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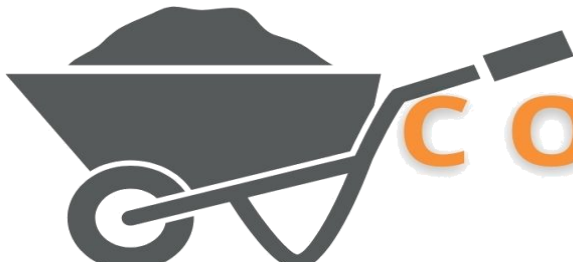
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VISION

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.

Minister Dean Macpherson, Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba, MEC for Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene and MECS from other provinces conducted an oversight visit to the construction site at the Limpopo Theatre and the Dikgerekgere Wednesday programme on the D977- Silicon Road at Mothiba Ngwanamago outside Polokwane as part of MINMEC visit to Limpopo Province. MINMEC is a meeting between Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure and MEC'S from all nine Provinces where they discuss issues of common interest focusing on infrastructure development across the country.



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342 New Employees since July 2024

“As a department, we have a critical mandate—to develop and maintain public infrastructure that supports economic growth and enhances the quality of life for our people. Our roads, bridges, government buildings, and public facilities are the foundation upon which communities and businesses thrive. This work requires skilled, passionate, and committed individuals, and on this day, we are adding 168 such people to our team. Of this total number, 67 are females, 101 are males, 80 are the youth and two persons with disabilities. Fifty- two of them will be attached to our Roads Infrastructure unit, to further capacitate our Dikgerekgere teams at the 36 cost centres across the province. These are permanent jobs given to our people with a view of strengthening internal capacity and improving service delivery,” MEC Rachoene.

#7thAdministration #DiloDiChenchitje
 #DikgerekgereWednesdays
 #LetsGrowLimpopoTogether
 #LeaveNoOneBehind

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RECRUITS

FEMALES

MALES

YOUTH

**PERSONS LIVING
WITH
DISABILITIES**

150

192

150

5

#StrengtheningCapacityofGovernment

NEW ERA FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS PHUKUNTSI TAKES THE HELM



MR. MOTLHANKE PHUKUNTSI

Mantji Mamabolo

The Department of Public Works, Roads and infrastructure MEC Ernest Rachoene recently welcomed Mr Motlhanke Phukuntsi as the Head of Department. Phukuntsi has been serving as the acting Head of Department since July 2023 which was a secondment from the Limpopo Provincial Treasury.

Phukuntsi steps into his new role with vast working experience, he served as the Deputy Director General for Sustainable Resource Management at the Limpopo Treasury.

Furthermore he acted as the Head of Department of Sports, Arts and Culture in 2017, Chief Director for Municipal Finance and Chief Director for Assets and Liability Management. During the Section 18 Intervention, Phukuntsi was appointed as Acting Head of Education where he worked around the finances by aligning them to the departmental mandate and ensuring that the department meets its financial obligations.

Phukuntsi with a wealth of experience and strong commitment to academic and professional excellence is set to lead the department into a new era of growth and innovation.

It was his commendable leadership, versatility and strategic direction that led to these appointments.

"This appointment is a milestone in my career. It reflects years of dedication to public service and offers a unique opportunity to apply my expertise in resource management and strategic planning to drive infrastructure development in Limpopo," Phukuntsi said. He further indicated that he is determined to build a resilient and efficient infrastructure

network that fosters economic growth and enhances the quality of life of Limpopo's residents. His leadership has played a vital role in enhancing the departments' reputation and impact.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure is confident that under Mr. Motlhanke Phukuntsi's leadership, the department will continue to grow and excel. His appointment reflects the institution's dedication to appointing dynamic leaders who bring both expertise and vision to their roles.

Mishumo congratulate Mr. Phukuntsi on this well deserved achievement and look forward to the continuous positive impact as Head of Department.

2016 HOD Phukuntsi served as non-executive board member at Road Agency Limpopo (RAL) representing LDPWRI and later appointed to RAL Board in 2020



“Government will spend more than R940 billion on infrastructure over the next three years. This includes R375 billion in spending by state owned companies. This funding will revitalise our roads and bridges, build dams and waterways, modernise our ports and airports and power our economy” **said President Cyril Ramaphosa.**



2025 Budget

“Infrastructure spending budget over the next three years will amount to more than R1 trillion. The spending will focus on three sectors that is R402 billion for transport and logistics, R219.2 billion for energy infrastructure and R156.3 billion for water and sanitation. In transport, the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) will spend R100 billion over the medium term to keep the national road network in good condition.

