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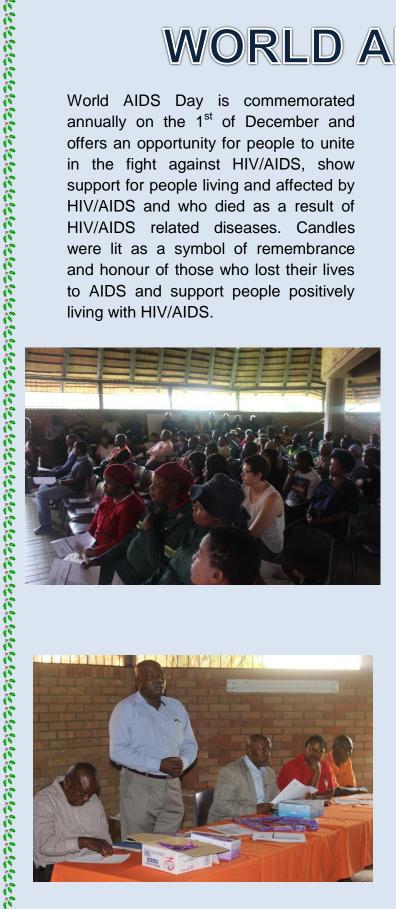
Lephalale Local Municipality employees commemorated World Aids Day at the Municipality on 05 December 2017. Representatives from the District Health Department and supporting institution Care Works educated and empowered the employees with information regarding HIV/AIDS and advice for those who are affected and infected.



## **WORLD AIDS DAY!!!**

World AIDS Day is commemorated annually on the 1st of December and offers an opportunity for people to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS, show support for people living and affected by HIV/AIDS and who died as a result of HIV/AIDS related diseases. Candles were lit as a symbol of remembrance and honour of those who lost their lives to AIDS and support people positively living with HIV/AIDS.

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According to the Waterberg District Department of Health's Peter Kolobe, statistics shows that Lephalale has a high HIV/AIDS prevalence. Kolobe said the statistics dictates to everyone to be cautious and stay protected at all times in order to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS which is on a rapid increase and becoming fiercely territorial.

Earlier this year in a presentation by the Deputy Director of HIV/AID and STI Cluster in the Waterberg District. Tryphina Bambo, and statistics revealed that 578 new cases of HIV/AIDS infection were recorded from October to December 2016 in Lephalale and a further 583 recorded from January 2017 to March. This meant that in six months period 1161(one thousand, one hundred and sixty one) people were infected 

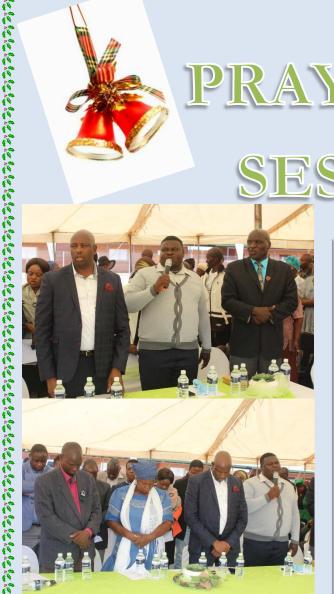


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## PRAYER DA





Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, hosted a Prayer Session at Moses Monanyane Sports Complex in Shongoane Village on 14 December 2017. Stakeholders comprising of Local Chiefs, Eskom-Matimba representative, Pastors and community members were in attendance.

Since the beginning of the year there has been a high number of accidents reported in Lephalale, this became a serious concern within the Municipality, as the number of people losing their lives increased especially the youth.

The Mayor saw it fit to host the event, to pray for roads accidents to come to an end, to pray for unemployment and for rain.

"Most of us rely on cattle and crop farming and when the sun is very hot, we are hit hard. We need good harvest from our farms and we need green grazing grass for our cattle. All these need rain. If it doesn't rain, we suffer a lot. The holy Bible advices us to pray for rain. That is why the Bible Zacharia 10: 1 says: Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people and plants of the field to everyone" said the Mayor.

