



# MDM LEADS INSPECTION ON FOOD OUTLETS IN GIYANI AND TZANEEN

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S DESK



**Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi**

It's almost 10 months since we came into office, ushered by the November 1 elections, in which in our people in their majority agreed to a social contract in the context of the fifth democratic local government. And the single most important message echoed by our people was around building better communities together.

We wish to use this opportunity to present a synopsis of the work government at this district space over the last twelve. And as we do that, we should immediately acknowledge that we took over the baton from the fourth democratic local government administration which had moved a distance in its inherent programme of advancing people's power in every community, of course working with our people.

We should also acknowledge the tremendous improvement in the coordination of government work at this level since the launch of the district development model. Through this framework, we should be able to accelerate service delivery to our people.

And this of course requires that we continue to elevate issues around building and strengthening partnerships and collaborations with all sectors so that we are able to move faster in delivering sustainable quality services to our people, but also undermining the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

We should hasten to indicate that we are inspired by the support received so far from our key stakeholders, the royal leaders and the business community in particular because they are central in the success of this model. We will later speak to this issue.

We have been to all our local municipalities and the issues raised are common. Our people want us to improve on water provision. Our people want better roads. Our people want government to ramp up its support for small businesses.

Continuing from the journey of advancing people's power in every community, we have continued with the roll out of sanitation infrastructure, this as we build communities together. At least 96,5% of our people in the district have access to sanitation today.

In reaching out to our rural communities, at least 6852 households are set to benefit from this (VIP toilets) programme as conclude the 2021/22 financial year.

As the fifth democratic local government administration, we should be able to continue with this work as we start with the 2022/23 financial year.

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## **The people of Giyani should remain hopeful, says Executive Mayor as he delivers**

# **SODA**

The Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor says there should be a renewed sense of that the people of Greater Giyani Municipality will soon have access to water closer to their homes.

The Executive Mayor revealed this when delivering the State of the District Address in July, where he said "At the level of the District, through the support of DWS, work should continue to ensure that all villages are reticulated. We have finalized the scoping report for both the reticulation as well as the refurbishment and rehabilitation of the Giyani Water Treatment Works.

He said the issue of Middle-Letaba Dam which is at just 2,5%, remains a big concern. "This is an issue we may not be able to resolve in the immediate. And that is why we have started a process of conducting a feasibility study on water recycle where effluents in Wastewater Works are treated to a tertiary level and re-used in augmenting our dams." the Executive Mayor said.

He said that council approved a R2,2 billion budget for the 2022/23 financial year. He however cautioned that "big sacrifices" will have to be made in order to deliver services to the people "choosing options that maximize service delivery than opulence."

He said the Municipality has been approving an unfunded budget for years, and it had to come to an end. "With a history of unfunded budget, disclaimer audit opinion and ballooning UIFWE, our grants cut and roll overs rejected, debts to Lepelle Northern Water and Department of Water and Sanitation, we have to learn to live within our means, cutting our clothing according to our size without being overambitious, focusing on our core mandate. We are a rational institution and our decisions should as well be rational, yet decisive."

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The Executive Mayor said that the Municipality is budgeting R240 million to service the historic debts with both Lepelle Northern Water and the Department of Water and Sanitation.

He said the Municipality will have to adhere to the cost containment strategy adopted by council, and look for partnerships to implement campaigns around social transformation.

From the total budget of R2,2 billion, an amount of R1,4 billion (R 1 403 073 508) which constitute 64% of the total budget is allocated for the operating budget. The budget for employee related costs such as salaries and wages is at R460 million.

# SODA IN NUMBERS:

- **R2,2 billion – the total budget for 2022/23 financial year**
- **R1,1 billion – the amount from Equitable Shares**
- **R523 Million – the amount from Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)**
- **R50 Million – the amount from the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG)**
- **R10,6 Million - the amount from EPWP grant**
- **R3 Million- the amount from the Financial Management Grant**
- **R2,3 Million – the amount from the Rural Roads Asset Management Grant**
- **1726 – the number of boreholes in the District**
- **96,5% - the number of people with sanitation in the District**
- **185 – the number of SMMEs that participated in the Pop-UP Market Campaign**



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# MDM LEADS **INSPECTION** ON FOOD OUTLETS IN GIYANI AND TZANEEN



In an effort to ensure that food outlets adhere to the food safety and hygiene practices, the Mopani District Municipality led an inspection blitz targeting Giyani and Tzaneen last week.

The team comprising of MDM's environment health practitioners, Home Affairs' immigration officers and police officials was led by the Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi. Also in attendance was the MMC for community services Cllr Dikeledi Mmetle and Cllr Jeppe Makhahanisa, the MMC for Sport, Art and Culture.

