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## **Press Statement**

## PRAYER DAY SESSION

Lephalale Local Municipality, Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, hosted a Prayer Day Session at Moses Monanyane Sports Complex at Shongoane.

The session was prompted by the high rate of road accidents which claimed many lives in the past 12 months, most of which are you young people. According statistics from the South African Police Services, some of the contributing factors for the fatalities are Reckless and negligent driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and high speed.

According to the Mayor, the Municipality views the continuous loss of lives on the roads as a call of great concern which calls for an urgent need for combined intervention from everyone involved in road safety and all religious groups in order to curb the loss of lives on our roads.

Driven by the desire to see the envisaged vision of the Municipality which is "Vibrant city and energy hub" becoming a reality, the Mayor emphasized that road safety is a key factor "preserving the lives of our people especially the youth is of paramount importance and our efforts to be the first city under the democratic government will be in vain in we continue losing lives of our people on the roads"

Pastors from different churches jointly preached the same message of respect, observing the rules of the roads seeking divine intervention from the heavenly father in all challenges affecting local people. Some of the holy Bible scriptures which were read to revive the spirit of the masses in attendance were Mathew 18:19-20, Luke 6:45, Isaiah 47:10-11, Jeremiah 6:2&25, Thessalonians 5:3&5



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As part of government to fight the persisting deep-seated triple challenge of poverty, unemployment and inequality, the Mayor jointly with the Department of Environmental Affairs launched skills development training. The programme is aimed at equipping young people with the requisite skills to be able to enter in to the job market. Courses to be offered under the programme ranges from tourism, cookery to horticulture.

The Mayor urged all participants to use this opportunity as a stepping stone towards a better future and a tool to align with the development of Lephalale.

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