Provincial roads departments will reseal over 16,000 lane-kilometres of roads in their areas of authority,” **said Finance Minister Mr. Enoch Godongwana.**



State of the Province Address 2025



Limpopo Premier
Dr. Phophi Ramathuba

“Roads infrastructure is a key enabler for economic development and job creation. The recent floods that have devastated our province have caused a major setback on progress that we were making towards roads infrastructure development, be it #DikgerekgereWednesdays wherein we were prioritising internal capacity for maintenance of our 13 500 km of unpaved roads, or our #ThibaMekoti campaign that focussed on patching potholes on the 6500 km of tarred roads. We are, however, a resilient people that would not be deterred by such circumstances. We shall repair these roads, we are going to fix these bridges. In partnership with different stakeholders, including the SANDF, mining houses operating in our province and SANRAL we shall bridge over these troubled waters. We have therefore directed the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure to work with members of the Infrastructure Cluster to prioritise and classify various roads in our province, be it local, provincial or national roads” **said Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba**

Rebates

Personal income tax rebates and tax brackets are not adjusted.



VAT

VAT rate increases from 15% to 15.5% on 1 May 2025 and to 16% on 1 April 2026.



Alcohol

Increase of 6.75% in excise duties on alcoholic beverages.



VAT Zero-Rating

VAT Zero-Rating introduced on specific edible offal, specific meat cuts, unflavoured dairy liquid blends and specific canned vegetables to assist poor households.



Tobacco

Increase of 6.75% in excise duties on cigars and pipe tobacco and 4.75% on cigarettes and other tobacco products.



Transfer Duty

Transfer duty is adjusted for the effect of inflation.



Fuel

No charge to the general fuel levy and road accident levy.



Ad Valorem Duty

No ad valorem excise duty on lower value smartphones.



PAVING THE WAY: COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT IN ROADS DEVELOPMENT

Khomotjo Serumula

Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads, and Infrastructure continues to actively engage with communities through the **#StakeholderTuesday** initiative. The program focuses on maintaining and improving provincial gravel roads, ensuring they are accessible and safe for residents and tourists alike. These stakeholder engagement initiatives highlight the department's commitment to working closely with local, magoshi, taxi association, development forums and communities to enhance infrastructure and service delivery across the province. This is the brainchild of MEC Rachoene to enhance transparency and accountability of the department as the custodians of government infrastructure. The MEC together with Road Agency Limpopo (RAL) executives, the Accounting Authority Mr. Moses Tseli, Chief Executive Officer Mr. Makhitha Chesane, Head of Department Mr. Motlhanke Phukuntsi and Road Infrastructure Chief Director Ms. Ledile Mashilwane joins the MEC in this initiative to provide prompt responses in terms of progress and

expected timeframes. The communities that were engaged recently are from Ephraim Mogale, Sekhukhune District about roads D4340, D4325, D4326, D4328, D4300 and D4306; Mogalakwena Local Municipality about Road D1958; Greater Letaba Municipality about Road D3200; Fetakgomo-Tubatse about Road D2405; Thulamela Local Municipality about roads D5017 and D3684; Makofane Traditional about road D4140, D4179 and D4144; Lekgwareng Community about roads D3203, D3220 and D3221 & Wall 11 Development Committee about Road D3731. Concurrently to **#StakeholderTuesday** is **#ThibaMekoti**—an initiative launched by the department to tackle the province's pothole problem. Since its launch in 2022, the program repaired and maintained damaged roads, to make roads accessible.

The persistent rainfall since the beginning of 2025 has made a significant damage in the province, with Waterberg, Mopani and Vhembe districts being the mostly affected by the floods. In the process undoing much of the progress done through these two initiatives. The floods eroded the roads and caused many bridges to collapse, this left most areas inaccessible, leaving residents and motorists stranded. The Limpopo Executive Council led by Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba declared a state of disaster in the province. The department is hard at work trying to manage the effect and the aftermath of the disaster caused by the heavy rains and floods.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure's Roads Maintenance team at district and cost centre level are working diligently to repair the damaged road infrastructure to reconnect the communities. The teams are busy regravelling, unblocking culverts and blading the roads to redirect the storm water and reduce the impact of floods on land.

Various machinery has been deployed to affected areas to assist to restore access. However the **#ThibaMekoti**, **#StakeholderTuesday** and **#DikgerekereWednesday** has made a big difference in fixing Limpopo's roads, however challenges like floods have slowed down the progress.



MEC Ernest Rachoene hard at work with the road maintenance team during the intervention in the province.