Pastor William Mpethe and Pastor Ramela Dibetso rendered inspiring sermons which left the community members renewed and full of hope. They went through bible scriptures (Exodus 23 verse 22, Joel 2 verse 12 and 13, Zacharia 10 verse 1, Romans 12 verse 9, Deuteronomy and 11 Luke 16 verses 31).

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### PRAYER DAY SESSION!!









In his closing remarks, the Mayor reminded all people to stay safe, obey traffic rules and celebrate the festive season responsibly.

"December festive season has arrived. Let's get the correct meaning of this festive season. It is the time to share, the time to give to the poor freely and willingly, the time to celebrate the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. But whatever we do during this festive season, we must always remember that our district is the highest in the province on statistics of people who are infected by HIV. The famous ABC message may sound like an out dated, boring, tedious and monotonous slogan, but it saves lives."







### MATIMBA DONATES TO CHIEFS



#### 1. Back (packer) glance

## KEEP SAIFE THUS

Get in the habit of looking back
when you get up to leave
somewhere. Travel is very
distracting, and you're probably
carrying more stuff than when
you're at home, so you're more
likely to leave a jacket or journal
at that cafe table where you were

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2. Separate your sources of money

Do you keep all your bank cards in your wallet/purse when you're at home? Well, don't do this while you're travelling. Keep at least one in a different place, preferably not on your person. If you loose all your cards on the road it is very difficult to get replacements, and being without money in a place away from home can be so

3. Don't keep your wallet/purse in your jeans' back

To avoid being pickpocketed, keep your wallet in your front pocket, especially a pocket that can be buttoned up. Best of all, use the inside pocket of your jacket.

#### 4. Scan all your major documents

Scan your travel documents and email them to yourself. It is traditional to photocopy your passport and visas, travel insurance etc, and keep them in a separate part of your luggage. But that's old school. These days, digital is best - that way your documents won't go missing even if your bags do.

5. Get vaccinated

Visit your doctor before you leave the country to get all the relevant vaccinations for the destinations you're visiting, and to learn what health precautions you should follow.

6 Watch your food and drinks to ensure that nothing is added to them. Never leave your drinks unattended

## **CHRISTMAS BABIES!!!**



Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko led a delegation of councillors to welcome new born babies on Christmas day 25th of December 2017 at Ellisras and Witpoort Hospital, by giving them presents and wishing them well for the future.

Ellisras Hospital welcomed Happy Komape from Ga-Mushi, born at 07:06, while Mpho Dikosha from Morwe, Victoria Phiri from Thabo Mbeki and Mmanoko Nkoana from Ga-Monyeki were born in Witpoort Hospital.

The Mayor also visited all other patients admitted in the hospitals on the day. He also commended the staff members at the hospitals for their hard work, commitment and dedication.











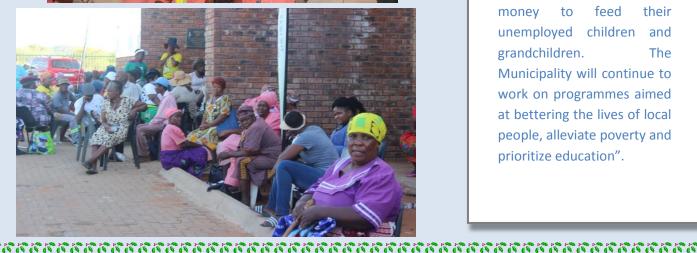




# CHRISTMAS GROCERIES TO THE ELDERLY!!







Hundreds of elderly people attended the annual Mayoral grocery distribution programme at Thabo Mbeki Hall on 28 December 2017.

The Honourable Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Jack Maeko, Cllr with partnership stakeholders Eskom-Matimba and Exxaro donated groceries to local elderly people. acknowledged the contribution from stakeholders and support of all Municipal activities by the elders. "I am aware that our elders are breadwinners in their respective families. They use their social grants feed to their money unemployed children and grandchildren. The Municipality will continue to work on programmes aimed at bettering the lives of local people, alleviate poverty and prioritize education".

