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**MDM TO ONCE AGAIN INVITE
SMMES TO APPLY FOR**

SUPPORT FUND



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Editor's Note

We have come to the end of the third of this 2021/22 financial year. It has indeed been an eventful quarter. The fifth democratic local government administration has just concluded its first 100 days in office. So, we will be able to reflect on the journey travelled thus far.

So we hosted a media briefing where the Executive Mayor reported on the progress made by the Fifth Democratic Administration. In this edition, we are able to report on some of these activities, including the handover of vouchers to thirty SMMEs. The Executive Mayor has committed that the LED unit will lead awareness campaigns to reach out to as many SMMEs as possible as we move to the next round of applications.

We are also reporting on the handover of service providers for the township establishment programme. The programme is key ensuring that we have integrated human settlement where people will reside in areas closer to economic opportunities.

We still wish to invite members of the public to engage with us on how best we can make our communications platforms more interactive. It is only through engagements that we are able to get a sense of where we need to improve as a municipality, especially on the information needs.

"We reaffirm our commitment to a programme of heightened awareness campaign on No violence against women and children. It is a campaign that should be embedded in our everyday life."
Executive Mayor on the fight against gender-based violence

"Air pollution poses one of the greatest threats not only to our health, but also to the climate here in the district, South Africa and the entire globe."
Executive Mayor when leading the Air Quality Awareness Campaign.

"The campaign is also key in encouraging our people in the district to purchase locally produced products and services in support of our SMMEs, and contribute to job creation. It's also an important networking platform for our SMMEs and cooperatives who are able to learn best practices from each other." – Executive Mayor on the Pop-up Market Campaign.

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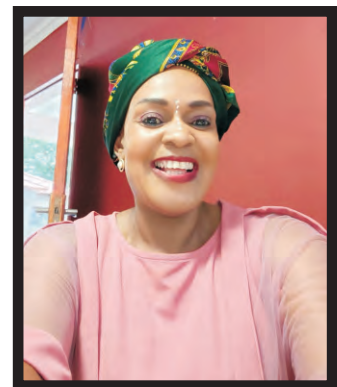
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S DESK



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

It has been two years since the first covid-19 case was reported here in South Africa. We have seen four successive waves of this deadly virus, which have claimed many lives of our people. It has worsened the socio-economic conditions of our people. The poor and marginalized remain the worst affected by this pandemic.

But even under these difficult conditions, emboldened by the continued support from our people, we remain fully focused on the work ahead of us. It is a commitment we made to our people on Friday, November 26. We have concluded the first 100 days of the fifth democratic local government Administration, and we had an

opportunity to reflect on the progress made in the context of our programme of building better communities together.

We have put in a lot of effort in reaching out to SMMEs over the past few months to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. We have awarded vouchers to thirty SMMEs - this in the categories of agriculture, tourism, trade and manufacturing. We have hosted two Pop-up Market campaigns in the past four months. The inaugural campaign was hosted in the Greater Giyani Municipality in December, and the most recent was held last month at the Tzaneen Crossing Mall here in Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

We are hosting this campaign in partnership with the Small Enterprise Development Agency (seda). It's their concept which we have fully embraced at this level. In the main, through mall activations, the campaign seeks to assist our SMMEs and cooperatives to take their services and products closer to where people are. At least 101 SMMEs have participated in the campaign so far, and working with Seda we are looking to support them through training.

The campaign is also key in encouraging our people in the district to purchase locally produced products and services in support of our SMMEs, and contribute to job creation. It's also an important networking platform for our SMMEs and cooperatives who are able to learn best practices from each other.

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Together with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), we hosted a business opportunity workshop for SMMEs. At least 60 SMMEs attended and were trained on opportunities in recycling and value chain.

Working with SANDF and the Department of Agriculture, we have launched the Koba-Tlala Campaign here in the district. Through this project, the SANDF will procure agricultural produce from local commercial and small-scale farmers. Central collection points have been established in the five local municipalities where SANDF will collect the agricultural product.