MEC Ernest Rachoene leading the Stakeholder Tuesday engagement at Works Towers

SAFETY TIPS | FLOODING

-  **1 Live in a low-lying area?** Sudden floods might affect them. Monitor the rising water levels and evacuate to a safer place or higher spot.
-  **2 Do not cross through flooded roads or bridges** – use other routes.
-  **3 Avoid crossing** low-lying bridges, streams and rivers.
-  **4 Never try to walk, swim or drive in swift-flowing water.** Even if water is 15 cm deep, it can sweep you off your feet.
-  **5 Motorists must be very careful and avoid driving** through flooded areas.
-  **6 Drive to and park at safer areas.**
-  **7 The public must monitor weather alerts** on radio and television.
-  **8 When threatened contact** your municipal disaster management centre, police station, call national emergency numbers (112, 10177, 107).
-  **9 Do not try to drive over a low-water bridge** if water is flowing strongly across it and the ground is not visible.
-  **10 Teach your children** about the dangers of floods.
-  **11 Keep your important documents** in a water-resistant container.
-  **12 Keep your cell phone** in close proximity to you and have emergency numbers at hand.
-  **13 Be especially vigilant at night.** It is harder to recognise potentially deadly road hazards.
-  **14 Do not camp or park** your car along rivers or washes, especially during heavy rains or thunderstorms.
-  **15 If you are on foot,** be aware that low-moving water can be dangerous during flood conditions, do not walk into it.
-  **16 Avoid contact with flood waters,** may be contaminated with raw sewage, oil or other dangerous substances, may also be charged with electricity.

Steelbridge at GaMalekane under construction to be a pedestrian passing

MAJOR STRIDES IN STEEL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Mabosholo Lelope

The project officially began on June 4, 2023, following the SOD-turning ceremony of the steel bridge over the Steelpoort River at Ga-Malekane on February 21, 2023. The Road Agency Limpopo and the mining companies are jointly constructing the new steel bridge on the D2219 linking R555 T-Junction and rehabilitating the old single-lane one. The new bridge will substitute the old steel bridge, a local heritage site, which will be refurbished and repurposed exclusively for pedestrian use, this project is set to be completed in 2027. This bridge is a transformation of the single-lane bridge into a double-lane,

with the aim to reduce traffic congestion.

The residents of Sekhukhune District, particularly those travelling between Burgersfort, Steelpoort, Grobersdal, Malekana, Jane Furse and surrounding areas under the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality will soon experience better and improved travel conditions.

The event was attended by representatives of the Mayor of Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality, Maboja Maleka; Sekhukhune District Executive Mayor's representative, Mafefe; Kgosi Malekane and his Traditional Council; RAL Interim Accounting Authority Moses Tseli; Head of Department Motlanke Phukuntsi;

other government officials and community members.

The MEC for Public Works, Roads, and Infrastructure, Mr. Ernest Rachoene, conducted a walkabout at the construction site to assess progress.

The MEC also acknowledged its deteriorated state following heavy rainfall in the province. He assured residents that the road would be prioritised in the upcoming financial year and rehabilitated in phases once the budget is approved. The MEC also appealed to communities to refrain from damaging roads during protests.

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD

Road D2219 alongside the steelbridge in GaMalekane



MEC Rachoene, RAL Accounting Officer Mr Tseli and Kgoshi Nkwane Malekane during the monitoring session at site.

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY : ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY MONITORING FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE

The Limpopo Legislature entrance ahead of the State of the Province Address

Mabosholo Lelopo

MEC for Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure, Mr. Ernest Rachoene, recently visited the Limpopo Legislature Government Complex to assess the progress of the ongoing service delivery monitoring programme. The initiative, launched in preparation for the State of the Province Address (SOPA), is designed to enhance both security and maintenance at this key national site, ensuring that it remains a safe and dignified space for legislative operations. MEC Rachoene was accompanied by South African Police Service (SAPS) head Brigadier Malele and former Sekhukhune District Director Ms. Dorcas Manyelo. Their visit formed part of a broader effort to uphold the structural integrity and security standards of government facilities, which are crucial

to the efficient functioning of public administration. The assessment focused on infrastructure rehabilitation, environmental cleanliness, and the overall upkeep of the precinct.

During the visit, MEC Rachoene engaged with officials responsible for service delivery, stressing the importance of maintaining high standards in government facilities. He highlighted that a clean, well-maintained environment not only ensures the safety of those working in and visiting the legislature but also fosters a sense of professionalism and accountability within government institutions.

