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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.



MEC Dr. Namane Dickson Masemola at the funeral of Kgoshi Herbert Mampuru.

MEC Dr. Namane Dickson Masemola represented Premier Chupu Mathabatha at the funeral of Kgoshi Makopole Herbert Mampuru in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District. Kgoshi Mampuru was born on the 21 August 1937, he was 83 years when he passed away on 20 May 2022, he is survived by his wife, two (2) children, two (2) grandchildren and one (1) great-grandchild. May the spirit of *Bauba'a Bauba lethebeswane la Noka ya Tubatse* rest in peace.

2022/2023 BUDGET SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS

“This policy speech will be yet another contribution in our collective effort to reconstruct the economy and ignite socio-economic activities in bettering the lives of the people”, said Dr. Namane Dickson Masemola

Happy Lekgothoane

On the 07th of April 2022, Dr Namane Dickson Masemola MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure delivered his 2022/2023 Vote 09 Budget Speech at Lebowakgomo Legislature.

During his budget speech priority roads project for the department were on the spotlight for this current financial year as part of rolling out economic infrastructure delivery:

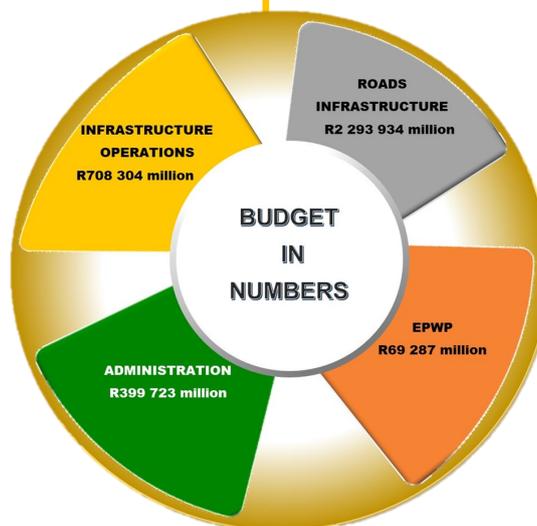
- D4180 Atok Mine to Ga - Selepe to Modimolle
- D3278 Blouberg Hospital to Buffelshoek
- D3561 Segole 1 & Segole 2 from Masebe Nature Reserve to N11 Watervaal
- D4260 Malope to Phokwane
- D3669 Mavhunga access road
- D3734 Tshatshama road in Mopani: - Ga - Raphahlelo, Ga- Phooko.
- D4090, D4093, D4094, D9496 Malimati roads
- D4199 Apel to Ga - Nkoana to D4190
- D3436, D3428, D5007 Ga - Ramoshwane, Ga - Rammetlwane, Ga - Ramotlana
- D3248 Thapane access to

N'wamitwa

- D4283 Glencowie to Malaka
- D3671 Musekwa to Maranikwe
- The upgrading of the 10km road D4109 from Mmamatonya to road D885

Achievement for financial year 2021/2022 in improving infrastructure delivery:

- Completion of first phase for 3km on the D3878 Sekororo towards Balloon road, also Phase 2 of the upgrading of 7.5Km on D3727, D879, D1356 Mashamba to Mulima to Tshitale to Morebeng.
- The Construction of bridge 6116 in Makuleke currently at 100% Completion – this bridge is on road D3653



In 2021/22 financial year the department has **created 95 210 work opportunities** and have surpassed the target and created 95907. These achievements are distributed per EPWP sector as follows: - Infrastructure 25243, Environment and Culture 10461, Social sector 23682, Non-State sector 36521 work opportunities. In terms of social groups: - women account for 67885, youth 30798, people with disability 733.

Department invest in Youth Empowerment

Khomotjo Serumula

Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure has appointed **ninety-seven (97)** youth under Bank SETA for a 12-month internship programme, **thirty-two (32)** youth as Management Assistant for 24-month contract, **seventeen (17)** bursary holders and **four-hundred**

and forty five (445) through EPWP which is divided as follows:

- ⇒ 54 Data Brigade (road maintenance)
- ⇒ 62 Assets and Inventory
- ⇒ 15 Artisans
- ⇒ 103 Cleaners
- ⇒ 96 SEDA Jewellery
- ⇒ 50 DEAFSA

- ⇒ 32 Administrative Services
- ⇒ 32 SANCB

All these new members are allocated supervisors and/or mentors who coach and allocate work to them on a daily basis and are required to complete attendance register as a form of a monitoring tool.



