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THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MULIMA TRADITIONAL COUNCIL OFFICES

By Belinda Chabalala

Mulima traditional office was officially handed over to Chief Thovhela SA Molema by the Premier of Limpopo Cassel Mathale on the 13th- December 2012 at Ha-Mulima Village. The ceremony was graced by King Tony Mphephu Ramabulana of the Vha-Venda tribe along with several chiefs from the area including politicians and business people.

The project came as a result of an Exco, a public participation programme by the executive council of the province which took place on the 30th of April 2010, led by the premier Cassel Mathale. During an interaction with the community, the traditional council requested that government provide them with the structure, where they can conduct community business adequately. In response the Department Of Public Works took an initiative to make funds available in the 2011/2012 financial year. The value of the structure was R5.2 million inclusive of labor and material.

The project was constructed using Departmental in-house building teams, it created local work opportunities for 68 beneficiaries (27-Women & 31-youth) for the duration of the project (2011-2012) 44 bricklaying, 5 plumbing, 5 painting, 8 carpentry and 6 electricity.

Special points of interest:

- The ceremony was graced by King Tony Mphephu Ramabulana of the Vha Venda tribe along with several chiefs from the area including politicians and business people.
- CETA gave the department R18 million to support youth empowerment initiatives, this was in line with MEC Mohlala's commitment during her budget speech for 2012/13



BEFORE



AFTER



Premier Cassel Mathale officially handing over the Mulima Traditional Council Offices to Chief Thovhela SA Molema



Thovhela SA Molema and king Tony Mphephu Ramabulana in agreement of the official opening of the Mulima Traditional Council Offices

The heartland of Southern Africa - development is about people!

Kamoso Awards

By Belinda Chabalala

The Department of Public Works held a Gala Dinner event for Kamoso Awards at Bolivia Lodge on the 11th of December 2012.

The aim of the awards is to reward public bodies and non state organizations in any non-governmental, non profit community based organization for excelling in terms of implementing the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) during each financial year.

The 2012 categories are

- Infrastructure Sector
- Social Sector
- Non state Sector
- Environmental and culture Sector



MEC addressing delegates at the Kamoso Awards

1. Infrastructure

- Best Construction Project
 - Best Maintenance Project
- Department of roads and transport
- Best Infrastructure
- Department of public works
- Department Project Road and Transport

2. Social Sector

- Best District Municipality
- Capricorn district municipality
- Best Local Municipality Project
- Capricorn aganang local municipality
- Best Programme
- Home community based care from social development
- Best District
- Sekhukhune district
- Best District ECD
- ECD Capricorn district
- Best District HCBC
- Home community based care Vhembe district
- Best District NSNP
- Vhembe district
- Best Innovative Project
- Swarishanang crèche

3. Environmental Sector/ Cultural

- Best Department Project
- Department of Agriculture
- Best Provincial Project
- Tshivhase Tea Estate
- Best District Municipality Project
- Capricorn district
- Best Local Municipality
- Polokwane Local Municipality
- Best Local Municipality project
- Polokwane Local Municipality Street cleaning
- #### 4. Non –State Sector
- Best Non-Profit Organization
- Matagari Home Relief Project
- Best Project: Non Profit Organization
- Joint education project
- Best Innovative Project
- Joint education programme
- Best special category, special people and special projects
- Social sector
- Best reporting public body
- Department of roads and transport



Matagari home relief project receiving their award Of best non-profit organization from the MEC mme Thabitha mohlala



Special category award was awarded to the social sector .



MEC Congratulates yet another winner for best reporting public body : Department of Roads and Transport.



Department of public works officials receiving their award



Best non –profit organization for non state sector :Joint education project

2012 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

By Lethabo Moloto

Around this time each year, the Department takes a few moments to reflect on the performance of its employees during the past months as yet another year in drawing closer.

The Department holds the Service Excellence Awards annually to honour/recognize the hardwork and efforts of employees in the fulfillment of the organizational goals.

The winners for this year are as follows:

Innovation	1st	Lulekani Cost Centre
	2nd	Lulekani Cost Centre
	3rd	Tzaneen Cost Centre
Best Support Service Delivery		Giyani Cost Centre
Co-Team Delivery		Hlanganani Cost Centre

The department congratulates all the nominees and the winners, keep it up !!



Lulekani Cost Centre winners



Winners from Tzaneen Cost Centre receiving their Awards from the MEC, HOD and CFO.



Ladies from Giyani cost center dancing in celebration after receiving the award for best support service delivery

By Lethabo Moloto &
Belinda Chabalala



The arrival of MEC Thabitha Mohlala accompanied by: from left HOD Madidimalo Chaamano, Administrator Mbuyi Dondashe, CETA Administrator Themba Mhambi and CETA CEO S Pilusa.

On the 17th of October 2012, the Department of Public Works and CETA (Construction Education and Training Authority) launched a new project as a way of further strengthening relationships. CETA gave the department R18 million to support youth empowerment initiatives, this was in line with MEC Mohlala's commitment during her budget speech for 2012/13.. In her budget speech for 2012/13 where she indicated that the department plans to establish an Artisans Development Programme (Apprenticeship) for 274 learners for a period of two years and to enroll all 186 Community House Building NQF level 2 Learners with FETs, to further their training in order to enhance their acquired skills.

