



# MEC MOCHADI MET WITH LDPWRI HEAD OFFICE STAFF

**“You can’t be honest to the department unless you are honest with yourself...” said MEC Mochadi**



**MEC Mochadi address staff members at Head Office**

By: Ramollo William

The Head of Department, Mr Seroka D.T, officially introduced and welcomed new MEC Mme Monicca Mochadi on the 29th May 2019 at Works Towers. The introduction of the MEC was coupled with the formal official introduction of HOD DT Seroka, Parliamentary Officer Mr Leonard Mmakola and MEC Office Chief of Staff Ms Catharine Nape Motsepe.



**HOD Mr. Seroka D.T welcoming MEC Mochadi to the department while Mmakola and Motsepe looks on**

In addressing the staff MEC thanked Premier Stanley Mathabatha for the appointment to lead the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure team and she encouraged the staff to work together to put effort in the work, deliver better services to the people of Limpopo as a Christian, MEC Mochadi expressed the need to



**Colleagues listening to MEC Mochadi addressing the staff members**

adopt high moral standards in execution of work, indicating that corruption steals from the gains of democracy. People have lost patience with promises and sloppy work and corruption. She emphasized that doing the right thing the department can be turned around. MEC promised to rebuild the department and ensure that the department reclaims its mandate.



**Departmental Choir performing before MEC Mochadi addresses the staff**

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT INTERVENE ON ZEBEDIELA UNRESTS

### Lekgothoane Happy

**O**n the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 a delegation of three MECs, for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Monicca Mochadi, Transport, Safety and Liaison, Namane Dickson Masemola, Education Polly Boshielo, and Provincial Police Commissioner Lt General Nneke Jim Ledwaba descended on Zebediela, Ward 5 to address service delivery challenges and protests. The delegation was sent by the Premier of Limpopo Chupu Stanley Mathabatha to



Community of ward 2 and 5 gathered at the sports field

three were accompanied by the Lepelle – Nkumpi Mayor, Cllr Maria Ramokolo and Kgosi Sello Kekana III.

The meeting culminated in an agreement being reached that the Community leaders should visit Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure for detailed discussion on the matter. This meeting was subsequently held and in attendance was the Department and its agency, Roads Agency Limpopo, Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality and ward 5 and ward 2 representatives.

RAL interim CEO Mr, Gabriel Maluleke indicated that currently they are undergoing a process with Municipalities to consolidate inputs of roads that have been prioritised for implementation and this process at district level will conclude end of June, then followed by the Provincial priorities, informed by the District municipality list as well as budget allocations. “It is only after these processes that we can confidently tell you when this road will be implemented, however, we will be keeping you informed every step of the way.” He concluded. The community representatives accepted the information provided, however saying they will keep watch of these processes and should they not be satisfied, they will make their voices heard again.



MEC Mochadi with MEC Namane Masemola for Transport and Safety during meeting at Zebediela

restore order and have community return to stability.

The instability was a result of the community demanding for road infrastructure in the area and had stopped learners from going to school, free movement of people and businesses were also affected.

To intervene, Premier Mathabatha deployed the three MEC’s whose portfolios were affected by the situation in order to come up with a solution. The

# NDPW REVIVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS IN LIMPOPO – reclaiming the mandate of Public Works & infrastructure ; strengthening working relationships with all stakeholders..

By Khomotjo Serumula

The two-day Intergovernmental Relations Public Works Sector Workshop was held on 30 – 31 May 2019 in Capricorn District. The workshop was guided by Chapter 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa which outlines the principles and parameters of co-operative government and intergovernmental relations which all three spheres of government should follow and be aligned to.



**HOD Seroka D.T during IGR Public Works sector workshop**

Each speaker outlined the importance of working together as the general public view these 3 spheres as one government that is responsible for service delivery. Mr. Dikgole Seroka, HOD for Limpopo Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI), shared with the delegates that municipalities and traditional leaders should be engaged, supported and included in the planning phases of infrastructure development as they are crucial role-players in the delivery of services to the people. He said that there is a need “to enforce ward systems for better coordination and bring municipalities on board for the interest of the people we are serving” and that the officials should live up to the Presidential Thuma Mina campaign-go out to meet the people.

Seroka indicated that change is needed in the infrastructure sector were only qualified professionals in the sector should be appointed as contractors, instead of the current situation were the tender processes for construction are “open to everyone, no specific qualification”. This practice create challenges of unsatisfactory infrastructure construction and service delivery protests.