Premier Mathabatha addressing Africa Day attendees at the University of Limpopo

ALLEVIATING POVERTY, STARVATION & UNEMPLOYMENT FOR AN AFRICAN CHILD

"Our Africa Day in this Province is always characterised by beautiful bright colours and music" Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha

Johannes Mangena

As the country commemorated the Africa Day on the 25 May 2022, the Premier of Limpopo, Honourable Chupu Stanley Mathabatha delivered a keynote speech at the University of Limpopo under the theme of **'strengthening resilience in Nutrition and food security on the African continent'**

The commemoration of this day is to celebrate the founding of the first Union of African countries in 1963 and it is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the African Union since its creation. On this day Africans are given the opportunity to celebrate the socio-economic achievements of the continent and to reflect on the progress made by the African Union in achieving its goals, especially with regard to protecting the human rights and freedoms of Africans.

Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha was given a vibrating welcome filled with melodic drums, ululations and parade by the South African Police Service (SAPS) and various cultural groups from

diverse communities in the Limpopo Province.

In his speech Mathabatha acknowledged the University of Limpopo and Department of Sports, Arts and Culture for hosting the event. He further mentioned that the African Union (AU) calls all of South Africans to unite and celebrate together for liberation. Mathabatha indicated that the African countries still have a lot to achieve in addressing issues of malnutrition experienced by the African children despite the successes that the AU have achieved so far. He questioned Africa's rich immense in natural and cultural resources, however still failing to address socio-economic issues. This requires all Africans as their duty to change the way we think by approaching this challenges with a different perspective to strive to improve the livelihoods of the citizens.

In trying to solve hunger, unemployment, and strengthening food security on the African continent, quality and accessible education is

a prerequisite to solving some of these challenges by providing initiatives in the educational institutions that promote skills programmes to equip the African youth with necessary skills significant to the economy. "This will give our youth the opportunity to become innovators and entrepreneurs who will create jobs to alleviate poverty in the African continent", said Mathabatha.

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) is committed to strengthen Agri-food systems and health and social production systems to accelerate socio-economic and human capital development.



SAPS Brass band ushering the parade during the event

OUR FREEDOM WAS NOT FREE.... OUR DEMOCRACY DID NOT COME CHEAP



Premier Mathabatha flacked by executive council during the Provincial Freedom Day celebration at Manganeng

William Ramollo

Limpopo Provincial Government 2022 Freedom Day Celebrations was held at True Lions Sport Ground in Manganeng Village, Makhuduthamaga Municipality under the theme **“Consolidating our Democratic Gains: to mark the country’s transition from the oppressive apartheid regime to free democratic country”**. The celebrations started off with a Big Walk to encourage healthy living and active citizenry. Premier Stanley Mathabatha addressed the masses in attendance of the celebration of 28 years of democracy and freedom. “We are here to commemorate the first democratic elections in this country which were held on the 27th of April in 1994. In the last two years,

“Lehono re ikgantsha ka ntwala ya marumo ya magoshi ka moka ao a lwetsego tokologo. Setshaba sa Thulare, ntumeleleng kere moshuthelelwa gaa nabe”
Premier Mathabatha

we have not been able to celebrate this important day, because of the restrictions of covid -19 pandemic. We have lost leaders, including traditional leaders and many people,” said Premier Mathabatha. “We also celebrate the protection and advancement of human rights which are entrenched in our constitution. We celebrate the right to freedom of movement and association, freedom of expression, religious freedom, freedom of sexual orientation and the right to own property. We celebrate the rights of workers to belong to a trade union, equal pay for equal work, health and safety at work and the right to strike,” Premier Mathabatha indicated that with this freedom and democracy we have managed to introduce the Scholar Transport

Programme in our school. The programme benefits learners in almost 380 schools. “These are indeed the fruits of the freedom we are celebrating today. It does not end there, this democratic government has introduced a No-Fee School Policy to ensure that children from poor families don’t have to pay school fees. Today in Limpopo, over 1.6 Million children do not pay school fees,” said the Premier. “It is in our hands to make Limpopo and South Africa a place of our dreams. Let us join hands to fight corruption, both in government and in the private sector. Let us fight against the proliferation of drugs in our

When and how to report an adverse event following immunisation?



When to seek medical assistance?

- Reactions becoming severe and/or lasting more than 3 days
 - Any new-onset symptoms of concern within 30 days of vaccination
- Do NOT assume all reactions are due to the vaccine!**



Health facility
E.g. clinic, private practitioner, hospital



Med Safety App
Application available on smart phones



COVID-19 Hotline
0800 029 999
Phone for assistance

BRINGING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INTO RURAL NKUZANA

....to fight triple challenges of inequality, poverty alleviation and unemployment.....