Brigadier Malele echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the strong link between security and cleanliness, particularly in high-profile government buildings. "A well-maintained environment plays a crucial role in effective security management. When a space is kept clean and orderly, it minimizes potential risks and enhances operational efficiency. Collaboration between different stakeholders is key to ensuring the sustainability of these efforts," he stated.

As part of the initiative, several key maintenance and restoration tasks were undertaken. The monumental tombstone of former Lebowa Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Phatudi, a historical landmark within the precinct, was repainted and restored to its proper condition. Additionally, extensive bush clearing was carried out in the surrounding areas to improve visibility and security. Facility maintenance also conducted structural assessments to identify areas needing further rehabilitation.

This initiative is part of a broader

government effort to improve service delivery across public facilities, ensuring that key infrastructure remains in optimal condition. The Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure has committed to ongoing monitoring and maintenance efforts to sustain these improvements over time.

Looking ahead, the programme will continue with regular inspections and collaboration between government departments and security agencies to maintain the integrity of the legislature precinct. By prioritizing both safety and service delivery, the initiative sets a precedent for the long-term preservation of public assets in Limpopo.



Departmental maintenance team debushing



Departmental maintenance team grass cutting



LDPWRI MEC Rachoene with SAPS Brigadier Malele during the site inspection on the readiness of the Limpopo Legislature



Departmental maintenance team fixing paving at the Limpopo Legislature

CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF SERVICE FOR FIRST WOMAN DIRECTOR: SEKHUKHUNE



The former Sekhukhune District Director Ms Dorcus Manyelo

Assistant Director Property and Facilities in 1999, Acting Manager of Property and Facility in Capricorn District in 2000.

Ms Manyelo's leadership expertise was further recognised with appointments as Shared Services Manager at Sekhukhune District in 2001, Acting Senior Manager of Supply Chain in Head Office Polokwane in 2006 and Shared Services Center Manager Coordination at Sekhukhune District in 2007. Ms Manyelo served as acting District Senior Manager of Sekhukhune District from 2011 to 2013, culminating in her appointment as Director of Sekhukhune District in 2015, the first Director and the first woman Director of the

the Premier Service Excellence Awards.

As Director, she was instrumental in shaping the administrative policies and procedures of the department. Her leadership and expertise ensured the smooth operation of administrative systems.

As she reflected on her remarkable career, Ms Manyelo shared on the lessons learned and the challenges she overcame. "My journey has not been without obstacles, however, I have always been driven by my passion for administration and my commitment to serving community." She said.

In retirement, Ms Manyelo planned to continue making a difference in her community and to the ends of the world. She aimed to share her knowledge and expertise with public servants, mentoring them to become God fearing future leaders.

As Ms Manyelo prepares for her retirement, she reflected on her career with pride and satisfaction, "I have been fortunate to work with an exceptional team and to have had the opportunity to make a positive impact on our department and the community." She said. As celebrated in her remarkable career and legacy we are reminded of the power of dedication, perseverance and passion.

As Ms Manyelo begins a new chapter of her life, we honour her outstanding remarkable career and legacy. Her dedication, leadership and commitment to excellence left an invaluable mark on the public sector. Her legacy will continue to inspire and motivate future leaders and public servants.

District.

In her Directorship, Ms Manyelo oversaw the maintenance of roads and buildings, and ensured that the infrastructure was safe, reliable and well maintained. Her financial management expertise ensued that

'My journey has not been without its obstacles'

resources were allocated efficiently and that the district operated within budget enabling the department to deliver on its mandate and gave effective services to the public. Her expertise in auxiliary services, property management, financial management and the entire organizational management was sought after by this departments.

Throughout her career, Ms Manyelo was recognized for her outstanding contributions in the entire department. Under her leadership the district received numerous gold awards including Departmental Service Excellence Awards in all categories, which are, best service delivery team, best innovative team, best performing district and teams for individuals, and

Tribute

"Race well run and now it is the time to pass the baton. Now you can proudly look back and see how difficult it was and of course how good you did. You maintained your relevance under difficult and trying times. You have built many bridges and we are expected to maintain and safeguard them as monuments for generations to come. Your contribution is immeasurable. It is time to rest and we can only wish for good things to continue happening for you and your family. Well done" – Director of Capricorn District.



HOD Phukuntsi during deliberations at the Strategic Planning Session

STRATEGIC VISION 2030: ALIGN, ADAPT, ACHIEVE

Khomotjo Serumula

As two day Department Strategic Planning Session was held in Polokwane led by Head of Department, Mr. Motthanke Phukuntsi. The aim of the session is for the department to finalize the 2025/2026 Annual Performance Plan and 2025-2030 Strategic Plan in preparation for the 2025/2026 financial year. The officials used the opportunity to confirm targets and priorities for the next 5 years and the programme of action in the 7th Administration.

