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EXECUTIVE MAYOR MOKGANYETJI MONITORS WATER PROJECTS

Khomotso Ndhlovu

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji together with Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs) Meriam Malatji, Frank Ratau, Jan Mohlala and Lizzy Lekoatsipa met with consultants, project managers, contractors and officials from the Infrastructure and Water Services to monitor progress made on the water reticulation and yard connections at Ga – Masha Village, De Hoop/Malekana regional water supply Scheme.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Mokganyetji was pleased with the rate in which the water project is progressing.

“I am glad that the project is proceeding well, a few glitches here and there, with local business forums but those issues will be resolved. I also want to thank the workers from right here and various surrounding villages as they have assured me that they will take care and protect this project. They



The reticulation and yard connections are a milestone and flagship programme by Executive Mayor Cllr Mokganyetji that will benefit villages within De Hoop/Malekana Scheme. This programme will receive water through bulk supply from the Malekana Water Treatment Plant and will filter into the communities' yards. Some of the villages that will benefit from this project includes – Maepa, Ratau, Mphana, Makua, Ga – Malekana, Ga – Masha, Rantho and Ga – Maphopha to name but a few.

are even willing to work on weekends and holidays in order to make sure that the projects conclude on time and can provide clean sustainable drinking water to their communities.” Said Cllr Mokganyetji.

The internal reticulation and yard connections project is anticipated to be completed within 12 months and will benefit over twenty thousand households and has created jobs mainly for the youth, women, and people with disabilities.



Also, on the 3rd of March 2023, The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji welcomed a high-level delegation led by the Minister of Water and Sanitation Senzo Mchunu, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation David Mahlobo and Executive Mayor Of Nkangala District Municipality Cllr Leah Mabuza, project manager and government official to monitor progress on the Loskop Dam passing through Moutse to Thembisile Hani Local Municipality bulk water pipeline. This inter

– Provincial project between Mpumalanga and Limpopo Province is at an advanced stage with sites already established and the pipeline already being laid underground.

The bulk water pipeline will connect with the districts Moutse reticulation and yard connections scheme. A water treatment plant and a reservoir will be built, which will provide 3megar Litres of clean drinkable water per day to the people of Moutse. This project will benefit over eight (8) villages in Moutse East.



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SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES TABLES ITS 2021/22 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT



Khomotso Ndhlovu

Sekhukhune District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji together with her executive committee embarked on a district wide 2021/2022 Draft Annual Report consultation programme. The consultation programme covered all stakeholders including communities from all four local municipality, Makgoshi, Rates Payers, vulnerable groups, and officials from the district municipality.

The Draft Annual Report is legislated in terms of Section 46 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 200), which provides for the municipality to compile an annual report as part of its performance management systems which shall also consist of an annual performance report. The district municipality reported that in the financial year 2021/2022, through the public works programme Sekhukhune district municipality created 2540 job opportunities. In terms of gender parity 1394 were males, 1146 were females and people with disabilities were 09. In the same financial year, 6358 VIP sanitation units were built across the district as part of providing communities with sanitation.

On grant spending, 90% was spent on Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) on 22 projects. These projects include bulk water supply and VIP

sanitation projects.

In terms of municipal health services, 1531 food premises were evaluated, and 313 health certificate were issued to facilities that did not comply. Forty (40) awareness campaign were conducted on disaster mitigation strategies, crime, road safety, drug and alcohol abuse. The municipality is currently providing financial assistance to needy students who are attending various tertiary institutions.

The annual performance of the district municipality was satisfactory with the Community Services Department achieving all their targets and the Office of the Executive Mayor at 72%. The district municipality received a qualified opinion audit from the Auditor General Report. Members of the community in their criticism of the 2021/22 Draft Annual Report raised issues of lack of access to clean drinkable water, poor state of internal roads, sewage spillage, lack of economic opportunities amongst the youth, women and people with disabilities.

The full compliment of the 2021/22 Draft Annual Report may be accessed on the website – www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za





Executive Mayor
Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji

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THURSDAY, 23 March 2023 - SEHLAKWANE VILLAGE



Khomotso Ndhlovu



EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR MOKGANYETJI DELIVERS MAIDEN SODA

On Thursday, 23 March 2023, The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji delivered her maiden State of the District Address. This is a little over 100 days after she was elected to the highest position.

The bulk of the speech focused mainly of water and sanitation in the district. It was a report back to the communities of Sekhukhune on the status quo of the water schemes and plans to speedily resolve all water projects in the district.