MEC Dr. Masemola with Dr. Mike Nkuna, MEC Basikopo Makamu and Cllr. Moses Maluleke the Collins Chabane Local Municipality Mayor during construction site visit of Nkuna Kraal Shopping Mall.

the first of the six-phased construction of Nkuna Smart City, a R1.5 billion project which will create over 6000 job opportunities when fully operational and already created 8000 during construction.

The Nkuna City is the brainchild of founder, commercial and retail property developer, Dr. Mike Nkuna of Masingita Group of Companies. "Now we have someone to help in a form of Dr. Nkuna who will make this part of the province to be unique", said MEC Makamu.

According to the six-phased plan for the Nkuna City which is expected to end by 2028, the facilities will have a shopping centre, taxi rank, industrial site, value retail, office suite, intermodal facilities, public garage, drive-thru food outlets, private hospital, educational facilities, hotel with conference facilities, public spaces, sport facilities, business sites even residential

with different typologies.

The development will help fight the triple threads of inequality, i.e poverty alleviation and unemployment for the people of Nkuzana village and surrounding villages as it will create workplace employment for the community members even opportunities for informal market stalls.

It was noted that for a fully operational and successful development of the planned facilities, provincial government, district municipality and local municipality support is crucial that is to construct sewer treatment plan to provide bulk water and allow increase flow of water, construction of access and main roads that link villages within the catchment area with Nkuna City.

UPDATE: The Nkuna Kraal Shopping Complex was officially opened on the 31st May 2022 by MEC Thabo Mokone on behalf of Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha.

Khomotjo Serumula

A delegation led by MEC for COGHSTA, Mr. Basikopo Makamu, was delegated as acting Premier, visited Nkuna Kraal Shopping Mall at Nkuzana Village, Collins Chabane Local Municipality. The shopping mall is

LDPWRI RESTORE TRADITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

—to uphold and retain dignity of Meshate

Khomotjo Serumula

The department as a leader of government public infrastructure has embarked on building over seven (7) traditional council offices in the province. MEC Dr. Namane Dickson Masemola accompanied by District Mayors, Local Mayors and Ward Councillors handed over four (4) of the seven contractors who will build new office buildings with guard office, palisade fencing, pavements, parking and borehole. The contracts are for a 12 month period, to be completed by 19 May 2023 and will create estimated 25 work opportunities for the members of the community.

The traditional council offices are:

1. **Bakone Ba Matlala Traditional Council Office** at Setumong Village, Capricorn Village—the new structure to cost R10 089 999,80 build by Mvuki Park JV
2. **Bakwena Ba Matsepe Traditional**

Council Office at Matsepe Village, Sekhukhune District—the new structure to cost R9 724 721,35 built by Pitsi ya Mabala Business Project and General Trading

3. **Bakone Traditional Council Office** at Makobe Village, Waterberg District—the new structure to cost R7 937 369,00 built by Annabel Anajua Group
4. **Manoke Traditional Council Office** at Manoke Village, Sekhukhune District—the new structure to cost R10 078 229,14 built by Phalalang Business Solutions.
5. **Davhana Traditional Council Office** at Davhana Village, Vuwani, Vhembe District—the new structure to cost R10 260 000.00 built by Pitsi Paula Construction and Projects.
6. **Raphahlelo Traditional Council Office** at Raphahlelo Village, Lemondokop, Mopani District—the new structure to cost R9 975 293,20 built by Ledile

Trading.

"Our government listens to the concerns of its people. The provincial government came as a token of appreciation and respect to our traditional leaders, for them to be shown a d e q u a t e respect and appreciation, dignity to serve their community accordingly in modernised infrastructure," said MEC Masemola.





The community of Lephalale attending the 2022 Provincial Youth Day

Youth Month Launch

Maboku Maponya

On the 1st of June the Limpopo Provincial Government launched youth program at Rotterdam stadium at Rotterdam village in the Greater Letaba Municipality under the theme **Promoting sustainable livelihoods and resilience of young people for better tomorrow.**

The MEC of Social Development Nkakareng Rakgoale delivered the keynote address on the Premier of the Province, in her address she reminded the people about the events which took place 16 June 1976 Soweto Uprising. The MEC also expressed the governments concern on the rate of unemployment even thou there has been a slight decrease of 0.8% in the last quarter of 2021 and the first of 2022 where 37500 jobs were created. She also stated that they have developed the Limpopo Youth Development Strategy which gives framework within which issues of the youth will be considered, strategy is based on 5 cardinal pillars which one of them is employability.

Another strategy which has also been developed is the Procurement Strategy which encourages all spheres of government to procure goods and services from the youth so that they can archive the goal of youth empowerment.

