

The Premier of Limpopo Mr Stanley Chupu Mathabatha held an Imbizo at Sefihlogo village Lephalale on 15 September 2017. This community outreach programme served as an engagement platform between the provincial and local government, Eskom-Medupi, Exxaro, Ledjadja Coal Mine and other stakeholder groupings. The programme is part of Government's initiative to interact directly with communities on issues of service delivery.

The Premier commenced the day by officially opening the Moses Monanyane Sports Complex worth R 32 million situated in the Shongoane Village. The complex will be used for various sporting activities and will assist in encouraging sporting activities within Shongoane and the surrounding villages.

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# Lephalale Municipality

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## PREMIER OPENED MOSES MONANYANE SPORTS COMPLEX IN GA-MONYEKI



LLM Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko and Limpopo Premier, Stan Mathabatha opening the plaque for Moses Monanyane Sports complex.



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Mathabatha and his delegation proceeded to Mukuruanyane where the sod-turning ceremony was performed marking the official beginning of the construction works for Mukuranyane, Lerupurupung and Mmaletswai access roads. About R52 million is budgeted for these projects, which will create a number of temporary jobs for local residents and 30% of the budget will be invested on local Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) guided by the National Government Preferential Procurement Policy and the Municipality's Council resolution.

Community members used the Imbizo as a platform to voice challenges relating to service delivery and also applauded the good work that the Municipality has performed from the beginning of Cllr Jack Maeko tenure.

As a hosting Municipality, Lephalale Municipality Mayor Cllr Jack Maeko, expressed his appreciations on the contributions and support that some of the strategic partners continue to make, mentioning the likes of Eskom-Medupi, Exxaro, Ledjadja Coal Mine (Boikarabelo Mine) who were also in attendance.

Cllr Maeko, further stated that all projects opened and launched prior the Imbizo are part of the Municipality's mandate of delivering services to the community and developing rural villages to align with the vision of the Municipality of Building the energy hub and a vibrant City.

In addition to that, the Mayor launched four programmes targeting the local youth group to address unemployment concerns:

- Youth Brigade programme to train local youth in construction related courses.
- Security training programme for 650 local unemployed youth.
- Driver's license training for 100 local matriculants.
- Artisanship training for learners currently studying engineering courses.





# CASUAL DAY!!!

Lephalale Municipality officials took part in the national Casual day festivities on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017 to show support to people living with disability. Casual Day is South Africa's foremost fundraising campaign for persons with disabilities and is the flagship project of the National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD).



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# TSHELAMMAKE ENERGIZED!



Acting Mayor Cllr Thabitha Modise switching on electricity in Tshelammake village Extension, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.



# LETLORA AND KAULETSI ENERGIZED!



LLM in partnership with Eskom switched on electricity to 190 households in Letlora and Kauletsi village on Wednesday 27 September 2017.

# LESEDING ENERGIZED!



LLM Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko officially energized 421 houses in Leseding (Steenbopan) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.

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# PROVINCIAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION!!

“Like male counterparts, women should be allowed to exercise choices such as participating in politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in society that is free from violence and discrimination” said Limpopo Premier Stan Chupu Mathabatha when he was addressing multitudes during the National Women's Day event held at the Barcelona Sports Ground in Ga-Mushi Village in Mogalakwena Municipality.

He further urged women to take advantage of the laws and policies that government has put in place for their own upliftment and protection.



Mathabatha was accompanied by members of his EXCO, MEC for Health Poppy Ramathuba, Treasury MEC Rob Tooley, Agriculture MEC Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana, CoGHSTA MEC Makoma Makhurupetja, MEC for Public Works Jerry Ndou and MEC of Transport Nandi Ndalane, Mayor of Mogalakwena Cllr Hendrina Matsimela and Mayor of Lephalale Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko. According to Mathabatha statistics show that more often than not, women are assaulted, harassed or killed by someone they know. Experience proves that the abuse of women comes in different shapes and sizes. National Women's Day is a South African public holiday celebrated annually on 9 August. The day commemorates the 1956 march of approximately 20 000 women to the Union buildings in Pretoria to petition against the country's pass laws.