We have appointed and handed over service providers for the township establishment projects in Xihoko, Mavele, Ben Farm C, Dumazi and Selwana. This we do to meet the demand for residential and business sites from our people. Uncoordinated human settlements impede our capacity as government to deliver adequately to the needs of our people. Therefore, this project is key to our programme of building integrated human settlements where our people will have access to much improved socio-economic opportunities.

But we have also made some breakthroughs in our programme of providing water to communities. We have been to Sasekani, Muhlava, Petangenge and Zanghoma and we are happy with the work carried out as part of the Ritavi II Water Scheme Project, in particular phase 2 of the project. We have drilled a borehole in Zanghoma as a short-term intervention, our people are drinking water there. The completion of phase 2 of the Ritavi II Water Scheme Project should provide a sustainable solution.

We remain worried by cases of theft and vandalism in the district, especially in Maruleng. Our efforts to build a package plant at Muyexe in the Greater Giyani Municipality were frustrated by theft of a transformer. Taps are vandalized in most the ward where we have implemented water projects. It is against that background, that we make a clarion call to all our communities to help safeguard our water infrastructure. Let us continue to join hands in this programme of building better communities together.



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MDM TO ONCE AGAIN INVITE SMMES TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT FUND



Mopani District Municipality will continue to support small businesses to survive and endure the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi revealed when handing over vouchers to 30 SMMEs in Tzaneen on the 13 January 2022.

He said the Municipality will once again invite SMMEs to apply for the support fund, but this will be preceded by a roadshow in all the local municipalities to assist SMMEs to comply with the requirements.

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality had planned to award 100 enterprises agriculture sector with e-vouchers worth R7000 each, 50 enterprises in the tourism sector with e-vouchers worth R15 000 each, and 70 enterprises in the trade and manufacturing with e-vouchers worth R10 000 each, but majority of the applicants failed to meet the requirements.

"Out of this particular experience, we have set aside sufficient resources to support more SMMEs, to bring them into this space so that they are able to recover. We had target 220 SMME, but we have unfortunately fell short of this target as only 30 enterprises have been successful in their applications for the Fund.

"It is for this reason that through the LED office, we will be starting with workshops for our SMMEs to assist them around compliance before we open for another round of applications. This should assist us to reach to more SMMEs with this support fund before the end of the financial year in June," he said.

He said the Municipality is also finalizing the review of its local economic development strategy. "At this level, we have committed to work with our people to rebuild the economy of our district to effectively respond to the challenges posed by covid-19. We are reviewing the local economic development strategy which should in the main, help us adapt to the challenges of the day, with specific focus in supporting the strategic pillars of our district's economy, that is mining, agriculture, tourism as well as trade and manufacturing."

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WORKSHOP

The Mopani District Municipality together with CSIR convened a business opportunity workshop under the theme "connecting industries, creating business opportunities." The workshop was convened at the Ivory Tusk Lodge, on February 22 and attended by 50 SMMEs drawn from the database of strategic entities in the district.

In attendance was also the delegation from the Limpopo Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI). MMC responsible for local economic development (LED) Cllr Nyiko Baloyi said the event was a direct response to what the President said in his SONA speech that it is the task of government to create the conditions to enable the private sector. "And this is the case, whether we like it or not, all over the world. It is when [the] government creates that environment that will enable businesses — both small and big — to emerge, to grow, to access new markets, to create new products and to hire more employees."

The workshop focused on exposing SMMEs to local and national markets also creating proper industrial relations. It further had the following three key focus areas overview of the NCPSCA, training on business opportunities and introduction to ISP.

"I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to mingle and network with other SMME's. The connections made here play a pivotal role in the development and growth of our business," said. Khole Leseilane from Mater Pluviam Holdings



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MDM hosts Disability Indaba Plenary



Mopani District Municipality held a successful Disability Indaba Plenary at Karibu Leisure resorts on the 14th and 15 March 2022 - this under the theme: "Create and Realize an inclusive Society- Upholding rights of persons with disabilities".