Mr Baloyi, the Acting Executive mayor of Mopani District Municipality urged the officials from the Provincial to speed up the development of the Rotterdam village as it is one of the poorest in the region.

Johannes Mangena

In celebrating Youth Day on the 16th June 2022 under the theme: **promoting sustainable livelihood and resilience of young people for better tomorrow** reflects governments' effort in addressing challenges that youth encounter on a daily basis including issues of unemployment, substance abuse, alcohol, health, teenage sex, and the demon of easy-come.

Premier of Limpopo Stanley Mathabatha together with the executive council visited Shongoane Village at Lephalale in the Waterberg District to render a youth day speech at Shongoane stadium with the effort to remind the youth about their purpose in life and the importance of education in acquiring technical skills, he emphasized. His speech encapsulated the devastating impact of Covid-19 which resulted in increased number of youth unemployment which has become a

new pandemic that has destroyed businesses which were providing jobs to young people. As a result, government and organisations representing young people and business communities should find lasting solutions to youth unemployment.

"without education you will not be able to seize the many opportunities that are availd to you. in fact, you will remain an important yet unusable resource for our country and its' people," Premier Mathabatha

The premier reiterated the possible impediments that make it impossible for youth to succeed, and as a result the economic freedom will remain a dream or even a nightmare if issues of alcohol, substance abuse, unemployment etc. are not confronted.

This requires a collective strategy to be adopted such as building schools and training colleges to support skills revolution.

Likely there are Further Education and Training Colleges in every district in Limpopo Province.

As far as education and business opportunities is concerned, young people should realize that no opportunity will ever come to their doorstep, in fact it is their duty to stand-up, dust themselves and 'make it happen', in true spirit of Vuk'uzenzele.

In order for youth to reach their greatness they should never allow themselves to model dubious characters with unexplainable wealth, socially reckless lifestyles and generally disrespectful. "young people who are positive role models are a crop of young people that I can confidently urge you to admire", said Stanley Mathabatha

'As young people you should become close friends with information technology by taking advantage of the Fourth Industrial Revolution to acquire universal access' Premier Stanley Mathabatha.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE, QUALITY LEGAL SERVICE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

Johannes Mangena

MEC of Public Works Roads & Infrastructure Dr. Namane Dickson Masemola attended UNISA Law Clinic Launch in Meropa Casino, Polokwane on 26 May 2022.

The University of South Africa hosted an event to launch a Law Clinic that will be a tool to address legal issues that remains an impediment to legal access and justice especially in vulnerable communities.

Since its inception, it has been operating in Tshwane University of Technology as compared to other Universities' Law Clinics in the country. The University is expanding the Law Clinic in all UNISA Regional centres in the country, however this will start as a pilot project in three regions:- Limpopo:-Polokwane Office, Mpumalanga:-Middleburg Office and Western Cape:-Parrow Office. This will give communities in these areas an opportunity to access justice and quality services as one of their interviewee expressed the difficulty and unfairness in paying child maintenance but unable to see his child. The aim of the Law Clinic is to solve real problems relating to legal matters concerning people. MEC Masemola, indicated that these legal efforts will empower the socially disadvantaged in society to have free legal services in times of need, train law students and prepare them to assume social responsibilities. He also congratulated the UNISA Law Clinic team led by Advocate Kgagudi Morota on this initiative.



MEC Dr. Namane Masemola with UNISA management during the launch of Law Clinic at Meropa Casino

Who qualifies for legal assistance?

According to Unisa Law Clinic as legal aid institution allowed by Legal Practice Council to help persons whose income is too low to afford private attorney/s fees. Your income must be lower than amounts as set out below:

All employed applicants must meet the requirements of the means test as per the Act the salaries should be R8000 (eight thousand rands) or less for clients to be approved.

All pensioners and unemployed persons also qualify for legal assistance at the law.

What to bring when applying:

- Identity Document;
- Bank Statement.
- Payslip.
- Pension Card.

For Divorce— an original marriage certificate. If the matter involves any children bring their birth certificates. If you have been served with summons or any notice please bring it as well.

Unisa Law Clinic will be assisting all new clients with the following matters:

- Divorce;

- Maintenance;
- Domestic Violence;
- Eviction;
- Civil Litigation;
- Labour Matters;
- Impact Litigation.

Unisa will not assist on the following matters:

- Road accident Fund;
- Administration of deceased estates;
- Liquidation and sequestration;
- conveyancing; Trademarks;
- Medical Negligence Claims; and Collections, the clinic will handle eligible cases on behalf of plaintiffs only up to the granting of judgment. Warrants of execution will be issued in the clients own name.

