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## THE MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY LAUNCH WATER PROJECTS IN TWO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

**T**he Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale has launched water projects in an effort to ensure that communities get water. Thousands of residents in 14 wards under the Greater Tzaneen and Greater Letaba municipal areas will benefit from the projects that worth millions of rand.

The actual construction work will see many residents getting employment and also benefit from small business opportunities. The 14 wards are in the Thapane, Runnymede and Ramoroka areas.

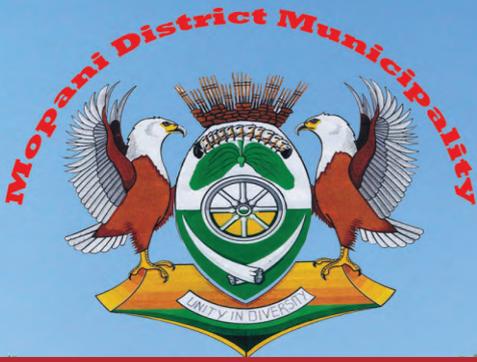
Addressing councillors and other stakeholders, The Executive Mayor urged all councillors and community members to cooperate with the contractors who will soon be on site. This is to ensure that there are no disruptions.

The contractors who were presented to the traditional leaders were also warned to complete the construction work without any delay.

The actual construction work in the areas will be completed during a period of eight to twelve months. The Executive Mayor reiterates that the District Municipality is determined to ensure that all communities who are still faced with challenges of lack water get water soon.

The district is determined to ensure that the Municipal Infrastructure Grant for the financial year is spent and ensure that there's improved service delivery.





## The Executive Mayor intervenes after violent protests in the Greater Giyani municipal area



The Executive Mayor Cllr Nkakareng Rakgoale has intervened in bringing stability at several villages and in the town of Giyani. The residents of Thomo, Khakhala, Gawula and Mahlathi took to the streets demanding a tared road. The protestors subsequently tampered with the district's purification plant and switched off the water pumps resulting to water cuts in parts of Giyani. The unrests prompted the Mayor to immediately arrange a meeting with Premier Stan Mathabatha for the provincial government's intervention.

A meeting which was held on the 3rd of July in Polokwane yielded positive results and Premier

Mathabatha deployed two members of his Executive to Mopani. The Public Works MEC Nandi Ndalane and MEC for Treasury Rob Tooley joined the Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale and went to Mahlathi to give feedback to various community structures the 4th of July.

MEC Tooley announced during the interaction with the community that a process of appointing a service provider is already underway.

The residents have generally welcomed the good news and asked the government to keep them informed about any developments related to the construction of the road.

The early stages of construction are expected to start soon.





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## MDM Communications Unit attends PGCF



The 1st Provincial Government Communicator's Forum (PGCF) under this financial year was in full swing in the mining town of Burgersfort from the 5th to the 6th of June 2018 and as Mopani our Communications Unit never missed an opportunity to represent the municipality entering into engagements, wherein communicators from all over Limpopo Province converged to discuss matters that affect them as communication personnel, both from sector departments, municipalities, government parastatals and the media in general

In attendance was the Acting Premier of the day MEC for Education in Limpopo Mr Ishmael Kgetjipe, Speaker of Legislature Mme Polly Boshielo as well the Communication Department Deputy Minister Mme Pinky Kekana who gave a sterling key note address. MEC Kgetjipe's highlights on the speech was the importance on how communicators should take responsibility to communicate government service delivery messages with passion. "As communicators you should not wait for journalists to provoke thought, you should be proactive and take the front seat and start communicating" added MEC Kgetjipe



Deputy Minister Pinky Kekana touched on several issues regarding the work of her department such as how GCIS who manages the government website which should be responsive and structured in manner that is able to ensure citizens access government information. Deputy Minister Kekana also spoke at length about Government-Private partnerships to be encouraged in order to improve and enhance skills development. "We need to ensure that our messages are optimized by all means possible, and as such we will be working together with various stakeholders" reiterated Kekana while emphasizing that communication should make meaningful contribution to the society.

Deputy Minister also touched on the importance of community media as a vital platform that can be used by all spheres of government for the dissemination of information, because it a strategic through which communication development can be perused. In the main she over emphasized that government should support community media by providing content in order to deal with the challenges of service delivery that are community based.

Various presenters such as the Independent Electoral Commission represented by the Provincial Elections Commissioner Mme Nkaro Mateta, spoke at length about their preparation for the 2019 national and provincial general elections, while Limpopo Speaker Mme Polly Boshielo clarified about the role of the legislature and how the executives account to legislature making communicators aware of various factors on administrative and political roles.