The department engaged CETA and submitted business plans hence this particular partnership. The department and CETA want to improve the living standards of the youth by providing them with technical skills that are scarce within the country that they will be able to utilize in the future.

Department of Public Works partnership with CETA

"Educating and skilling of these 500 youths will enable the department to meet our objectives as set in our 2010 - 2014 strategic documents," the MEC indicated.



Senior Manager: HRD Ms. Linda Kaseke and CEO of CETA Ms. S Pilusa merging partnership.



Attendees at the ceremony

Groblersdal Hospital Forensic Pathology Unit

By Belinda Chabalala

Public Works continues to work hard in providing convenient services to the provincial communities. Limpopo Department of Public Works constructed a Forensic Pathology in Groblersdal hospital which has been operating for a year now, it was handed over in October 2011.

The aim for this construction was accessibility for the community. The community was previously using a contracted private mortuary of St. Ritas hospital which is far and inconvenient for some communities in Groblersdal. The Forensic Pathology is fully equipped with all the necessary and required equipment to provide services.



Forensic Pathology Entrance



Inside view of the Forensic Pathology Unit



The back view of the Forensic Pathology Unit



Forensic Pathology equipment (desecting tables)

ROUND TABLE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE HOD

By Nikiwe Mokono

It is not everyday nor everywhere, were women are given a platform to discuss issues related to themselves at the workplace, however the Department of Public Works has fully embraced initiative by Government to get female members in management levels engage on different issues with the HOD.

The Public Service Women Management Week (PSWMW). Was Launched by DPSA in 2007 as a mechanism to create an opportunity for Departments to engage with Heads of Departments on the implementation of the "Heads of Departments 8 Principle Action Plan for Promoting women Empowerment and Gender Equality with in the Public Service Workplace". Head of Department Chaamano engaged with the women on several issues including meeting Equity targets, Transformation for non sexism, Gender mainstreaming and other empowerment initiatives



HOD Chaamano at the round table conversations.



Rahab Takalo, Dorcus Manyelo , Paulina shai and Edwina Makhobotlwane intensively reading the concept

OVERSIGHT VISIT BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES



HOD Chaamano briefing the NCOP members at Matsimela High School.



The members engaging with the workers at Majjane Primary School.

Letaba Hospital Project Spotlight

By Happy Lekgothoane

Limpopo Department of Public Works continues to be a leader in the provision and management of government land and buildings. The department on behalf of the department of Health delivered an Administration block, Library, Outpatient Department (OPD), construction of X - Ray section in the Letaba Clinic, Gynecology ward and renovated the nursing college center and 17 residential houses for nurses at Letaba Hospital.



Inside view of gynecology ward



Nurses station



Before: Administration block



After: Administration block

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EVENTS AT PHOFFU VILLAGE

By ModjajiSathekge & Martha Modiba

The Department of Public Works: Capricorn District actively participated in the District Municipality Mayoral Council outreach and Aganang Local Municipality Batho Pele build-up event.

The buildup events are utilized as a way to prepare for the main event. The two events were held at Phoffu Sports Grounds, Ga Matlala, 68 kilometers from Polokwane.

The Community had the opportunity to raise concerns regarding service delivery challenges during the Council Outreach. Some of the concerns raised by the community of Phoffu included shortage of water, shortage



Mr. Netshia presenting services rendered by LDPW to the community of Phoffu village.

of water for animals, bad roads, poverty alleviation, intervention methods (food parcels distribution discrepancies), favoritism regarding allocation of RDP houses, etc.

The Executive Mayor of Capricorn, Cllr Makgabo Mapoulo provided the State of service delivery, which included naming local projects and service providers.

He also provided immediate way-forward and commitments to prove that community's concerns were noted and will be attended to.

All participating departments were given an opportunity to present the services they provide to the Community. The information will assist the community when they require services.



Capricorn District Official from left, Sathekge Modjaji, Netshia Solomon & Modiba Martha exhibiting during Batho Pele event.

LIMPOPO CELEBRATES BATHO PELE DAY AT REBONE VILLAGE

By Thulasizwe Legodi

On Saturday, 17 November 2012, Rebone Village in Mogalakwena Municipality held the Provincial Batho Pele Day.

The event was graced by the Honourable Acting Premier Mme Pinkie Kekana –(MEC for Economic Development and Tourism), The Executive Mayor of Waterberg Councilor Mme Rosina Mogotlane, Councilor Tlhalefi Mashamaite – The Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Councilors, Magoshi, Director General and various Head of Departments, Municipal Managers and officials from various departments.

In her address to ±3500 crowd packed in a marquee the Acting Premier stated that this year we are marking the Batho Pele Day under the theme **“WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE”**. Kekana mentioned that the fundamental purpose behind the introduction of Batho Pele principles was to guide every initiative which is aimed at furthering the efforts of offering services to the people within certain set of standards.