A truckload of expired foods and beverages were removed from the shelves and destroyed during the two-day operation, including unlabelled food products.

The Executive Mayor urged members of the public to be vigilant when buying food products. "It's important for our people to always check the expiry date on the label, but also to make further assessment on the quality of the food before consuming."

He said the blitz operation will be rolled out in townships and rural communities. "We know that most of our people in the rural areas rely on spaza shops to access food products, and most of them may not necessarily be complying with the food safety practices. So we have to reach out and assist them to comply."

"The EHPs were telling me that most of the shops have improved from the last time they visited them, and they are beginning to appreciate that we are not here to punish, but to ensure that our people are not exposed to food poisoning."



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# MDM convenes IDP REP Forum to kick-start review process



**T**he Mopani District Municipality convened the IDP Rep Forum on Friday, marking the start of the preparation phase in the IDP review process. The IDP Rep Forum deliberated on the process plan which outlined the steps ahead as the review process starts.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi emphasized the need for every sector to be involved in the review process in line with the principles of the district development model. "It would be important for all spheres of government and other stakeholders from the private sector as well as civil society to actively participate in this process for us to plan, budget and implement development projects collectively.

In pictures: (IDP Rep Forum)



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# MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY TARGETS MORE VILLAGES THROUGH THE TOURS WATER SCHEME PROJECT



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says the Municipality will move to reticulate more villages around the Bulamahlo cluster of Greater Tzaneen Municipality where residents will have access to piped water in their homes.

The Executive Mayor said this during his visit to the Tours Water Scheme Project earlier today where he also met with community stakeholders. The progress on reticulation to households in villages such as Mogapeng, Masoma and Mashiloane is at 76%, while progress on the bulk pipeline from the water treatment works to villages as far as Gavaza in ward 28 is now at 50%.

He said the Municipality has set aside R73 million in the 2022/23 financial year to continue with work around reticulation to more households, and the next immediate villages to benefit will include Pharare, Shilubane, and Makhwibidung. The project should ultimately benefit 25 villages.

The Executive Mayor said that the Municipality is also prioritizing short-term interventions as work around the multi-year project continues. "We were in Makhwibidung earlier today to monitor work there on the short-term intervention, and we are happy that after the delays experienced around energizing the boreholes, our people now have access to water as a short-term intervention."

He also said MDM will start with public participation to encourage people who afford to pay for water. "We will begin with public participation so that those that afford to pay do pay. Working with our local municipalities, we will also have ways to cater for our people who don't afford through the indigents register. When our people pay, we will be able to reinvest the money in our infrastructure for us to continue expanding our water provision."

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# MINISTER ENCOURAGES INDIGENTS TO REGISTER FOR SUBSIDIZED DECODERS AS DEADLINE LOOMS



The Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni was at Dzumeri village in the Greater Giyani Municipality on Friday – this as part of her awareness campaign on broadcasting digital migration.

The campaign also focused on a door to door visit to monitor the installation workmanship for the government subsidized decoders. The final date for indigents to register for government's subsidized set-top boxes (decoders) is Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

She was joined in the campaign by MDM Speaker Cllr Martha Maswanganyi, the MMC for local economic development Cllr Nyiko Baloyi and the Mayor of Greater Giyani Municipality Cllr Thandi Zitha.

The department is continuing with awareness campaigns in preparation for the final analogue switch-off date which is yet to be announced. Indigent households with a combined monthly income of R3 500 or less are encouraged to visit their nearest post offices to register and apply for the set-top boxes (decoders).



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# MEC RAKGOALE INTRODUCES CONTRACTOR FOR D1909 ROAD IN HOEDSPRUIT



Limpopo's MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Nkakareng Rakgoale has on Tuesday handed over the contractor who will be rehabilitating the D1909 road that links the tourism and farming town of Hoedspruit with the Eastgate Airport.

The MEC was joined in the sod-turning and handover ceremony by Mopani District Municipality's chairperson of the portfolio committee on public roads and transport Cllr Star Mbhalati as well as the Mayor of Maruleng Municipality Cllr Tsheko Musolwa.

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# Heritage 2022



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# Council approves appointment of Khutso Malatji as acting PED Senior Manager as Monyepao resigns



A special sitting of Council held on Monday at the Disaster Management Centre has approved the appointment of Khutso Malatji as the acting Senior Manager for planning and development, following the resignation of Adelaide Monyepao.

Monyepao is serving her resignation notice until Friday, 30 September 2022. She has just been with the Municipality for three months having joined in July this year. Council has wished her well in her future endeavours. Malatji, who is the Deputy Manager for local economic development will be acting in the post with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2022.

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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 Setshaba"

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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.

### Greater Tzaneen Municipality

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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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