“The Department of Infrastructure and Water Services is the heartbeat of the district municipality. It lies at the heart of our mandate as an institution. Ours is to provide sustainable clean drinking water and sanitation to our communities.” Said Executive Mayor.

In her report back to communities, Executive Mayor Mokganyetji proclaimed that in the year under review 7858 VIP sanitation units were built across the district – Ephraim Mogale 958 units





were constructed, Makhuduthamaga 2300 units were built, Elias Motsoaledi 2100 units built and Fetakgomo – Tubatse Local Municipality 2500 units were built. While this is a great initiative, the Executive Mayor reiterated that more can be done and will be done.

Executive Mayor Cllr Mokganyetji gave progress report on water projects to the magnitude of people from all over the district who were in attendance. The Ga – Malekana reticulation and yard connection project which will receive water from De Hoop Dam and will supply villages like Ga – Masha, Maseven, Ga – Malekana, Rantho and surrounding villages.

The Inter – Provincial bulk water pipeline from Loskop Dam passing through Moutse to Thembisile Hani Local Municipality which will supply water to over eight (8) villages in Moutse East.

The complete water projects in Tukakgomo, Uitspanning, Alverton, Ga – Mogashoa, Makgeru/ Schoonoord, Ga – Maroga, Motlolo, MAtlailana, Ga – Riba, Ribacross, Ga – Maeseng, Mandela and Makgemeng Villages. All the water project in this

said villages have been completed, testing and energising is ongoing and soon the people will receive sustainable water.

“The report back on the long overdue Groblersdal to Moutse Bulk Water Project which will supply sustainable water to both Moutse West and Central is at 95% and will be completed at the end of September 2023.” Said Cllr Mokganyetji.

The rest of the speech touched on the economy, Gender Based Violence, and the district municipality’s administration.

The State of the District Address was held at Sehlakwane Village, Holneck Sports Ground, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality and amongst the guest were former Limpopo MEC Dr Dickson Masemola, Former Executive Mayor Of Sekhukhune District Municipality Mr Stanley Ramaila and Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Cllr David Tladi.

NB: READ STATE OF DISTRICT ADDRESS SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON OUR WEBSITE: www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za





REHABILITATION OF GA-MALEKANA STEEL BRIDGE

Zanele Khumalo



municipality Cllr Merriam Malatji, and Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse local municipality Cllr Eddie Maila along with the Eight Sekhukhune mines that have invested millions to this project.

Dwarsriver Chrome mine (DCM), Rakhoma mining resources, Glencore, Rustenburg Platinum, Samancor Chrome mine, Booyesdal Platinum, Tjati Platinum and Two rivers platinum are the mines that have invested R127 million into the project scheduled to commence soon. MEC Rakgoale stated that since discussions with the mining corporations began, there has been a protracted negotiating process. "As a

The waiting is finally over for the people of Sekhukhune as 100 years old bridge is to be rehabilitated. Over the years the Malekana Steel Bridge has been repaired and upgraded several times to ensure its continued safe use by motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

The launch of the new bridge was pioneered by Member of Executive Council (MEC) for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Nkakareng Rakgoale, joined by Road Agency Limpopo (RAL) board chairperson Mr Matome Ralebipi, the acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District





government, we are thrilled with how well the relationship has worked out thus far. We urge all four parties to work together as a team for the sake of the project because, should execution be delayed, more funding may be required, which could lead the project to stall”, MEC Rakgoale said.

about to roll out the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Special Economic Zone.”

MEC Monama additionally acknowledges the eight mines for financing this development with a gesture of goodwill. “We are grateful for the huge gesture made by the eight mines and RAL as it cannot be that we have all the wealth without any beneficiation.”

RAL Chairperson, Matome Ralebipi, noted that service delivery is not a prerogative of government, “We need the private sector to assist in this regard.” He furthermore adds that this kind



Speaking on behalf of the eight mining corporations, Conroy Van der Westhuizen said that the department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) had called for a significant infrastructural development in Limpopo, particularly in Sekhukhune.

He continues by saying that the bridge facilitates access for the community at weddings, funerals, commutes to and from work, as well as chances for tourism attractions. “We will build this bridge to make traveling much more convenient, to enhance local economic growth, and to make it possible for children to attend school easily.”

