



BUDGET SPEECH 2009/2010
MAKHUDUTHAMAGA MUNICIPAL
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MADAM SPEAKER

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Madam speaker I am Honored, today to have an opportunity to present the IDP/Budget 2009/2010 to the council of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.

This council sit just a month after this country has gone on a most successful democratic process of voting and let me take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the process and congratulate ANC on its victory and wish the newly elected president Jacob Zuma and his administration all the best in their new responsibilities including the newly elected Premier of Limpopo Cassel Mathale.

We are just a week before the president of the republic could deliver the State of the Nation Address.

Madam speaker the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 requires councils of municipalities in terms of section 16(1) to approve an annual budget for the municipality 30 days (section 24(1)) before the start of the financial year.

Madam speaker this section does not preclude the appropriation of money for capital expenditure for a period not exceeding three financial year provided the separate appropriation is made for each of those financial year.

Madam speaker the municipal council has engaged in a protracted and robust process of public consultation in terms of section 21 of MFMA read with chapter 4 and 5 of MSA and Intergovernmental Fiscal Relation Act 97 of 1997.

I am presenting a projected total budget of R137.4 million. R111 million accrued from the grants and subsidies and R16.1 accrued from the implementation of Municipal Property. Systems are in place to ensure successful collection of this revenue.

I am further presenting R80.5 million of operating expenditure and R50 million for capital expenditure and R500.000.00 reserved for bursary scheme and the remaining is

for a small surplus.

Madam speaker we are putting the amount of R800.000.00 into our Information and Communication Technology to ensure that our municipal ICT infrastructure complies with current trends in the world of technology.

R900.000.00 is allocated for skills development within the municipality to ensure that our personnel are up-to-speed with the current organizational changes and that our municipality discharges its constitutional mandate with quality personnel.

We are allocating the amount of R700.000.00 for advocacy program to ensure that we realize our responsibility as a developmental municipality where our focus is not only based on services delivery but also to address the social state of our people.

We are also putting about R1.1 million to better implement our communication strategy which includes among others the issue of branding our municipality and general communication with our stakeholders.

To further ensure that our programs and projects are community centered and community driven we have allocated the amount of R1.1 million for public participation and ward committees.

Madam speaker, in believing that our development should always be guided, we have allocated the amount R1.2 million for the development of storm water management plan, integrated transport plan, housing sector plan and water sector plan. This plans and frameworks shall place the municipality at the correct position to play a more meaningful role in the roll-out of the infrastructure programs in future.

We have allocated R19.3 million for the provision of energy of which R2.3 million is allocated for Free Basic Electricity for our indigent. We have to work hard to ensure that we maximize the collection of the electricity tokens because madam speaker spending on FBE depend largely on the collection rate and many times our beneficiaries do not collect.

Makhuduthamaga municipality as part of the rural district is experiencing a high level of unemployment and high level of dependency rate on government social security net. In order to input we have allocated the amount of R900.000.00 for Local Economic Development of which R700.000.00 is for building hawkers stalls and R200.000.00 is for funding of the SMME's

Madam speaker we committed our municipality to create an active nation, a nation that participate in various sporting activities, and for this reason we have set aside the amount of R1 million for upgrading our sport facilities and R600.000.00 for upgrading the libraries.

We have budgeted the amount of R3 million for the transfer and upgrading our traffic stations.

Our budget madam speaker also reflects an amount of R500.000.00 set aside for the upgrading of our asset register in other to improve our financial viability.

Madam speaker we are therefore presenting to these honorable council the following documents for adoption as mandated by section 17(3)(a) of MFMA read with section 74 and 75a of MSA and Municipal Property Rates Act of 2004:

1. Draft IDP/BUDGET 2009/10
2. Tariff by-law,
3. Credit control and debt collection by-law
4. Property Rates by-law

We are confident that the budget and the accompanying by-laws are mutually consistent, credible and represent the will of our people.

In conclusion madam speaker, this budget is in line with constitutional mandate of

bettering the lives of our people for the better, and these honorable council can agree with me that today is better than when we first walk into this council and we hope that tomorrow shall be better than today and working together we shall do more.

I thank you