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Official quarterly newsletter for the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure

2020 A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER



MEC Masemola monitoring compliance to COVID-19 regulations

By: Tendani Munyai

Sitting at the end of the first quarter of 2020, having put together the first quarterly newsletter *Mishumo*, one would have never imagined that as we said “Happy New Year” at midnight of 31st December 2019, we were heading to a year like no other.

During this time of the year, *Mishumo Newsletter*, would be carrying a lot of government activities that would have taken place such as the always vibrant Freedom Day celebrations on 27 April 2020, Africa Day on 25th May

2020 and the commemoration of the 1976 youth on June 16, plans and programmes of the department regarding infrastructure delivery and many more issues of interest to the public.

Families would have got together during one of the most important periods in the calendar, the Easter holidays as has become tradition. Pilgrimages and places of worship would have commenced and tested the durability of our roads as we continue to strive to ensure provincial roads are usable.

ALAS, this was not to be as a virus that first broke in Wuhan, China

VISION

A leader in the provision and management of provincial Land, Buildings and Roads Infrastructure.

MISSION

Optimal utilization of resource in the provision and management of sustainable social and economic infrastructure including implementation and coordination of Expanded public Works Programme.

VALUES

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure prides itself on the following core values;

Accountability

Every officials will be held responsible for own action and ensuring single point accountability.

Integrity

All officials will be truthful and honest in execution of duties in their area of competence.

Professional Ethics

All officials will perform diligently with necessary proficiency in the execution of duties in their area of skills backed by acceptable moral code.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE DELIVERY

All officials shall dedicate their energy and time strive to deliver as a joint and cooperate amongst themselves for service excellence.

TRANSPARENCY

The Department will always uphold Batho Pele Principles and deliver accordingly.

ANSWERABILITY

The Department will collectively take liability for poor service delivery

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became a global pandemic that changed the way things were done across the globe.

On 15 March 2020 the President of the Republic of South Africa declared the Corona Virus also referred to Covid-19, a national disaster after the World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared it a global pandemic. "The world is facing a medical emergency far graver than what we have experienced in over a century", these words by President Ramaphosa and his subsequent declaration of the national state of disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act, changed the day to day lives of everyone living in South Africa.

Lockdowns were introduced with stringent regulations on movement which saw schools, workplaces, businesses, transport services and a lot of activities not operating as a way of trying to slow down the spread of the virus. The Provincial government led by Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha through the Provincial Command Council (PCC), constituted to deal with all aspects related to Covid 19 hit the ground running to immediately monitor activities in the province in line with the regulations put in place by the Cabinet as a result of discussion by the National Command Council (NCC) led by President Ramaphosa.

The PCC spent each day monitoring compliance to regulations by communities. Visiting all corners of the province to spread the message of social distancing, practicing high level of hygiene by constantly washing



hands with soap and water as well as using 70% alcohol-based sanitisers as well as wearing masks in public.

During the level 5 period to current level 3, it became evident that more and more people cannot make ends meet due to restrictions on their means to make a living and therefore, food banks across the province were launched. Food parcels were given to the needy through public-private partnerships.

Fast forward to today, the country is at level 3 of lockdown and the economy is beginning to slowly open, although the number of infections is reported to be rising on a daily basis, with recoveries, however, reported to be over 50% of the infected. [covid19stats].

The new normal is upon us and it seems it will be for months to come.

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Play your part, stay safe

At Level 3, we need to take personal responsibility for our safety and the safety of others:



Keep a distance of 1½ metres from other people



Wash or sanitise your hands regularly



Clean surfaces regularly



Wear a cloth **mask** in public



PROHIBITED

Avoid crowds and **gatherings**

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LIMPOPO ALLEVIATING POVERTY DURING COVID-19



The MEC successfully launched the Waterberg Food Bank on behalf of the Limpopo Premier, Hon. Chupu Stanley Mathabatha in Witpoort Ga-Seleka, Lephalale Municipality in Waterberg District, on Friday 12th June 2020.

Food Banks are an integral part of the Limpopo Command Council which addresses the remnants and effects of COVID-19.

