



**PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA
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OF GIYANI THAT WATER
WILL REACH THEIR HOMES.**

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Editor's Note

We write to you on the backdrop of yet another eventful quarter. We are of course still battling the aftermath of the heavy rains. However, we are relieved that cyclone Freddy did not have the impact we dreaded as predicted earlier by the South African Weather Services.

It is unfortunate that we did lose lives to drowning, including the lives of three children under the age of ten years. The Executive Mayor was deeply saddened by this loss and has extended his condolences to the bereaved families.

The Municipality has started with the projects of water reticulation to the first 24 villages in the Greater Giyani Municipality. And to that extent, the Executive Mayor has been engaging with the stakeholders. In the main, the engagements are aimed at encouraging community ownership of the projects to minimize delays in the completion of the projects.

We have also witnessed the signing of the MOU between Mopani District Municipality and the Water Research Commission. In this edition, we unpack the benefits of this partnership to the people of Mopani.

We still invite members of the public to engage with us on how best we can make our communications platforms more interactive. It is only through engagements that we are able to get a sense of where we need to improve as a Municipality, especially on the information needs of our people.

We further invite members of the public to engage with us through our social media platforms, including our Facebook Page.

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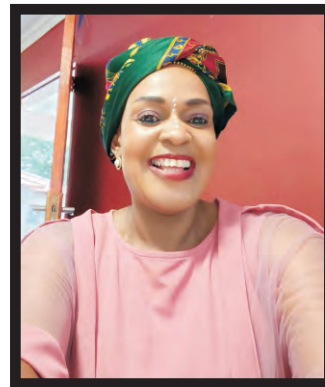
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S DESK



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

make our contribution in building a better life for our people as envisaged in the Freedom Charter.

It is once again my singular honour and privilege to write to the people of Mopani at the end of the third quarter for the 2022/23 financial year. We do on the backdrop of Human Rights Month. We all know that the Human Rights Month is grounded in the Sharpeville massacre of March 21, 1960. It is on record that the evil apartheid police shot and killed 69 people on that day, in what was a peaceful protest.

The commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre is a reminder of the journey we have travelled as a country. Through the selfless sacrifices of our forebears, seated here today we are all guaranteed of human rights, including the right to life, equality and human dignity. We therefore should in their honour be inspired to

When accepting the responsibility to serve our people, we did make a solemn pledge to spare no effort in trying to reduce the backlog on water provision in the district. We are able to report to the people of Mopani that we have indeed moved some meters in our programme of improving the quality of our people's lives - this through water infrastructure provision. More and more of our people now have access to water closer to where they reside.

We have been to Mogapeng as part of our imbizo programme where the Tours Water Project is delivering water to our people in their yards. We are continuing with the project as we target more villages. We have also recorded a significant milestone in the Giyani Water Project. The water from Nandoni has finally reached the Giyani Water Works.

We have started with work to refurbish the Giyani Water Works. But most importantly, we are closer to our communities as we continue to implement the water reticulation projects to at least 24 villages as part of the 1st phase of this project. The next phase will target additional 31 villages. Many of our SMMEs are benefiting from this water infrastructure projects, therefore enhancing our sustained efforts of fighting hunger in communities.

We have signed an MOU with the Water Research Commission which is aimed at improved water resource utilization and enhancing climate resilience. And because we are a water scarce district,

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through this partnership, the WRC will assist our farmers with the use of science, innovation and technology to plant using less water.

We have seen innovation before. The sand water extraction project at Sekhimini is one such great innovation. And through this partnership, more opportunities for innovation will arise, including areas where we need to use alternative energy sources for water services. It is a partnership that will benefit our people in the district, but also enhance efforts around local economic development.

Therefore, it is against that background that on behalf of our people, we celebrate this important breakthrough. We will as district, always embrace innovation in technology that will enhance sustainable water use for our communities, but most importantly for the sector that remains a key pillar of our economy in the district – agriculture.

Council has adopted the draft IDP and budget for the 2023/24, which effectively means we should be starting with public consultations. We therefore wish to implore our people to actively participate in this process. The final IDP and budget to be approved by council in May should be a true reflection of the aspirations of our people across the district.

Allow me to take this opportunity to formally congratulate the Department of Education in the District for the improved performance in the 2022 Matric exams. We must also congratulate in particular the Mopani West for making it into the Top three bracket of the best districts in the province.

As we reflect on the journey of this quarter, we wish to take this opportunity to register our profound gratitude to our people for the continued support. Let's continue to build better communities together.

Cllr. Pule Shayi
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA REASSURES COMMUNITY OF GIYANI THAT WATER WILL REACH THEIR HOMES.



President Cyril Ramaphosa says people of Giyani are justified to have lost hope in the Nandoni - Giyani Water Project, but also reaffirmed that much progress has been in recent months. He credited the progress on the approach adopted by Minister Senzo Mchunu in involving community structures in a forum that meets every month chaired by the Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi.

The president visited Giyani on Sunday, 11 December 2022 as part of his oversight work where he also held a community engagement at the Giyani Stadium. "I saw the progress. I know that there are people who are doubtful. You are justified in your doubts because you have been disappointed for so long. For 19 years, you have been disappointed. Your hopes have been dashed. I saw for myself that there is a great deal of progress," the president told the community of Giyani.

