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The 2020/21 IDP must be aligned to the DDM, says Executive Mayor



Executive Mayor, Councillor Pule Shayi has told the IDP Rep Forum that convened for the strategies phase on Monday that the 2020/2021 IDP must be done and implemented in the context of the new district development model.

He says the model aims to ensure coherence in the planning by all spheres of government as well as stakeholders outside of government.



“The district development model is geared towards strengthening all existing mechanisms that are there, so that we achieve a one plan, one budget in a particular district,” the Executive Mayor said.

He said that it is no longer only about aligning, but planning together. “What we are coming for with the district development model is for all departments, municipalities and private sector to be in one space and plan jointly on the needs of our people. We should exploit the potential and opportunities of our district. There must never be a project from national that happens in the district that I don't know, and it is not in the IDP.”



The Executive Mayor said that the private sector was very key in the successful implementation of the district development model, saying “when there is a disaster, we want to see also FNB running to say we are available to can quickly help, so that the long bureaucratic processes of government does not render the chances of helping our people futile. What binds us here is about the problems of our people, nothing more, nothing less.



“We started with the analysis phase, where we went into the strategic planning session. We appreciated the conditions of our municipalities. We applied our thinking from a strategic point of view to say what are our weaknesses, what is our strength and where are the opportunities,” he said.

He said the deputy president will officially launch the district development model in Mopani in September this year.

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Executive Mayor calls for joint efforts to improve spending on grants

Municipal officials should not frustrate service providers with payment delays on work done, the Executive Mayor said this while meeting with service providers as well as officials from the engineering services department.

Joined by MMC Malatji of infrastructure and MMC Sefufi responsible for water services, the Executive Mayor met with the service providers at the Disaster Management Centre on Tuesday morning. He said that contractors and engineers were key stakeholders in ensuring that the municipality delivers on its mandate of providing water and sanitation.

He said service providers who have done work and there is proper paperwork must be paid within 3 days. "I don't want to receive calls that you are frustrating service providers. When we frustrate service providers, we are equally frustrating our people."

The Executive Mayor said that improved working relations will assist the municipality to improve its spending on grants. "By June 30th we should have used all the money government has given us to spend on behalf of our people. Help us to manage our cash flow. We want to spend money so fast, and the only way to spend this money that government has allocated to us is when your work is also faster and concluded on time. If you are able to work faster, you won't need to bring a fraudulent invoice."

"We have given you this task of providing water and sanitation because we have a sense that you can do it. You must be focused, committed, dedicated. Do your work, finish it on time and get out of site, so our people can use that infrastructure," the Executive Mayor said.

He also urged engineers to ensure that contractors do quality work, saying "We want to implore u as engineers to ensure there is quality assurance on the work done by our contractors. We are depended on you on quality assurance," he said.



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