

EXECUTIVE MAYOR OUTLINES PRIORITIES FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR AS HE DELIVERS SODA



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The Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi has used his State of the District Address to outline plans around expanding water infrastructure provision, improve road infrastructure, drive economic growth, and break the stranglehold of unfunded budget.

Addressing a packed Tivumbeni EMPC hall on Wednesday 24 July, the Executive Mayor said the Municipality is forging ahead with the programme of building better communities together – one community at a time.

He said that the refurbishment of the Giyani Water Treatment Works project was complete, with some communities already receiving water. The plant is now able to produce 28, 5 megalitres of treated water every day. The estimated water loss is down to around five percent, from 17 and 20% before the refurbishment.

“The completion of phase 1 of this project Madam Speaker is set for completion in the coming weeks. More than 35 thousands households should have water direct in their homes when this project is complete. We will be implementing phase 2 not so long to cover the remaining 31 villages in Giyani. Work to find lasting solution in Middle Letaba is continuing.



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He said the Municipality has set aside R143 million to continue with work to cover the 28 villages as part Phase 3 of the Tours Water Reticulation Project. Lephephane Water Project is also continuing, he said. The Sekgosese Water Project in Greater Letaba Municipality will also continue, including the Rotterdam Manyunu Project.

“In Maruleng, we have a budget of R5, 5 million for the Kampersrus and Scortia Water Supply. The biggest project in Maruleng Municipality is the Mametja-Sekororo Regional Bulk Water Scheme Project. This project which is worth around R1, 1 billion, will upon completion deliver water to 28 villages direct from the Mametja Sekororo Water Works. We are concluding supply chain processes on Phase 2A which is set to target Botswana, Molalane, London, Worcester, Enable, Ga-Mametja, Mabins A & B, as well as Sedawa. This phase will be funded with a budget of R501 million,” he said.

The Executive Mayor said that the Moshupatsela farm, which has been lying fallow for years, will soon be productive. “Moshupatsela, has for the past decade-and-half been an Achilles heel for successive councils, but the fifth council is on the doorstep of a breakthrough.

“We will be implementing the Moshupatsela Agri-PV initiative to drive food security. Through this initiative, we will incrementally support the district’s economic commodities, starting with avocados and poultry, but also include solar energy generation,” he said.

He said the Municipality has signed a memorandum of understanding with Limpopo Connexion, a subsidiary of LEDET. “Through this partnership, we look to accelerate the rollout of broadband infrastructure to all our communities in the district. The aim is to increase internet connectivity to our people, which is key to economic development, and responding to the demands of the fourth industrial revolution,” the Executive Mayor said.





The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition working through the Limpopo Development Agency has allocated R49 million for the revitalization project of the Nkowankowa Industrial Park. He said the Municipality is continuing with water development plans to ensure construction of separate lines to support farmers in business including the much-anticipated Dan City.

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality “has committed to an elusive and very complex journey towards a funded budget. For the first time in the more than a decade our unfunded budget is affordable.

“We have signed affordable repayment agreements with DWS and Lepelle Northern Water. Arising from this new repayment agreement, millions in interests were written off. As a result, our combined debt to both these institutions has reduced to under R400 million from over R1 billion, just three years ago. We are taking advantage of Lepelle Debt Relief Grant, which if successful, will see the entire debt extinguished and we start from new slate,” he said.