Costs: No charges for the time spent by the Attorneys and candidate legal practitioners when they work on your case. However, certain other costs are incurred when they institute action on your behalf. These costs are to cover Basic disbursements like sheriff costs, tracing agents and paying for any administrative rate, by way of a deposit.

Let's talk
about
Mental Health

There is no Health without mental health

Jennifer Mudau

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. Mental health helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

Types of mental disorders

- Anxiety disorders
- Mood disorders
- Psychotic disorders
- Eating disorders
- Personality disorders
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Impulse control and addiction disorders
- Factitious disorders.

Myths and facts of mental health

1. **Myth:** Mental health problems don't affect me.
Fact: Mental health problems are actually very common.
2. **Myth:** Children don't experience mental health problems.
Fact: Anyone can experience mental health problems.
3. **Myth:** People with mental health problems are violent and unpredictable.
Fact: The vast majority of people with mental health problems are not

- violent.
4. **Myth:** People with mental health needs, even those who are managing their mental illness, cannot tolerate the stress of holding down a job.
Fact: People with mental health problems are just as productive as other employees. Employers who hire people with mental health problems report good attendance and punctuality as well as motivation, good work, and job tenure on par with or greater than other employees.
 5. **Myth:** There is no hope for people with mental health problems. Once a friend or family member develops mental health problems, he or she will never recover.

Fact: Studies show that people with mental health problems get better and many recover completely. Recovery refers to the process in which people are able to live, work, learn, and participate fully in their communities.

6. **Myth:** Therapy and self-help are a waste of time. Why bother when you can just take a pill?

Fact: Treatment for mental health problems varies depending on the individual and could include medication, therapy, or both.

7. **Myth:** Prevention doesn't work. It is impossible to prevent mental illnesses.

Fact: Prevention of mental, emotional, and behavioural disorders focuses on addressing known risk factors such as exposure to trauma that can affect the chances that children, youth, and young adults will develop mental health problems.

NB "WE ALL HAVE EMOTIONS, FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, AND MOODS THAT MAY INFLUENCE OUR MENTAL HEALTH, AND THAT IS PERFECTLY NORMAL"



The Department would like to wish the following officials good health, content and happy days in their new ventures, some are going on retirement while others will undergo new ventures elsewhere.

HEAD OFFICE

- Molope KF**—Monitoring and Evaluation
- Mofokeng T**—Infrastructure Planning

CAPRICORN DISTRICT

- Kwinda TA**—Dendron Roads
- Nemafhohoni KA**—Thabamooopo Property and Facilities Management

MOPANI DISTRICT

- Baloyi ME**—Tzaneen Property and Facilities
- Maenetja MS**—Mopani Drainage Structure, District Office
- Makhubela MA**—Giyani Roads Maintenance
- Maluleke FR**—Mopani Drainage Structure, District Office
- Mavikane TJ**—Giyani Electrical Services
- Nkuna GK**—Giyani Mechanical Workshop
- Ragoja MM**—Tzaneen Mechanical Workshop

SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT

- Lapane MN**—Mecklenburg Roads
- Mohlala RD**—Mecklenburg Roads
- Phala JN**—Construction, District Office

VHEMBE DISTRICT

- Lilimu NR**— Construction & Maintenance, Thohoyandou
- Magau N**—Maintenance, District Office
- Mudau MI**—Messina Roads Maintenance
- Mudzanani TR**—Mutale Painting
- Muthevuli AE**—Human Resource Management, District Office
- Nephawe AJ**—BIDS Administration Services, District Office
- Ntshaveni TM**—BIDS Administration Services, District Office
- Vhunanga TJ**—Messina Roads Maintenance

WATERBERG DISTRICT

- Dube JJ**—Mokopane Roads Maintenance
- Mphaphuli MO**—Modimolle Plastering/Bricklaying
- Tihako TA**—Marken Roads Maintenance
- Tshimbiluni SR**—Thabazimbi Plastering and Bricklaying

Rest in Peace



APRIL
Baloyi MB (Mr) - Giyani Stores, Mopani

JUNE
Chanke AK (Mr) - Tsimanyane Cost Centre, Sekhukhune

....words fail to express the deep sorrow of your loss....



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HEAD OFFICE



Youth of 2022—What does Youth month mean to you?



BRENDA BALOYI

16 June is about honouring the youth, respect to the youth about what they have accomplished in their lives. Youth are also rewarded by a holiday which is great stuff. 16 June is the symbol of the revolt of a generation of people who were born and grew up under apartheid. There are bursary, internships and learnership being offered to youth who are energetic, intelligent, physically and mentally fit individuals who are dedicated to serve their country. However if you have found yourself stuck in long term unemployment, don't give up hope and be patient and kind to yourself.