MEC Masemola with Waterberg Executives handing over food parcels to communities of Witpoort, Ga-Seleka

“We are here today to conclude what the Premier has started in other

By Joel Seabi

MEC Masemola, for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure on his capacity as Acting Premiers calls upon Private Sector and all Social Partners to contribute to the Waterberg Food Bank and the Provincial Government-led Fight Against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In his address at the launch of the Waterberg Food Bank, the MEC representing the Premier commended the manner, the World Health Organization and National Command Council led by President Matamela Ramaphosa has handled the outbreak in South Africa. He also commended the leadership of Premier Mathabatha as he continues to lead in the province which inspires courage in the Provincial Command Council collectively and the people of the province.

districts, which is to launch the district food banks,” MEC Masemola said. He further indicated that access and distribution of the food parcels should not be bias. “The food parcels much reach the intended beneficiaries and households,” MEC Masemola said.

The MEC was accompanied by the District Executive Mayor Mr Morris Mataboge, Lephalale Mayor Mr Jack Maeko, the Speaker, the Chief Whip, other Councillors and Social Partners that include mining companies representatives and officials of government.

Food Banks have so far managed to close the gap on poverty in the province, especially during the uncertain period of the relentless fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Many destitute families have been able to survive after government and good samaritans donated thousands of food parcels across the province since Covid-19 started.



Limpopo Executive authorities ensuring compliance at the warehouse

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MEC'S PRONOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS AMIDST COVID19

By Khomotjo Serumula & Rosemary Mahapa

The MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Namane Dickson Masemola, delivered Vote 9 Budget Speech recently highlighting the departmental achievements during 2019/20 financial year and plans for 2020/21. The budget speech was delivered through virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following were achieved for 2019/20 financial year:

- A total of 87, 62 km of roads at a total cost of R1, 150 Billion
- Upgrading of laundry services completed at Mankweng Hospital
- Three traditional council offices which are Rambuda, Mudavula offices in Vhembe District and Dikgale in Capricorn District.

The following plans are for 2020/21 financial year:

• Roads Infrastructure

- ⇒ Fourteen (14) road upgrade projects spanning about 85 km in various parts of the province with two (02) bridges at an estimated cost of R662 million

• Infrastructure operations

- ⇒ The renovations of the 36-bed female surgical ward at Letaba hospital will be completed in 2021/22.
- ⇒ Upgrading laundry services at St. Rita and Pietersburg hospitals will commence during 2020/21 financial year
- ⇒ Construction of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in Bosele is at the tender stage, construction works is to commence during the financial year
- ⇒ Lebowakgomo EMS is at design stage and is scheduled to be on advertisement during this first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year
- ⇒ Upgrades of the four (4) nature reserves is progressing well
- ⇒ The construction of the fifty-nine (59) school projects that was supposed to commence



MEC Masemola tabling the virtual Vote-9 Budget Speech

- ⇒ during the third quarter of 2019/20, will now commence in 2020/21 financial year - Six (6) schools of the 59 are at an advanced stage and contractors will take sites soon
- ⇒ Three (3) traditional council offices, Mphaphuli, Masia and Ditlou Machidi are currently under construction
- ⇒ The process of appointing a contractor who will complete construction works at the Mogashoa Dithlakaneng traditional council office - This is after the initial contractor was terminated due to poor performance.
- Maintenance of government buildings
 - ⇒ The department will commission forty-five (45) maintenance projects for the 2020/21 financial year. This is an ongoing initiative to ensure that immovable assets owned by government remain in good condition. Furthermore continue to work with the affected stakeholders to ensure realisation of the long outstanding programme of relocating District Offices of Sekhukhune from Lebowakgomo to Jane Furse.
- During the 2020/21 financial, the department will complete
 - ⇒ The construction of the Out Patient Department (OPD) at Maphutha-Malatjie
 - ⇒ Upgrading of the laundry services at Tshilidzini and Letaba hospital
 - ⇒ The construction of Molemole Agriculture

Office and Limpopo Traffic College Accommodation block phase 1 in Dzanani.

•Job creation

- ⇒ Through its EPWP the Department will ensure the set target for the Limpopo Province of 475 358 work opportunities which is 9.4% of the National target and will ensure continuous implementation of the programme without any failure.
- ⇒ The department is in the process of finalising the review of the organisational structure in consultation with the Provincial Treasury and the Office of The Premier and the targeted for completion by the end June 2020.