This project is aimed to bring in economic benefits for the people of Sekhukhune states MEC for LEDET, Rogers Monama “The construction of the bridge is aimed at benefiting the people of Sekhukhune to enable them to leverage on those benefits. This bridge comes at a time when we are



of partnership still has a long road ahead yet represents a wonderful economic growth prospect for the Sekhukhune District Municipality. MMC Meriam Malatji capped the event by expressing her gratitude, acknowledging the partnership between the mining companies of Sekhukhune and RAL. “This partnership signifies a bright future for the economy of Sekhukhune district, opportunities for employment, I am honoured to stand here in front of everyone to witness the start of the beautiful idea coming to fruition for the people of Sekhukhune district”.



The Bapedi Kingdom honours the Late Kgoshi Mampuru II, whose remains are yet to be located.



Zanele Khumalo

A ceremony was held in remembrance of Kgoshi Mampuru II Ga-Mamone, on Saturday, 28 Jan 2023. The African Royal families came to support and honour the commemoration of the late Kgoshi Mampuru II who remains a hero that fought against colonial rule till this day. His family still hopes to continue the quest to finding his remains

Kgoshi Mampuru II was the brave King of the Bapedi Kingdom who was hanged on the 22nd of Nov 1883 for refusing to recognize the then-

colonial government. During the new dispensation in 2013 Pretoria central Prison which is the prison he was hang in, was later named after him and the street passing next to the prison, Potgieter Street. Unlike the many heroes that were executed before and after Kgoshi Mampuru II, whose mortal remains have been found, exhumed, and reburied, to date it is still a mystery where Kgoshi Mampuru II remains are located. According to the royal family's spokesperson Serake Mampuru, the family is still looking for his remains hoping to find





that he was the authority of Bapedi Kingdom he could not allow Paul Kruger to impose taxes on his people and guarded the land with jealousy which is why the government eliminated Kgoshi Mampuru." The community of Mamone states that the remembrance of Kgoshi Mampuru II is particularly important to the Bapedi Kingdom as it represents the importance of their culture, and it is a way to highlight the acknowledgement and appreciation to Kgoshi Mampuru II for fighting and protecting the land of the Bapedi Kingdom.

MMC responsible for community service Cllr Orginia Mafefe expressed her greatest gratitude to the Royal families from royal houses in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Naledi Pandor and the Limpopo provincial government, the local mayors, different media houses and everyone in attendance for making this day a success. "I am honored to stand here today on this special occasion of Mampuru Day, as we gather to remember the life and legacy of King Mampuru II. I am grateful for the presence of all those who have joined us to pay homage to this great leader and to ensure that this event proceeds smoothly."

them sooner "As a family we are still in search for Kgoshi Mampuru II remains in hopes to find them sooner. We believe that when he was arrested it was announced publicly, therefore it is not understandable that his body's whereabouts were not disclosed after being killed.

Acting Premier Seaparo Sekwati reiterated that as the Limpopo Provincial government they will help in a quest to find the remains of the late Kgoshi Mampuru II "We came to support the celebration taking place, as well as to remind those who have the mortal remains of this liberation icon to come forth with information to assist the people of Bapedi Kingdom" said Sekwati.

Historian Dr. Steven Phatane says that Kgoshi Mampuru II laid a foundation for colonial resistance in the country. "King Mampuru acknowledging





Sekhukhune District celebrates International Women's Day

Zanele Khumalo



International Women's Day is a day dedicated to celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women all over the world. It is a time to reflect on the progress that has been made in advancing gender equality, and to renew commitment to creating a more just and equitable world for all.

The Mayoral Committee and Dikgošigadi tsa Sekhukhune were invited by the Executive Mayor of the Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji, to commemorate International Women's Day together at Boeketlong on March 7, 2023. The theme of the commemoration was "DigitALL innovation and technology for gender equity", with a focus on changing a variety of intersecting types of discrimination against women and girls that have their roots in gender inequality and are detrimental to their health and wellbeing.

The Amaswati group with their exquisite traditional performance welcomed the Executive

Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji, MMC Cllr Orginia Mafefe, MMC Cllr Merriam Malatji, MMC Cllr Nkosi, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula and the Chief Whip Cllr Mosedi Thamaga, Kgošigadi Malepe, Hunadi 'a Phahlana, and Kgošigadi Seopela, Modirwadi.



Pastor Bridget Hawkings gave motivational words encouraging Women to stand in unity and uplift each other. "As Women we should stop belittling each other. We already have the world against us, we cannot be the ones against each other. As mothers of nature, it is upon us to help each other, as well as set a good example for the upcoming generation of women."