JUAVAN HARMSE

It means celebrating our achievements as well as honouring the previous generation's efforts of building a better future. While increasing entry-level opportunities among the youth is a good solution I firmly believe that educating the youth in the realm of finance and business would lead them to create more employment opportunities as they start their own business. I also believe that celebrating youth day is completely subjective. It doesn't matter what or how as long as you celebrate what you have accomplished no matter the size. The audacity and tenacity to survive and thrive despite the odds that are stacked against us, and the courage to make decisions that would lead to a better future.



KWENA KEKANA

It means facing challenges, by turning them into opportunities and solutions standing for what you believe is right and making change. Government should also build youth development centers and partner with Department of Social Development, Sport&Recreation and National Youth Development Fund were the youth will be able sit and communicate their problems and come up with different ideas on how to create opportunities and support one another on bettering their lives with support of the above departments. By remembering those who fought for better education and honouring their struggles by being the youth that put education first and bettering our future. We should adopt the mentality and attitude of always thinking positive and helping one another and not being afraid to ask for help.



BOIKANYOMALEKA

Commemoration and a day of gratitude to the youth of 1976 by funding of youth enterprises and possibly loaning land to youth agricultural business interests. There should be Business Indabas, (free). We've heard it with the speeches and unnecessary expenses. No one is coming to get us. We have to save ourselves. Get you first. Not when we still have to struggle to pay for the same education regarded as a privilege.



MABOKU MAPONYA

Youth day means commemorating the selfless sacrifices which were made by the youth during the tough times of apartheid in our country. We keep on knocking the right doors will open at the right time, in the meantime we try equipping ourselves with all the necessary skills that will make us to be able to compete successfully in the market and stand out. As young people we must also support each other in all the programs that will improve each other's lives. As youth we should learn to work with what we have and should stand by each other and support businesses owned by youth so that there can be difference.



MOKGAETJI MASIPA

Youth month means nothing to youth of today because South Africa experience a high rate of unemployed graduates who are youth and are struggling to find jobs. Youth find themselves frustrated and ending up engaging themselves in to substance abuse. We just celebrate month of June to commemorate youth of 1976 who stood up against the apartheid government and laid down their lives fight for freedom and the right to equal education.



LEDILE MOKGOHLWA

Youth day is an important day as we are still celebrating the lives of the likes of Walter Sisulu and Hector Petersen, who were there to witness and fight for freedom of education and the recognition of youth when it comes to employment and development. I wish our youth to be called for gatherings in every province to be reminded of the importance of June 16 and also for the youth to be given a chance to put forward their experience and their wished in that regard. Our youth should adopt the mentality and attitude to stand and apply for any other jobs even if it is not in line with their qualifications or becoming entrepreneurs while applying and waiting for employment of their qualifications. This will assist them into preparing themselves for the professional behavior and the professional discipline.



PRECIOUS MOKOENA

Youth should at least learn to be independent sometimes—take their own decisions and stand for themselves. I suggest or think that youth should at least come up with business ideas and start their own businesses and not always be depending on the government. There are many sponsors and funders that can lift them up if they experience some financial challenges and also there are business advisors in case there experience some difficulties in running the business efficiently. There are many ways to kill a cat, so we should not always blame the government in everything because they cannot equip everybody in the public service, its impossible.



KOENA MOLOTO

Youth day means nothing if most youth are graduates with no jobs. This leave most youth depressed due to unemployment and end up using alcohol and drugs. Government should create more job opportunities for youth / interns and absorb and also request more funds for the interns. Employ more graduates. To me Youth month should be celebrated not only with school uniforms but also with graduation attire to show a little improvement on the education system.



LUCY MORABA

To me youth month means to grab opportunity that come my way, apply for any job opportunity even if it is not what I studied for and doing community service. Having permanent and not contract employment that matches with our qualifications. It's clear that youth of these days they are on their own



WILLIAM RAMOLLO

We as young people we have a voice and we can change the future of our country with this voice. I encourage youth out there to take control of their future right now. Currently we experience high rate of unemployment I encourage youth to not lose hope, must keep on furthering their studies. Applying for various private and public Institutions. Be the lion that conquer the world. Tell yourself that it is not over until you win.