On issues concerning **Audit, SCOPA, Portfolio Committee** is worth noting that for the period 2014/15 to 2018/19; the department has had a qualified audit opinion with different findings emanating from different programmes, and in terms of the House Resolutions, 80% progress on Portfolio Committee and 79% progress on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts resolutions were registered. The Department remains determined to implement the house resolutions and outstanding audit findings from the previous financial years also continuously implementing the corrective action plan with solid and timebound remedial actions designed to address these critical financial and governance matters. The remedial actions are based on the root cause analysis undertaken to eliminate the irregularities and ensure that they not recur.



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Budget allocation for 2020/2021 Financial Year

* This is an allocation initially made before adjustment for the funding of COVID-19

Programme 1	Administration (for support function of the Department)	R410 516 000.00
Programme 2	Infrastructure Operations	R875 360 000.00
Programme 3	Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)	R68 613 000.00
Programme 4	Roads Infrastructure	R2 505 298 000.00
	TOTAL	R3 859 787 000.00

Note that an amount R1 478 676 000.00 in Programme 4 (Roads Infrastructure) budget is transferred to Roads Agency Limpopo.

Since the allocation of the funds to the Department, the allocation as presented is already being reduced to fund the fight against COVID-19, thus the figures and plans are bound to change.

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LDPWRI MEC DURING VOTE-9 TABLING CONCERNING COVID-19 READINESS

As part of the relentless fight against COVID-19, the department has identified facilities for the purpose of quarantine and isolation



working together with the Department of Health to determine suitability. The Disaster Management regulations under level 4 have lifted the ban on Public Works Construction and Civil Works activities, as such the Department will be carefully resuming some of the activities as soon as the guidelines are issued and ensure strict adherence to the health precautions and for the safety of everyone.

The Department's Employee Health and Wellness unit together with Demand and Acquisition Management unit are working effortlessly to ensure the safe return of employees. The Departmental landlines and social media platforms are available to keep in touch and to ensure service deliver to the stakeholders.

Lets protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Everyone should wear **CLOTH face masks** when in public.

Handwashing and social distancing still remain the most important prevention strategies for COVID-19



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to
STOP
the spread of
COVID-19
Coronavirus

- ⇒ Wash hands
- ⇒ Stand 2m away from each other
- ⇒ Wear face mask that covers mouth and nose while in public

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Large events and gatherings of more than a 100 people are prohibited.



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow.




Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

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Summary of alert levels

ALERT LEVEL 5	ALERT LEVEL 4	ALERT LEVEL 3	ALERT LEVEL 2	ALERT LEVEL 1
 OBJECTIVE				
<p>Drastic measures to contain the spread of the virus and save lives.</p>	<p>Extreme precautions to limit community transmission and outbreaks, while allowing some activity to resume.</p>	<p>Restrictions on many activities, including at workplaces and socially, to address a high risk of transmission.</p>	<p>Physical distancing and restrictions on leisure and social activities to prevent a resurgence of the virus.</p>	<p>Most normal activity can resume, with precautions and health guidelines followed at all times.</p> <p>Population prepared for an increase in alert levels if necessary.</p>

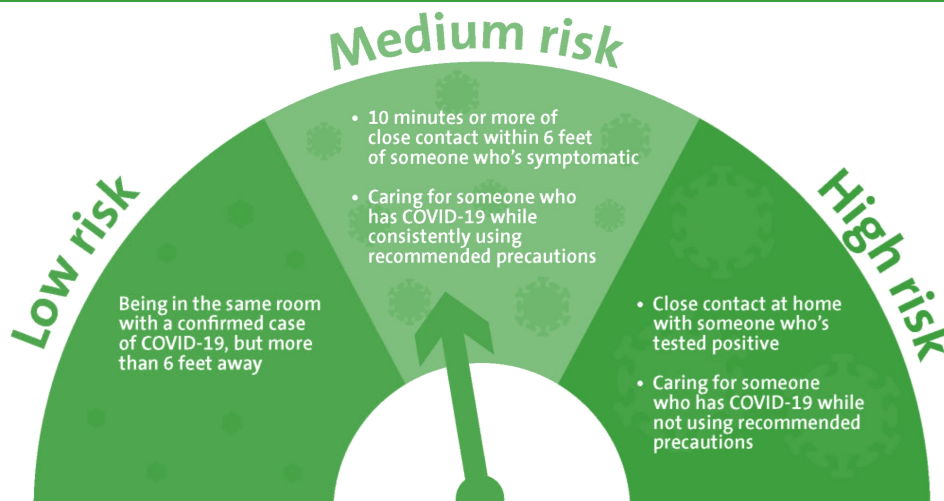
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