HOD Seroka further emphasised that the EPWP elements should be included in technical reporting template as it cuts across infrastructure sector and strongly discourage hiring of undocumented foreign nationals, chasing the “cheap labour” within EPWP programs as often there are more EPWP beneficiaries on site than during

## EXPERT OPINION

According to Professor Nghamula Nkuna from UNIVEN, the role of the three spheres of government in Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) *aims towards integrated policy, planning and coordinated implementation approach for efficient service delivery.* He said IGR provides a set of principles to direct the manner and quality of those interactions, and “not everything done formally is progressive, sometimes going informal does work.”

Prof Nkuna said to understand cooperative governance all these spheres of government should “engage each other during planning as they have same goals and objectives and need each other to deliver the services required.”



**Delegates during IGR meeting at Bolivia Lodge**

reporting” –such creates inconsistency during reporting of work opportunities created.

The head of Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) at National Public Works, Mr Adam Mthombeni brought into perspective the importance of working seamlessly together as one government, indicating impact on resources, “As government we don’t run short of budget and resources but lack of co-operation is making national and provincial departments return budget to Treasury” he said. In addition he mentioned that for process of building a better working relationship in all three spheres of government there should be **communication, commitment and collaboration**.

Issues of common interest such as the updating of the immovable asset registers, operation bring back state property campaign, Clearing debts owed to municipalities, strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects were some of the issues discussed and it was resolved that continuous engagements need to continue outside the session and foras to be established in order to strengthen



Delegates at IGR in Bolivia Lodge

working relations and deliver services with same understanding and speak in one voice.

The two-day workshop was attended by IGR personnel in district and local municipalities, National and Provincial Department of Public Works, Provincial Treasury, Coghsta, entities such as IDT, CBE, CIDB, Agreement SA and a neutral voice brought in the form of IGR specialists from University of Venda

## YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION AT PETER MOKABA CRICKET CLUB



President Cyril Ramaphosa delivering his speech at Polokwane Cricket Club

By: Bopape Thulare

The 43rd anniversary of the 1976 massacre was commemorated at Cricket Club Polokwane in Limpopo, the home land of one of the country’s apartheid activists, Peter Ramoshoana Mokaba, the Lion of the North. The national celebration was led by the president of South Africa Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa. Ministers, MECs, political leaders and many other stakeholders as well came to honour the youth of 1976 who played a major role in fighting against the apartheid regime.

In his key note address President Cyril Ramaphosa gave a short history on what is Soweto Uprising and what happened on the 16th of June 1976. He also a comparison between the youth of 1976 with the youth of today when he stated that the success of many young South Africans shows the flame that burnt in the 1976 has not been lost. He further said that it is the responsibility of the nation to ensure that the flame keeps burning through the youth.

President Ramaphosa pointed out that youth unemployment remains a national crisis, with more than half of South Africans aged 15 to 24 being unemployed and the active participation of the private sector to create

pathways into the work for young people will be another way of tackling down the unemployment crisis. "It is you, the youth of this country , who remind us that our liberation is not complete as long as millions of our people live in poverty, are jobless and remain on the margins of society." Said President Ramaphosa.

Government committed to continue to strengthen TVET colleges so young people can have the technical skills our country needs to industrialise the economy. "we will continuously strengthen our TVET Colleges so young people can have the technical skills our country needs to industrialize and develop our economy".



**Learners celebrating youth day at Polokwane Cricket Club**

President Ramaphosa further outlined social ills affecting the young people today such as alcohol and substance abuse, which lead to high rate of violence, crime, suicide and risky sexual behaviour. ".indicating that in working together , more can be done"

"If our nation can rise as one and open up opportunities for youth from all facets of society, we will be able to bring hope and change to the lives of youth" concluded President Ramaphosa as he urged young people to believe in the government and never lose hope.

***This article is dedicated to the 24 young lives that were lost in an accident on their way from the youth celebration.***

## **MEC ADDRESSES SERVICE DELIVERY CHALLENGES**

**By: Lekgothoane Happy**

**M**EC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Mme Monica Mochadi is living up to her words of hitting the ground running as she engages with communities on roads infrastructure challenges in the Province. Recently MEC Mochadi visited Roka Selepe Traditional Council to have a briefing with members of the T Council. This was after a meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 in the department when a delegation from Ga Selepe, Manogeng and Sefateng communities approached the department to seek clarity on construction of road D4180, D2210 and D1485.