MORONGWA SEBOLA

To me youth day means we should stand up for what we believe in and fight for what we deserve. It also teaches us that if we work together towards a common goal we can be more successful. I wish youth day can be celebrated better by taking part in National Youth day Events where we will be empowering each other, spreading business ideas, voicing our views, etc. As youth of today, we are faced with unemployment, poverty and Gender Based Violence. I say the time is now and we must be willing to use those apartheid lessons in our efforts to make a difference today. We must stand firm, collaborate and voice our views. We are done with silence.



LESHATA MOGASHOA

For our political heads to try create more jobs as part of solving youth unemployment. Youth day should be celebrated as remembrance for the likes of Hector Petersen and those other students who lost their lives fighting for education freedom that we have today. I wish most youth could be dedicated and not live for the sake of living. Lets try to encourage each other as youth.



MAMSI MASIPA

To me youth day is about honouring and respecting the youth of June 16 1976 for having the courage to stand up for themselves which had a very positive impact on ourselves – the youth of today. I wish on this day youth can be given opportunities to empower themselves, have seminars where youth are advised on how to ace job interviews, as well as be encouraged to start their own businesses, pitch their business ideas to funders, have talent shows where different youth will have an opportunity to showcase their talents - have a competition for this and have a winner. Government should not only focus on providing youth with temporary/short term contract employment without opportunities for permanent jobs, include more youth in the leadership positions – we are the leaders of today.

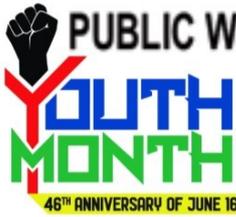




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Youth of 2022—What does Youth month mean to you?



NTSHEMBHO BALOYI

Youth Day is the day where we commemorate the youth of 1976. Those youth led protest in South Africa in response to the introduction of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction in local schools. The youth of today should be taught about the importance of education and how we can improve education to be more fun so everyone will love and enjoy to be in class. I will say to youth "go on with your studies though its tough to get a job, education and knowledge is power. They must work hard on their studies so that they can be able to start their own companies with the knowledge they have gained in the Universities and Colleges" As youth we should change the attitude in the workplace by working hard during internship period and change mentality of not wanting to go to school because there are no jobs in South Africa. Education is the key and the knowledge is key to success.



SAMANTHA MOLEMA

Youth day to me means that I today I get to enjoy the freedom and rights that youth of 1976 fought for. Because of them I am able to do or be anything I desire. Instead of holding concern and such, I think the money would be better used if for youth month there is a programme to help employ the youth, in whatever field it may be. Young people are self-driven, goal-oriented people who also aspire to become leaders themselves, moreover hardworking people who always ask questions and want to do better. Young people need a place to belong, privilege to have access to dream jobs and have a successful career. Lets be independent. Moreover do it for yourself and not your peers or social media.



BEAUTY CHOKOE

Youth day is the realization of vision and dream fought for by thousands of South African youths. It is a celebration of youth, power and unity. Young people should learn to accept the reality as it is, not put themselves down, schedule some fun for themselves, build new friendships, get involved in their community, open up to family and listen to their concern and join job clubs. We are fighting for youth to be educated and encourage them to start their own businesses as well as avoiding negative impacts such as alcohol abuse and drug abuse. Youth should adopt positive mentality and attitudes towards themselves.



HLAMALANI EMMA MODIKA

A day where the youth should not only be empowered but presented with the opportunity to improve themselves either mentally, financially or entrepreneur wise, I say this because that is what the youth during apartheid fought and died for. A chance for the youth to celebrate themselves while finding to empower themselves and create good and meaningful history for the coming generation. Government should expand and implement opportunities of programmes where the youth will be able to show off their potential and get to use their fresh minds to innovate ideas that will benefit the coming generations and not just a short term solution. They should focus on creating productive, inventive, healthy and conducive environment for the youth not only to reduce unemployment but to also reduce the chances of having to deal with a depressed and unproductive group of young people. Youth day celebration should be a platform for the youth to showcase their businesses, talent and abilities through inviting various speakers to encourage or motivate the youth. Youth should not let the government failure to provide a healthy livelihood for you to prevent you from using your skills and talents to keep yourself busy and away from depression.



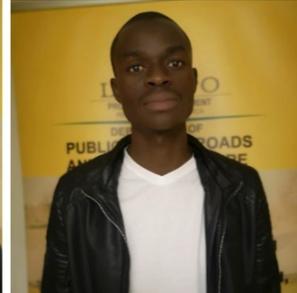
RAHAB LETSOALO

Celebrating all the young people in our country with honouring the courage and sacrifice of the Soweto uprising youth. I would celebrate the day by helping underprivileged youth in schools or orphanages across my surroundings, either by donating my time and give them more information about the importance of education and also help them to apply online because many are not technologically advanced and do not have access to digital technologies and access. Encourage them that they must never give up and be discouraged to do bad things, they must keep on trying or start their own businesses and ask government for funding. As youth we should not be picky when it comes to we all start somewhere. They should be determined, cautious, disciplined and hardworking, they must put an effort in all they do and never give-up and put education first.