Kgošigadi Ntwampe, a representative of Dikgošigadi from the National House of Traditional Leaders, acknowledged the invitation and significance of women's emancipation, noting that the Executive Mayor Cllr. Maleke Mokganyetji's initiative shows that they are valued and recognized as the Mothers/Queens of the Sekhukhune region. "We are thankful

to be part of celebrating this important day because it will teach us how to work together to strengthen and empower our villages. It is of utmost importance that as Dikgošigadi we uplift each other, such gatherings are needed to ensure unity amongst ourselves.”

More entertainment from Amandebele cultural group was performed to welcome the Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji to deliver her keynote address.

“The official date for International Women’s Day is March 8,” as Executive Mayor Cllr. Mokganyetji recapped in her keynote speech, “but due to unanticipated occurrences that have left families in mourning, Wednesday will be for Mass Funeral preparations.”

She furthermore states that this gathering is to fulfil the promised made on the 9th of February at Makhuduthamaga. “Re kopane mo lehono go tlo keteka letšatši la boditšhabatšhaba la basadi. Ka di 08 March lefase ka bophara le keteka letšatši le. I made a promise to celebrate this important day with you on the 9th February 2023 at Makhuduthamaga Municipal Chambers. I chose to celebrate this important day with you as the UNSUNG Heroines of our nation. You are the glue that binds our communities together. You play an important role in strengthening the traditional leadership institution and the democratic government

Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji furthermore continues to note that “International Women’s Day is a day to celebrate the progress that has



been made towards gender equality, but it is also a day to reflect on the work that still needs to be done. It is a reminder that we all have a role to play in creating a world where women can live free from discrimination and have the same opportunities as men.”

In concurring with the speakers Kgošigadi Seopela acknowledges the invite by the Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji and the room at large for quite an exceptional attendance and performance. She then dwells on the encouragement of queens/women uniting and conquering battles as one. “Executive Mayor, we are honoured to be part of such a historic event, please do not hesitate to invite Dikgošigadi for women empowerment events such as this one. I like what Pastor Bridget said and I quote ‘Women should stop belittling each other and start uplifting one another’. To strengthen our villages, we need to unity as Queens. ”





PLANTING SEEDS OF EDUCATION

Zanele Khumalo



Secondary School, Tlhako Secondary School, Abraham Serote Secondary School and at Bareki Mall to allow the youth to apply for NSFAS closer to their places of abode.

This program's objective was to ensure that every child in the Sekhukhune district could potentially receive financial aid. In the interest of ensuring that no youngster is prevented from furthering their education owing to a lack of internet connectivity, the Executive Mayor of the Sekhukhune District Municipality has devised this plan to provide youth with access to the internet.

The NSFAS application roadshow, which ran from January 23rd to January 31st, 2023, was organized by the Sekhukhune district's Executive Mayor's Office in conjunction with its Youth Office and Special Programs unit.

The Roadshow stopped by several educational institutions in the Sekhukhune region, including Matshumane Secondary School, Sehlaku Secondary School, Fetakgomo High School, Mahlontebe

A 34-year-old widow from Moteti Mmotwaneng Village with three children, Deborah Mkhari, was introduced to us in one of the high schools we visited. Deborah completed her matriculation in 2019 at the age of 30, making her the oldest matriculant at Tlhako Secondary School at the time. She then obtained a higher certificate. In 2020, she enrolled at Dibathuto Secondary School, where she upgraded her acquired marks to a Bachelor certificate with the assistance of kind-hearted





individuals. Mrs Mkhari considers the roadshow's launch to be a godsend since it has motivated her to keep improving her life as well as that of her children.

Mrs Mkhari worked hard to empower herself educationally against the negative comments she endured as an older learner in a class full of teenagers. She toiled and committed herself to her own goals and said "Bare thutela bogolo e a roba, nna kere ga e robe, go roba maekarabelo. Boima baka lapeng ebile morwalo waka go tloga bonyaneng, ke leboga monyetla o ba mphileng ona. Viva to education".

roadshow at least twice a year to reach a greater number of candidates.

The total number of applications received over a short period of seven days were over 2000. It is evident that the applications can be astronomically increased with extra sessions. The roadshow is now planned to be conducted twice a year to cover a larger audience.



Due to a shortage of knowledge and guidance on tertiary level courses, institution application as well as acquiring financial assistance, the office of the Executive Mayor of the Sekhukhune district, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji, is looking to host the



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