relevant departments to also come on board as you can see that the family needs a house and other basic amenities."** said the executive mayor. The Mandela International Day activities will also be taken to other local municipalities as the year 2018 marks the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela.





# Before



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## Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure department launches the EPWP Forum in Mopani.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure has launched the Mopani District Municipality's EPWP Forum which will see thousands of jobs created in all the five local municipalities on the 19th of July 2018. The District Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale has delivered a keynote address on behalf of MEC Nandi Ndalane. She has called on councillors and local municipalities to ensure that there's transparency in the employment of beneficiaries. This as community squabbles have been identified as some of the challenges that are hampering the smooth running of EPWP in many instances.



"Let me indicate that 81797 job opportunities have been created for the previous financial year provincially and 3392 were created in Mopani and at its five local municipalities" said the Executive Mayor.

The district's EPWP Coordinator Samson Maunatlala who also attended the launch held in the Mopani's Banquet hall says 971 people have already been employed across the district since the 1st of July 2018. Officials from the national and provincial departments made presentations on the progress made and also highlighted the challenges that the program is faced with. The Greater Giyani municipality mayor Cllr Sasavona Mathebula and her Maruleng local municipality counterpart Cllr Happy Thobejane witnessed the launch.

The Director for Planning and Development Faith Maboya, Acting Director Office of the Executive Mayor Pat Twala and the Speaker Wireless Sedibeng were among the dignitaries who attended the launch.







## NINETEEN NEWLY APPOINTED EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN A TWO DAY INDUCTION WORKSHOP HELD IN TZANEEN.

**T**he nineteen newly appointed Mopani District Municipality employees have attended a two-day induction programme held at the Tzaneen disaster management centre from the 19th to the 20th of July 2018. The nineteen employees are mainly fire fighters who are based at stations in the five local municipalities of the district. When delivering his welcome address, the Acting Director for Cooperate Services Thomas Mukharhi has asked the new employees to feel at home in their new positions and working environment as quickly as possible so as to allow them to contribute effectively to the organisation. Acting director Mukharhi reminded the inductees to always remember that they are the ambassadors of the Mopani District Municipality at all times. The fire fighters were mainly employed to ensure that there's speedy reaction to accident scenes and when disaster hit where our communities are residing. The newly appointed Deputy Manager for Communications Witness Tiva and the coordinator for EPWP Samson Maunatlala were among the 19 employees who were inducted.

The employees were taken on board on Human Resources, Skills Development, policies and legislations that are governing municipalities. Representatives from medical aid schemes and two pension funds also made their presentations to help the new employees to make informed decisions when choosing their benefits.

The induction was also aimed at highlighting to the employees how they are expected to conduct themselves as guided by the policy of the institution. The new employees who interacted with the presenters used the opportunity to get seek clarity on what they have already experienced since they joined the Mopani District Municipality.

