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PREMIER MATHABATHA OFFICIALLY OPEN WATER TAPS AT MAKOSHA VILLAGE



Premier Stanley Mathabatha and the Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality drinking the water after officially opening the taps on Sunday afternoon.



The residents of Makosha B9 in ward 14 of the Greater Giyani Municipality are breathing a sigh of relief following the official opening of taps of water by Premier Stan Mthabatha in their area. Some residents had to walk several kilometres to fetch clean drinking water before, while others used water from a canal that cuts across the village.

Mathabatha was accompanied by the MEC for Agriculture Basikopo Makamu, the Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale and the Greater Giyani Municipality Mayor Councillor Sasavona Mathebula.

The premier kick started his activities by meeting with the political leadership, senior officials from both the Mopani District and Greater Giyani Municipalities, the Department of Water and Sanitation and Lepelle Northern Water. Mathabatha was furnished with a report on the water provision progress that has been made with regard to the implementation of the Giyani Bulk Water Project – which was launched in 2014 by former President Jacob Zuma.

The bulk water project, which covers approximately 325km aims to supply purified water to 55 villages upon its completion. The project has stalled in recent months due to budgetary constraints at a national level. The premier has pledged to have bi-lateral engagements on water challenges with President Cyril Ramaphosa soon.

He told the community that government is working tirelessly to address the challenges faced by the people of the province. “Once we gather that our people are facing challenges, we intervene immediately so that it does not impede the good lives of our people. We are here to make sure that we deliver a better life to our people,” he said.

Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale said that working together with other stakeholders, the municipality will find solutions to challenges of lack of water in the remaining

villages. “we are opening the taps for this community, but we have listened to what our people are saying that water has not reached all these other areas. Going back, we still need to look at what is it that we can do to make sure that everyone has water in their household,” she said.



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MUNGHANA LONENE FM LAUNCH THE 15th XMA



Acting Executive Mayor, Councillor Japisa Mathonsi delivering a message of support during the launch of the MLFM Music awards.

The SABC's Munghana Lonene FM has launched its 15th Xitsonga Music Awards at studio 9C in Polokwane on the 18th of October 2018. The annual awards are held in partnership with the Mopani District Municipality. Acting Executive Mayor and MMC responsible for Finance Japisa Mathonsi who was accompanied by the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality Mayor Pule Shai and councillors from the Greater Giyani Municipality delivered a message of support.

Mathonsi says the music awards goes beyond organising the actual event which will be held on the 24th of next month. "The Xitsonga music awards help in promoting social cohesion, preserving the Xitsonga culture and the language itself, hence we are saying as government it is important for us to support initiatives such as this.

People who are speaking different languages are able to share and listen to the music that is being played across the airwaves or radio platforms" Said Mathonsi.

The event also goes a long way in boosting the local economy as thousands of revellers are once again expected to flock to Giyani to experience the event and the culture of the people of Mopani.

"Normally when events of that magnitude are held, the local economy flourishes as accommodation establishments become fully booked for that weekend. Other businesses also get their share as revellers will be buying food from all the outlets in the rural town of Giyani when it becomes abuzz with activities." added Mathonsi.

Tshamaano Makuya, the Provincial General Manager for SABC Limpopo echoed the sentiments of the acting executive mayor, saying "these awards play a crucial role in promoting and preserving our Tsonga culture and heritage. Our survey shows that

MLFM listeners are very proud of their culture and their heritage, and its partly because of these awards."

The station manager Lawrence Ubisi took the opportunity to thank the Mopani District Municipality and other sponsors for making sure that the annual awards become a success. He also unveiled the categories that have been added to the awards. Nominees to all categories will be voted for by the listeners prior to the actual award ceremony, scheduled for the 24th of November at the Giyani Stadium.



From Left – Mayor of Ba-Phalaborwa Councillor Pule Shai, Councillor Japisa Mathonsi and the Provincial General Manager for SABC Limpopo, Tshamaano Makuya during the launch of the MLFM Music Awards.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REWARDS FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES



Mbhazima Makhubele receiving the award from Department of Agriculture officials during an award ceremony held at Lenyenyene Community Hall. He walked home with R10 000 for his efforts



All recipients of awards in all categories, including Top Informal Market which was won by Greenlife Vegetable Project, and Funyani Ladgoed as runner-up. Rethusegile Disabled Project won the award for Top Disability Centre.

The Department of Agriculture in the Mopani District Municipality has recognized persons with disabilities in the agricultural sector at a function held at Lenyenyene.

Mbhazima Makhubele from Mamatlepa village in the Greater Letaba Municipality won the overall prize, after winning the award for Top Commercial Farmer.

The 70-year old started farming on a 5-hectare piece of land in 2004. He suffered a set-back in 2008 when his legs were amputated above the knees due to sugar diabetes.

The chairperson of Persons with Disabilities in Agriculture in the district, Thomas Kgapane welcomed the initiative but also called on the department and the municipality to work together to increase the prize money for winners. "The programme must start at local municipalities. Then winners from the local municipalities would then compete at the district level. So, we must work together to establish PDARD at local municipalities," he said.



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