

# EXECUTIVE MAYOR IMPLORES EMERGING FARMERS TO EMBRACE DROUGHT RESILIENT STRATEGIES



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi says he is encouraged to see more young people taking interest in agriculture, which is a key sector in the economic growth of the district, but he has also urged them to embrace drought resilient strategies to mitigate the challenge of climate change.

The Executive Mayor delivered the keynote address at the graduation ceremony of 25 subsistence farmers who participated in the SALGA-AgriSETA learnership program.

His remarks comes on the backdrop of the drought that has hit the district. Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba has already announced that the provincial government is formally engaging national government to declare Mopani and Vhembe districts as disaster areas.

The Municipality, together with the Water Research Commission will be hosting a two-day dialogue from 22 – 23 October, which will be a platform to share knowledge, experiences and innovation in rural water supply. The key focus and emphasis will be on the importance of supported self-supply.