The Indaba Plenary was used to reflect on the action plan adopted in the previous Disability Indaba held in 2020, where people living resolved on key issues to advance their interests.

Delegates agreed on the need to strengthen the Disability Development Forum at district and local levels in order to continue with collaboration to provide and coordinate services for persons with disabilities.

Addressing delegates at the Indaba, Cllr Dikeledi Mmetle who is the MMC for community services said structures representing people living with disabilities must not get tired of advocating for their interests even when they get resistance from other sectors.

"We must be preoccupied with the work of advancing the interests of people living with at all structures, including in ward committees and other organs of influence. We have to hold each institution, starting at government level accountable on the employment equity targets," she said.



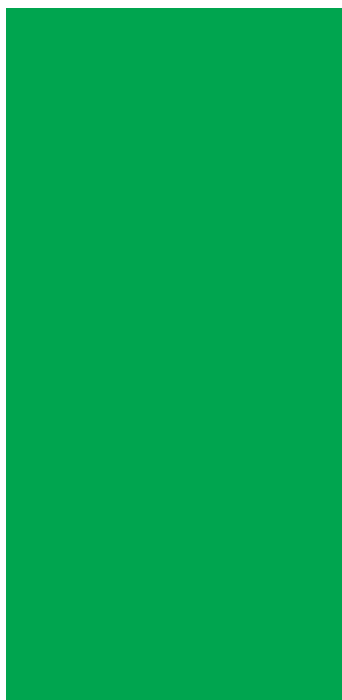
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Tzaneen Pop-Up Market



MMC for local economic development Cllr Nyiko Baloyi, the MMC for Agriculture Cllr Maripe Mangena, Whip of Council Cllr Magdelene Lewele and Cllr Sophy Raganya have joined owners of SMMEs at the Pop-up Market in Tzaneen. The mall activation aims to bring SMMEs closer to the market, and also to encourage people to buy locally produced products.



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PRESIDENT URGES COMMUNITY TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

President Cyril Ramaphosa has urged communities to safeguard public infrastructure. He was addressing community members during his inspection visit at Thakgalane village where government through the National Department of Transport has been constructing a 40km road that will link Mopani District with the Capricorn District Municipality.

The project is a flagship of the department of transport's labour-intensive S'hamba Sonke programme, which was launched in 2011 to address the backlog in road repairs. "We have to look after this infrastructure. The community must be the one that looks after this infrastructure. There are hard-hearted people who go around vandalising public infrastructure. If our communities are going to say not in our names. We are going to defend South Africa at all cost, it not going to happen. This is a public road, it must be looked after by the community and ensure it is well-maintained."



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR INVITE PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR DTT SET-TOP BOXES AS MINISTER SWITCHES OFF ANALOGUE TV



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says households with a combined monthly income of less than R3500 should come forward and apply for the government subsidised set-top boxes as government migrate to digital platforms. The Executive Mayor accompanied the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies Khumbudzo Ntshavheni and when she switched off the last SABC analogue transmitter in Magoebaskloof on 08 February.

"This is an important breakthrough because it means our people will now have access to much clearer pictures on their TV screens, additional TV channels and also access to all SABC radio stations. Our concern has been around issues of content, hence we will lobby the minister for the inclusion of other channels, in particular the Limpopo TV which if properly supported can play that role behind the SABC in feeding our people with fresh, local content. Our concern initially, was that many of people who are eligible to benefit from the set-top boxes may still not have registered, but we are happy that the Minister indicated that the team from the department and Sentech will remain here in the district for the next six months to assist our people. We therefore invite our people to go to their nearest post offices for registration or liaise with community development workers and councillors in their wards."

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LAUNCH OF PROJECT KOBATLALA IN MOPANI



The South African National Defence Force in partnership with the Department of Agriculture launched Project Koba-Tlala in Mopani on 17 February 2022.

Through this project, the SANDF will procure agricultural produce from local commercial and small-scale farmers.