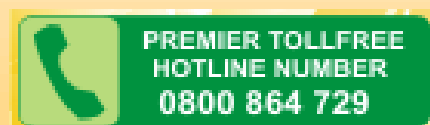
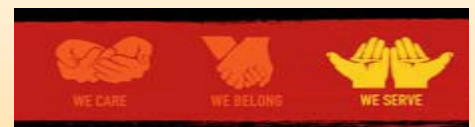
Acting Premier also introduced on the census report confirmed that they are on the right track with 85.9 percent of people in Limpopo having access to clean running water in 2011 as compared to 75.3 percent in 1996. 87.5 percent of people having access to electricity in 2011 as compared to 62 percent in 2011. She said that the positive report is being welcomed in its entirety including the mentioning that a substantial number of communities are still living without water, sanitation facilities, and electricity and that they will ensure that they do more to ensure that every household has access to water, sanitation and electricity, when they will be reflecting in 2 years to come when celebrating 20 years of democracy.

The community was also assured that government is working hard to ensure that sustainable employment opportunities are created. Through infrastructure development programme, they have build more health care centers, schools and multipurpose centres which plays a key role in taking services closer to the people . On the fight against poverty under development and social challenges which have robbed people their inherent right to

development they have also made a remarkable mark and on providing shelters to the rightful beneficiaries they are continuing to actualize the promise to provide shelter to the people.

The Acting Premier – Mme Pinkie Kekana said that as Batho Pele Day was celebrated under the theme **“Working Together We Can Do More”**. There should be recommitment of energy to the course of doing more for communities, through working closely together. Working together in ensuring that any person who destroys public infrastructure is committing an offence which requires prosecution and punishment. She said that communities have the right to protest and demand services but that should not be translated to the right to vandalize property, including properties of other people and that coming together to honour the day is a way for government to interact with the community.

“The convergence should be characterized by thorough inspection on how people we are called upon to service are being treated” she said She indicated that it is important to indicate that any service that is not welcomed or received well by its beneficiaries is not worth anything. It is important to indicate that Batho Pele also means offering services in a friendly manner and mutual understanding with our people. She urged communities to utilize the Premier’s Hotline to report any delivery of poor services or failure to deliver services and that their doors are opened for further interaction.



By Belinda Chabalala

GET A HEALTHY LIVING (BREAST CANCER)

October is Breast cancer month, it is important that women should take care of themselves by examining their breasts on a daily/regular basis. Lets not be misled by the pink ribbon, men get breast cancer too, almost eight out of ten men who are at high risk for breast cancer don't even know that men can actually get breast cancer though it is about hundred times less common among men than women because their breast duct cells are less developed and are not constantly exposed to female hormone. Men can also have benign breast disorder that do not threaten life, this is also common to women and men. There is a test that may predict your status for breast cancer.

Source: Internet



RED RIBBON MONTH



The Red Ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS awareness that is worn by people all year round and particularly during the month of November each year in preparation of World AIDS Day which is commemorated on the 1st December on annual basis, to demonstrate care and concern over the HIV and AIDS pandemic, and also to remind others of the need for their support and commitment.

Care and Support implies that:-

We refrain from derogatory words and actions that discriminate and stigmatizes those who have disclosed their HIV positive status.

We capacitate them with information such as their rights (as human beings in terms of the South African Constitution and the Bill of Rights), available treatments, importance of healthy diet, positive lifestyle etc.

**NB: HIV is manageable like any other disease.
Wear Your Red Ribbon Through the month of November.**



FROM LEFT: Millicent Shibambu, Tsakane Hlebela, Makgabo Chuene, Lethabo Moloto and William Mokonyama during the red ribbon campaign .

16 DAY OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE.....

The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children is a United Nations campaign, which takes place annually from the 25 November (International Day of No Violence against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). The National campaign was launched on Sunday in Kimberly, Northern Cape and it was launched provincially in Mankweng at Toronto Primary School.

2012 marks the 13th anniversary of the campaign which began in 1999. The theme for this year is ***“From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let’s Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!”***

As a country we have the highest incidence of rape and the worst HIV epidemic in the world, therapies are now available to reduce the risk of infection in these situations.

During the 16 days period, government runs an activism campaign in the hope of creating awareness about the negative violence on women and children and to act against abuse. Each year

government, civil society organizations and the business sector work together to broaden the impact of the campaign.

This violence reflects the unequal power that exists between men and women and it is one of the root causes of the rapid spread of HIV in South Africa. In 2005 a study was conducted by the World Health Organization where it estimated that at least one in every three women globally will be beaten, raped or abused during her lifetime.

As a department let us work together to reduce the number of sexual offences, attacks and murdering of women and children in our country.

(The attached white ribbon symbolizes the commitment of the wearer to never commit or condone violence against women and children, and to speak out about violence where they see it. Don’t look away, act against abuse.)

SOURCE : Internet



DISABILITY MONTH

November is celebrated globally as Disability Awareness Month. The theme for this year is: **“Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all.”**

Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

The Disability Awareness Month offers an opportunity for every single person and institution to remove these barriers and to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities through concrete action.

SOURCE: INTERNET



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