

## Executive Mayor leads District Cheka Impilo Campaign

The fight against lifestyle diseases is key in reducing the burden on the public health care system, the Executive of Mopani District Municipality, Councillor Pule Shayi has told government officials at the Cheka Impilo Campaign in Giyani.

The Executive Mayor led his mayoral committee team in participating in the campaign which aims to accelerate screening and testing for HIV, TB, STIs and non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. He said that the biggest problem facing South Africa today may not be HIV and TB, but lifestyle diseases such as obesity, diabetes and cholesterol.

“And all of these lifestyle diseases can be prevented if we lead a healthy active lifestyle. Many of us including our children are obese, and it is obesity and lack of physical activity that contribute to the rise of diabetes and hypertension.

“The National Health Insurance will not fail, despite resistance. Our little contribution towards the success of the National Health Insurance will be leading a healthy lifestyle. Physical activity reduces the risks of high blood pressure, heart attack, diabetes, some cancers, and even mental illness. Our reluctance to participate in physical activity may ultimately contribute to the overloading of the public health care system,” said Shayi.

The Executive Mayor said that the massive rollout of the Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) programme has contributed in the increase of the life expectancy of South Africans. “Our province has an estimated four hundred forty-one thousand six hundred seventy-seven (441 677) people who know their HIV status and at least 372 886 on ART.

“We also know that the expansion of our health programme have helped in the prevention of mother-to-child transmission. The infant mortality rate has declined from an estimated 56,5 infant deaths per 1000 live births in 2002 to 22, 1 infant deaths per 1000 live births in 2019. Our target as per the NDP is to reduce it to less than 20 deaths by 2030,” he said.

He said he was worried with the new infections on young women. “Recent statistics paints a picture that says that almost four out of every ten new HIV infections in South Africa occur among females between the ages of 15 and 24. And indeed if we are dig deeper we would find that these infections are caused by older men. Older men who call themselves blessers targeting young girls at high schools and sleep with them without protection. These satanic acts expose our children, our sisters to HIV and STIs.



**Executive Mayor led a campaign of screening and testing during the District Cheka Impilo Campaign in Giyani**



**The Chief Whip of the ruling party in the Mopani District Municipality, Councillor Martha Maswanganyi also had her blood pressure checked.**

**Employees also had fun participating in aerobics**



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## Mopani District Municipality conducts workshop for its drivers

A senior traffic official attached to the Department of Transport and Community Safety has told municipal drivers that good driver behaviour can contribute to improved service delivery

Speaking at the Driver Road Safety Workshop held at the Disaster Management Centre in Tzaneen on Wednesday last week, Vicky Khumalo said that bad driving results in the municipality losing money it would have used on service delivery.

"Government is losing money because of reckless driving on our roads. We can contribute to service delivery by adhering to road safety rules, which will also save the municipality money," said the chief traffic officer.

The workshop organizer, Patrick Maponya who is the Occupational Health and Safety Officer said that the workshop was aimed at changing driver behaviour and to educate all municipal drivers on road traffic legislation and enforcement.

"In terms of statistics, we know and understand that our country has one of the worst road safety records in the world, losing over 40 people a day to traffic crashes, with a further 20 being left permanently disabled and several hundred suffering serious injuries. Most of these crashes are unnecessary and occur due to law infringement.

"It is the responsibility of every single driver to ensure their own safety. The challenges in addressing road safety in South Africa are primarily those of human behaviour," said Maponya.



### **New appointment**

**Peter Lebadika**

**Deputy Manager for**

**Human Capital Management**

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## Provincial Safety Summit hosted in Mopani



Both the MEC for Community Safety and Transport, Namane Dickson Masemola, and National Police Commissioner, General Khehla Sitole have thanked the community for sharing information leading to the swift arrest of the suspect linked to the brutal murder of Precious Ramabulana.

Ramabulana was reportedly stabbed 52 times while asleep in her room at Mokomene village, just at the start of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign on Violence Against Women and Children.

Masemola and Khehla briefed the media on the side-lines of the two-day provincial safety and security summit held at Karibu Leisure Resort.



"Precious was murdered during a time when the men around the country are challenged to mobilise against gender-based violence, the abuse of children and people with disabilities," said Masemola.

The summit was aimed at aligning the strategy to the new mandates and the changing crime trends and patterns. The strategy encourages participation of communities in crime prevention and safety in line with the National Development Plan.

The national police commissioner, General Khehla Sitole said that he was relieved that the police made a breakthrough in the case. "We are confident that we have the right suspect in custody and that he has a case to answer to. I also want to thank the community for remaining calm as well as for their patience during this investigation process, and for the role they played in this or other crime fighting initiatives."



Also in attendance at the summit were the MEC for Education, Polly Boshielo, MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Dr Monica Mochadi, the MEC for Agriculture, Nandi Ndalane and Executive Mayor, Councillor Pule Shayi.

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## Executive Mayor meets with Tshwale community leadership



**E**xecutive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Councillor Pule Shayi has directed that the Planning and Development Department supports the Tshwale community in their efforts of rebuilding their land.

The Tshwale community successfully claimed back over 1500 hectares of land through the land restitution programme. Some of their plans apart from farming, include a township development programme and building of a shopping mall.



The Executive Mayor met with the leadership on Monday where he was taken on a tour of the land. He was accompanied by the Speaker, Councillor Wireless Sedibeng, the chairperson of LED portfolio committee, Councillor Richard Makasela, the acting municipal manager, the LED manager and officials from the Department of Agriculture.



He said that through collaboration and partnership the community can realize their dreams of making the land profitable and creating jobs for the people. "In Mopani, Council recently appointed the Municipal Planning Tribunal, which can be useful in assisting you around your plans to rezone a portion of your land for township establishment. There are also under institutions outside of government that can help without you having to pay for their services. The Development Bank of Southern Africa is one such institution."

## MEC Mochadi visit Mopani for consultation on road infrastructure projects

The MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure,

Dr Monica Mochadi visited the district on Monday as part of her programme of stakeholder consultations on road infrastructure projects.

She was welcomed by the Executive Mayor, Councillor Pule Shayi who was joined by the mayors of Ba-Phalaborwa, Greater Giyani and the Greater Letaba Municipalities. The meeting was attended by ward councillors from all the 129 wards across the district, as well as EXCO members responsible for infrastructure and representatives from the taxi industry.



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