# WOMEN PARLIAMENT IN SELEKA!!

The Speaker of Limpopo Legislature, Hon. Polly Boshielo addressed the Fifth Legislature Women's Parliament on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 in Seleka Village, under the theme **“Women commemorating their democratic rights as equal citizens of the country to influence decision-making.”**

The event brought together women from different walks of life under one roof to debate on issues affecting women and advancing their needs. Amongst issues that were under discussions,

- The role of women in influencing decision-making as equal citizens of the country as part of their democratic right,
- Women's interest to coordinate, lead and oversee the transformation of their economy,
- The role of government in addressing issues of gender based violence and abuse, health and domestic violence.

In her main address, Boshielo said that while she was in Sekhukhune with the Public Protector the women in the area said they are being abused, emotionally, financially, mentally and physically by their partners and it goes to show that the country is not doing right by women.

She also made other indication that while she was in Mpumalanga more

than 12 women have been killed by their spouses since January to August.

“Until we as women stand up, men will always have power over us, if we continue to hide our scars and protect abusers these men will not stop. Women need to stand up for one another, it is shocking to find another women leading an attack on a fellow women” said Boshielo.



Debating on, the role of women in influencing decision-making as equal citizens of the country topic, Francina Moshina, Nora Mashidi and Mahlare Emily said that women are capable beings to influence decision making as equal to men all they need is help and the necessary support.

Legislatures' Mirriam Ramadwa closed the debate by saying all proposals by the speakers were heard loud and clear.

“Speakers were clear on their messages that charity begins at home. All suggestions have been taken into consideration and will be further discussed in Legislature with all the relevant representatives. The suggestions will also be forwarded to

“As women we have always been treated inferior to men. In the workplace women are reduced to mere tea ladies or cleaners while men occupy higher positions. Women with disability are also victimized because they are unable to perform certain tasks” said Nora Mashidi.

Office of the Premier were they will be given to relevant departments for implementation”

Ramadwa said legislature will be monitoring every step of the way to ensure that the suggestions and concerns are implemented accordingly.



Acting Mayor, Cllr Reggy Molokomme, giving the vote of thanks.





# MAYOR INTRODUCES ELECTRICITY CONTRACTORS TO SEVERAL VILLAGES

Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko introduced electricity contractors to electrify eight villages in the Lephalale area in the Month of August. The village to be electrified includes Morwe, Seleka 4 ext, Mokuruanyane (Mashemong, Ntotomeng and Tshehlong), Keletswekemme, Mmaletswai, Shongoane (Phomolong Section), Steve Biko phase 4 and Kauletsi.

Addressing community of both Morwe and Seleka 4 respectively, the Mayor

said he recognized Eskom's contribution to making sure that areas which don't have electricity don't stay long without being electrified.

The Mayor was speaking when the Municipality in partnership with Eskom introduced Nomakhozi Trading Projects and Kingki Electrical contractors to electrify 315 households in Morwe and Seleka respectively on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2017.



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# ACCESS ROADS FOR MOKURUANYANE AND LERUPURUPUNG!!!!

Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko introduced Nhlohlori Tilo Trading to the community of Mokuruanyane and Shwings Construction to the community Lerupurupung respectively on 31 August 2017.

Nhlohlori Tilo Trading will construct Bella Thobane Drive (access road) at Tshehlong Village at a cost of R19m while Shwings Construction constructs Kgomotso Moruane Drive (access road) in Lerupurupung for R18m.

Addressing both communities, the Mayor said that, by bringing this project in both Mokuruanyane and Lerupurupung, the Municipality is fulfilling its mandate and mission of committing to rural development and this is adding to some of the achievements towards service delivery.