"The way the minister has approached the water challenge here as testified by Ndabezitha Ngove is one of the best ways. He has bought together the various stakeholders so that we all participate to find solutions to the water challenge here. What he has done is to bring everyone together. He has

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setup this forum so that government must longer be seen to be doing things by its own, but it must work together with our people."

He said the people of Giyani will soon have water in their yards, saying "that is what we are going to work for. If we are not able to reach that goal, we must come back and explain why we are not able to reach that goal, and that is the openness and transparency that we need from our government. I would like you to have confidence in that."

The president further said the allegations that a big commercial farmer has blocked the streams feeding the middle-letaba dam will be investigated, saying the farmer has been given notices to respond within 30 days. "In advancing their businesses, they too must take into account the interests of our people. We will engage them. They are an important role player. We need to balance the economic activity, the interest of local businesses as well as the interests of our people. There must be fairness in water distribution."

He said local businesses must benefit from the project. "The local businesses must also participate in this process. If they do not have the skills base, it must be fully explained why we need to get a company from far away, but that company must work with our local companies. There must be local economic development."

"Water is life and water is supposed to generate business to advance the economy of this area. In the end, this area must become the bread basket of our country. The soil here is very rich, the richest soil in the whole country. All you need is water. We should be able to generate growth in economy," the president said.

He also said there will be consequences for anyone found to have been involved in corruption on this project. "Many people want to know if there will be consequences for those who were involved in this project in the past. As the minister said, the special investigating unit is working on a number of investigations. We are going to have that unit investigate everything, and there will be consequences. Where money has disappeared without work been done, there will be consequences."



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MUNICIPAL MANAGER WELCOMES RE-APPOINTED SENIOR MANAGERS, AND ALSO THE NEWLY APPOINTED MANAGERS

Tshepo Mogano, the Municipal Manager has welcomed back the re-appointed senior manager, Ludic Mahayi for technical services, and Cate Ntimbane who has been re-appointed in the community services department.

He has also welcomed the appointment of Thabo Magabane as manager in the office of the Executive Mayor. Mabagabe, whose qualifications include a bachelor of technology in public management comes with lot of experience in the local government sphere, having previously worked as the municipal manager for Maruleng Local Municipality.

The Municipality has also appointed a new head of the Disaster Management Centre, Richard Nkuna. He previously worked in the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality. He holds a post-graduate diploma in disaster management, a bachelor of technology (B Tech) in safety management amongst his qualifications.



Ludic Mahayi
Technical services



Thabo Magabane
Manager in the office of the Executive



Richard Nkuna
Head of the Disaster
Management Centre



Cate Ntimbane
Community Services

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR JOINS MECs IN MONITORING THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi joined the MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Nkakareng Rakgoale on day 1 of the 2023 academic where they visited Giyani and Risinga High Schools to conduct oversight as part of the back-to-school campaign.

The MEC used the opportunity to motivate the learners, saying "the doors of learning are now open, please enter. Some of us did not have uniform when we went to school. Before we could write exams, we had to pay exam fees. You are the lucky ones. Everything is almost free in terms of education."

Also speaking at Giyani High School, the Executive Mayor told the learners that preparations for exams start of the first day of school, likening them to warriors.

"Sun Tsu says victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win."



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"Therefore, preparation for the rest of the year starts today. If you prepare well from today, you will do well and make all of us proud at the end of the year. We want to wish you well for the rest of the year," he said.

On day 2, it was the Education MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya who was in the district. She visited Majeje and Ntshuxeko High Schools as well as Shiphamele Primary School. These are some of the schools with a high learner enrolment in the area.

Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga will announce the outcome of the National Senior Certificate Exams on Thursday, 19 January. Meanwhile, the Executive Mayor will attend the announcement of the results in the province, which is scheduled for Friday, 20 January at the Ranch Hotel in Polokwane.



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR INTRODUCES PROJECT TO CONNECT WATER TO HOUSEHOLDS IN ZANGHOMA

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi has on Friday, 02 December introduced the contractor who will start with work to connect water to households in Zanghoma as part of Phase 4 of Ritavi Water Scheme Project.

He was accompanied by the Speaker Cllr Martha Maswanganyi, the MMC for infrastructure development Cllr Masilo Maloko and councilors from the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

The project entails the construction of reticulation to households, connecting into the existing rising main, and also connect into the reservoir. It will benefit at least 1165 households.

Through this project the entire community will benefit, the Executive Mayor said. "We have been working with this community from phase 1, 2, and 3. The scope of this project is to ensure that reticulation is extended to the households. We implored the stakeholders to work together to ensure that this project is concluded and our people receive the much-needed water. It is only when we work together that we will be able to take ownership."

Meanwhile, Ester Khosa a resident of Zanghoma welcomed the project, saying she used to travel to a distance to get water. "We are happy that we will finally have water in our yards. It was very difficult for us as the elders to travel long distances to fetch water. We don't have a problem with paying for water, but we want to request that prepaid meters be installed so that we are only able to use the water as per the allocated quota."



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VISION

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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 Setšhaba"

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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.

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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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