**Ga- Selepe community members during MEC Mochadi 's visit to the community**

The meeting was a report back session to give the status of their road construction project which was committed prior elections on the 07th May 2019. The road was washed away by heavy rains that affected the area early January 2019 of which currently community members are struggling due to bad road condition and have transport challenges. The road also connects villages of Ga Selepe, Manogeng, Sefateng and Twicknam mine in Steelpoort. In her response to the gathering MEC apologised for none response since 2015 and said the road will be prioritised after budget adjustment during end of September 2019. MEC Mochadi said they will be phases in the construction of the road, procurement processes: phase one will start in November 2019 on the tendering for a consultant, phase two on the procuring of

service provider during April 2021 and phase three on the appointment of the contractor. She also urged the community to allow processes to

unfold and allow learning in schools for the better future of the children

## HEALTHY EATING AWARENESS SESSION

*“You are what you eat”*



**Ms O Nchabeleng presenting to staff members during Healthy Eating Awareness**

**By: Serumula Khomotjo**

**H**ead office staff had the privilege of receiving a healthy eating awareness programme arranged by Employee Health and Wellness on the 7th May 2019. The awareness session was aimed at cautioning the staff on issues of obesity, overeating and unhealthy eating.

According to Ms O Nchabeleng who is a dietician “2 out of 3 women and under one third of men even 1 in 4 children under the age of 2-14 are overweight or obese.” The unfortunate part on obese children is that they risk developing chronic



**Health and wellness team together with Ms O Nchabeleng**

diseases earlier in life even remain obese throughout their adult lives, said Ms Nchabeleng.

Staff members were informed that they should opt for water instead of fizzy drinks and/or juices as they contain more energy and sugar than what a body requires. Ms Nchabeleng advised that people need to



**Colleagues during Healthy Eating Awareness**

eat to nourish the body with serving containing 50% fruits and vegetables, 25% protein rich foods and 25% whole grain and fibre rich carbohydrates. In addition to healthy eating, staff were encouraged to exercise at least 30 minutes per day and drink at least 500ml of water before meals, anyway “that’s a correct way of consuming water” she said.

She concluded her talk by cautioning officials against taking un-prescribed diet options as they are unhealthy and has health risk factors. Health risk factors which can be caused by overweight and obesity include type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, high cholesterol, gallbladder disease, sleep disorder, osteoarthritis, fatty liver disease and cancer.

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# WATERBERG EXCELLENCE AWARD CELEBRATION



**Mr Mathekg, Ms Kgobe and Ms. Seboko during the award celebration**

## By: Bopape Thulare

**O**n the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, Waterberg District employees celebrated the best District performance award which they won in the last financial year (2017/2018) during the annual Departmental Service Excellence Awards. This is measured through service standards and the overall performance of the Department. The district received a R25 000 cheque as part of the award.

The main event was held at the correctional services premises in Modimolle where the employees came in numbers. The ceremony was to honor and appreciate the hardworking employees who have been dedicated to their jobs for years.

It was a day full of joy as the employees celebrated in style which involved entertainment from cultural dancing groups, modern dancers and singers and also sharing of important information from different speakers. The Director of Waterberg district Ms. Ngoborwana Kgobe said even when the district is short staffed, they can still achieve more by working as a team. She mentioned that she recognizes the team that left their homes and went to camp far from their families working hard for the department. Ms. Kgobe encouraged the team to keep on working hard and also be part of the awards even this year. She further



**Waterberg District official showing off his moves**

said that shortage of staff should not discourage them from performing well and take part in the awards competition. "Keeping a clean audit and focusing on our weak point which is moveable assets, keeping good records and following the right procedures when using assets will make us achieve better this year"

Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Ms. Seboko who also leads the process of identifying best performing teams and individuals praised the team for doing such a great work and putting the department of Public works, Roads and Infrastructure on the map. She outlined the procedure which is used to conduct and evaluate the project which leads to the team winning.



**Waterberg District Director Ms. Kgobe congratulating her staff for their achievement**

According to Ms. Seboko performance is measured based on the quality of the projects not on quantity, "that's the main reason Waterberg district managed to obtain the golden trophy." she said

Ms. Mante Maepa Excellence awards coordinator emphasised that the Waterberg District award winning celebration serves as a motivation and encouragement to all employees to participate in the upcoming Departmental Service Excellence Awards.

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