“Politicians, officials and traditional authorities work together to ensure that services are taken to the people. The role of politicians is to give political direction so that services are taken to the people, while traditional authorities assist the Municipality in identifying challenges that needs intervention with regards to service delivery said the Mayor.

“We have resolved as council that all contractors doing business in Lephalale must channel 30% of their budget towards improving and empowering local SMMEs.

# LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWCASES

## THEIR TALENTS AT

### AXTRAVAGANZA!!

The Limpopo Department of Sports Arts and Culture, afforded local artists in the Waterberg District an opportunity to showcase their talent during the Department's Arts and Culture Extravaganza held at Mogol Club Hall in Lephalale on 31 August 2017.

The event was aimed at promoting social Cohesion, nation building and also assisted in unearthing talent from local Municipalities in the Waterberg District. The extravaganza was also meant to workshop a variety of artists such as musicians, poets, comedians, designers and crafters on several business facets.

A flea market was created for crafters to sell their artwork whilst fashion designers showcased their designs. The extravaganza further gave artists a platform to showcase their poetic skills, theatre work, and comedy talents. Acting Mayor Councillor, William Motlokwa said the Municipality appreciates the fact that the Department chose Lephalale to host the event. He said the event will assist local artists with information on how to run their business professionally.



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# MANDELA MONTH CLOSING CEREMONY



As part of wrapping up Mandela Month, Limpopo MEC for Agriculture, Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana together with Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, led a delegation from Botswana accompanied by Kgoshi Serokgole Seretse, representatives from Vodacom and Eskom and other stakeholders in numerous activities to honour and celebrate the late former president, Dr Nelson Mandela. The delegation started the day by officially opening Ramatsherema Pre-School donated by Eskom Medupi and donating winter clothes to the learners as part of supporting Early Childhood Development in rural areas. Still in Bangalong, the MEC officially switched on the Vodacom tower which will address broadband (network) challenges previously experienced by residents who used to travel long distances to make phone calls and other services. Also in support of Tata Madiba's wish of prioritising education and curbing illiteracy, the MEC and the Mayor donated learning material, sanitary towels and school shoes to learners at Bangalong Primary School and Bahlalerwa Secondary School in Ga-Monyeki Village



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# MAYOR SOD TURNING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SATELLITE POLICE STATION

*Community of Phahladira Village witnessed the Sod Turning ceremony for the construction of the Satellite Police Station.*

*The ceremony which was officiated by the Local Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko, members of SAPS, and the traditional authorities representatives, will see the installation of offices donated by Eskom-Medupi.*



Lephalale Local Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko sod turning for the construction of Police Satellite police station in Phahladira.



*The Mayor said that a lot needs to be done in Phahladira which has recently been incorporated into Lephalale Municipality from Mogalakwena Municipality.*

*Phahladira is one of the villages prioritized in the Municipality 2017/18 IDP projects.*

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# MAYOR LAUNCHES HIV/AIDS COUNCIL!!

Lephalale Municipality took a step towards addressing HIV/AIDS, when the honorable Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, officially launched the Local Aids Council (LAC) and Local Aids Council Technical Committee.

The functions of the LAC will be to advise local Municipalities on policy issues related to HIV and TB, to offer guidance on the implementation HIV and TB Provincial Strategic Plan and local operational plan, resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of HIV and TB provincial strategic plan and to ensure participation in activities leading to calendar events (World TB Day, STI Condom Week and World AIDS Day)

In His Address, the Mayor highlighted the importance of people knowing their status as everyone is either affected or infected.

“Always remember that all of us are either infected or affected by HIV. If you are not personally infected, obviously there is a person who is close to you who is infected. So you are affected. We must preach the gospel of ABC - Abstain, Be faithful or Condoms. This gospel may sound old and monotonous, but it saves lives” said the Mayor.

“The other challenge that we have is that some of the people who are HIV positive ignore treatment; just like some TB patients. We must come up with programmes to make sure that these patients get and use treatment”.