Central collection points have been established in the five local municipalities where SANDF will collect the agricultural products. The MMC for local economic development Cllr Nyiko Baloyi addressed farmers at the launch in Hlohlokwe village, Maruleng Municipality.



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Hand-over of a grader

Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi handed over a grader to Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality on Wednesday 09 March 2022.

The hand-over of graders to local municipalities is aimed at supporting and boosting efforts around road maintenance by local municipalities.

Cllr Victor Rapatsa who is the member of executive committee responsible for Transport represented Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality at the handover ceremony.

Maruleng Municipality will also receive a grader before the end of the current financial year.



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MASHISHIMALE SPORTS COMPLEX IS COMPLETE



Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality Mayor, Cllr Merriam Malatji has announced the completion of Mashishimale Sports Complex which will be handed over to the community on the 25th of February 2022.

Mayor Malatji made the announcement Wednesday, 02 February during a Service Delivery site visit wherein she was visiting various service delivery projects as part of her 100 days in office.

She also added that Selwane Sports Complex is almost complete and the stadium will be ready for public use.

The following are the projects that the Mayor visited today and will be completed in her 100 days in office:

Refurbishment of Lulekani Stadium, Ward 14 stream de-bushing, Rehabilitation of Chris Hani Street, Construction water leakages and repairs in Phalaborwa Town, Lulekani and Namakgale townships, upgrading and repairs of Honeyville culverts, completion and handover of Mashishimale stadium as well as Selwane Stadium, intervention, finalisation and hand over of Tambo Street, Phase 2, Maintenance and repairs of Namakgale Town Hall and Lulekani Town Hall, grading of all soccer fields in the villages, grading of all cemeteries, construction of Benfarm Road, construction of Kanana culverts and rehabilitation of Palesa Road next to Attorney, Sydwell Mathonsi's home.

The Mayor has expressed her satisfaction on the progress made, however, she maintained that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Speaker, Cllr Oliver Mabunda, Chairperson for Technical Services, Cllr Victor Rapatsa, Chairperson for Finance Portfolio, Cllr Richard Makasela, Chairperson for Planning and Development, Cllr Danise Bayana, Chairperson for Corporate Services, Cllr Thompson Nkuna as well as Senior Manager for Technical services, Wisani Baloyi.

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VISION

To be the food basket of Southern Africa and the tourism destination of choice

MISSION

Provide Services to the people and co-ordinate activities of other service providers resulting in the enhancement of sustainable social, physical and economic well being for all

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Vision

"To be the leading municipality in the delivery of quality services for the promotion of socio-economic development"

Mission

To ensure an effective, efficient and economically viable municipality through:

- Promotion of accountable, transparent and consultative and co-operative governance;
- Promotion of local economic development and poverty alleviation;
- Strengthening cooperative governance;
- Provision of sustainable and affordable services and
- Ensuring a compliant, safe and healthy environment.
- To improve the delivery of quality services through the use of smart technology

Slogan
"Maatla go Setšhaba"

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Vision

To be the fastest growing economy in Limpopo, this will ensure access to basic services to every household.

Mission

To exceed our constitutional mandate in delivering developmental services to our people through partnerships with stakeholders.

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Vision

"Best Tourism Destination in Limpopo by 2020"

Mission

- To ensure financial viability, sound administration, and accountable governance for investor attractiveness;
- To render all stakeholders with quality and affordable infrastructure and services for enhancing a safe and better life for all;
- To manage the environment for future sustainable economic growth;
- To build the mining industry for economic growth;
- To position Ba-Phalaborwa as a tourism destination of choice.

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Vision

The Vision of the Maruleng Municipality is to become the powerhouse of socio-economic development through sustainable and integrated agriculture and tourism.

Mission

The Mission statement reads as follows: "Maruleng is committed to the provision of integrated basic services and sustainable infrastructure development in an accountable manner"

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Vision

A municipality where environmental sustainability, tourism and agriculture thrive for economic growth.

Mission

A democratic and accountable municipality that ensure the provision of services through sound environmental management practices, local development and community participation.

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