LERATO MOLOGADI MPYANA

A day to acknowledge the youth that have fought for our freedom during the time of apartheid and for better education, a day that all youth must gather and celebrate. As youth we should come to gather as one nation. Share ideas about fighting unemployment to us youth. Give advice to youth who are in need, create memories through drama, poems or going to museums to teach one another about what happened during the apartheid time by doing that it will show the skills of others and help them with their talents. I'll advise any youth to have education because with no education it will be hard for one to use the technology of today and you will not have access of the new things happening around. We are fighting for jobs. We want the graduates to have permanent jobs not contracts that expires and need to be renewed. Better and free education for free. Learners to be taught better syllabus in classes so that they can grow their minds with important structure. Positive attitude because is healthy for their health, it reduces stress and helps grow a lot of confidence whether things are going well or not in your life.



THAPELE ERNEST MAKOTI

As the youth of today, this day means a lot to me as a young person because it shows that youth are capable and can challenge any unfavourable conditions in their life and society as a whole. The youth who are unemployed must equip themselves with education, business ideas and stay away from negative environment that may consume their time and future. Youth employment must be a concern because most of our youth are educated but cannot find employment or any opportunities. Seek counselling and assistance. The youth must not only rely on government for the employment opportunities. They must also create businesses and employ others.



NARE PHADU

Youth day to me means having freedom. Freedom to be whatever we want and having the power of changing the world into a better place—means that the young people who once united to fight the injustices to our country. As youth we are fighting to be educated encourage each other to start own business and avoid negative impacts. I would like to advice the youth to not lose hope, keep on trying Dream big and have ambitious, support each other and get involved in your community. As youth we should adopt positive attitude so that it can change our lives in many ways. It can change your thoughts, goals and actions. Be an example eliminate negative talk.



KAGISO PATSON MAPONYA

Youth day to me means that we remember people who came together to fight the injustice and freedom we have today. It shows that youth people uniting can change situations we find our country in. It should be celebrated by donating education aid to the unprivileged, help those who can't apply at University to apply, host career guidance to help them make great choices when it come top the most demanded careers/skills. I would like to encourage youth to start businesses and learn high paying skills. The thing is government cannot hire everyone, youth should learn skills that pay good and also start their own companies.



GIFT PHOOKO

It is a celebration of youth, power and unity. We should celebrate youth day by visiting the Hector Peterson's memorial and museum or go to apartheid museum in order to have more knowledge about this day (Youth Day). I can advice the youth that they must apply for any job opportunity and they can start their own businesses. Nowadays we have free access to education, the challenge is to get employed afterwards. We are fighting for employment however we must adopt to fact that we need to start our own business for survival.

PERSEVERANCE PHUTI MPEBE (picture was not available at the time of going to print)

Youth day to me means standing together as youth by motivating and uplifting each other to achieve greener pastures. Government should create job opportunities and skills for the youth even organize a youth forum to exchange ideas. It should be something like career exhibitions. The youth should keep on searching for new job opportunities, further their studies and save the little money that they have to try to open their businesses. As youth should focus more on standing our own businesses.



THE SPORT COLUMN

SPORTS & RECREATION— *enhancing creativity and increasing work performance*

Khomotjo Serumula

The Department has resuscitated the sports and recreation on Wednesday afternoon in preparation to the National tournament where all provincial departments of Public Works, Roads and Transport participate. Limpopo Province will host the tournament which will take place later this year. The tournament activities are divided into aerobics, ladies soccer, men soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, athletics, netball, choir and indigenous games. These activities aims to ensure that the culture of wellness is cultivated in the workplace through the promotion of physical activities that enhance team building, cohesion and

healthy lifestyles among government employees. According to the White Paper on Sport and Recreation of 1998 ***sport can contribute to lowering tension, fatigue and general anxiety in the workplace even increase productivity.*** Interested employees at districts and head office should contact their respective Employee Health and Wellness unit to register their names. The participants will be required to sign the attendance register which will be submitted to Employee Health and Wellness, Social Programme and Labour Relations. The activities will be done in compliance with COVID regulations.



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MODIMOLLE CROWNING SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

By Lethabo Tladi

During 2021/2022 the Waterberg District Office participated in the Modimolle Departmental Mini League. The football team got position one (1) while netball team received position three (3).



Waterberg Netball team



Waterberg Football team

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