These are priorities to the Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP) aligned to the Limpopo Development Plan (LDP) and National Development Plan (NDP). "Other departments are using entities such as Independent Development Trust (IDT) to implement their infrastructure development without the department, this create confusion on the provisions of government infrastructure" emphasized HOD Phukuntsi. The HOD requested delegates to meet the set targets in order to reclaim the mandate of the department as the sole custodian for government infrastructure development and delivery.



Departmental Property and Facilities Management delegates during the vesting forum

LIMPOPO HOSTS IAR & VESTING FORUM

Happy Lekgothoane

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure as the landlord of the Provincial Government land and buildings held a three-day Immovable Asset Register (IAR) and Vesting Task Team meeting on the 26 February 2025 at Bela Bela Local Municipality. In welcoming delegates from provinces, the Chairperson Mr. Siboniso Sokhela acknowledged the hard work done in preparation for the IAR Vesting quarterly meeting.

The task team delegates consists of Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in all provinces,

COGHSTA National Department of Land Reform and Rural Development, Housing Development Agency, National Treasury.

The role of the task team is to assist provincial government in vesting properties so that they can be registered as government properties in asset register. Also, for the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to be able to pay rates and taxes to Municipalities. The rates and taxes assist municipalities to deliver services to communities and the alignment of Expropriation Act of 2024 with current departmental policies.

LDPWRI HOSTS STRATEGIC RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Mantji Mamabolo

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads, and Infrastructure (LDPWRI) recently held its Annual Strategic Risk Assessment Workshop. Leading the session was the department's Head, Mr. Motthanke Phukuntsi, supported by Chief Directors, Directors, and District Directors.

Risk assessment is crucial as it helps to identify potential threats, which then allows the department to proactively take steps to mitigate leading to the protection of employees, assets

reputation and overall business continuity.

The workshop aimed to help the department identify and assess potential risks before they arise. By doing so, the team prioritize the most critical risks that may impact operations in the upcoming financial year, ensuring better planning and preparedness.

By proactively addressing these risks, the department aims to improve efficiency, service delivery, and infrastructure resilience in the coming financial year.



INTERGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY WEEK

Lethabo Tladi

Modimolle-Mokgophong municipality held its integrated service delivery week and the launch was held at Modimolle Airfield extension 12. Cllr Sechete Sebolai Mayor officially opened the event.

All department sectors were invited

so that they can be able to render service to the community. Community members were given opportunity to ask questions about services in their wards.

The integrated service delivery week was held from 29 January to 03 February 2025, it covered Modimolle, Mookgophong, Alma and Vaalwater.

LIMPOPO PROVINCE MARKS WORLD TB DAY WITH RENEWED COMMITMENT



MEC Dieketseng Mashego with the delegates during the provincial World TB Day

Sophy Shai

The Limpopo Province commemorates World TB Day on the 20th of March 2025, at the Peter Nchabeleng Sport Centre in Schonoord Village, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District. This year's theme, "Yes, You and I Can End TB! Commit, Invest, Deliver" emphasizes the importance of collective action in combating Tuberculosis.

In attendance were the Limpopo Provincial Departments, led by Dieketseng Mashego representing the Premier, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Councillor Mina Bahula, Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Councillor Merah Mahlase, Magoshi, community members and other stakeholders.

Despite progress in TB treatment and prevention, the disease remains a significant health threat. In the 2023/2024 financial year, the Limpopo Province recorded 13 000 TB patients, with the majority successfully completing treatment. However, over 1 600 lives were lost while on treatment.

The Acting Premier emphasised that TB is curable, stating, 'The first step is to get screened and tested. If diagnosed, start treatment immediately and remain on it until fully cured.' She also highlighted the National Department of Health's Targeted Universal Testing for TB Strategy, which ensures routine testing for high-risk individuals, including those with HIV, pregnant women and those in close contact with TB patients. Furthermore, she stressed the need to eliminate stigmatization associated with TB, saying, "Stigmatization only pushes people away from seeking help, increasing the risk

of transmission within our families, workplaces and communities."

To reduce TB transmission, the Acting Premier shared simple preventative measures, including proper ventilation, respiratory hygiene and good hygiene practices. In conclusion, the Acting Premier called on everyone to commit to ending TB, saying, "Let us commit, invest and deliver on this promise. Let us take action today. Let us breathe easy, knowing that TB is curable and that together we can make a difference."



Community of Schoonoord during the Provincial World TB Day



Premier Dr. Ramathuba addressing the masses during the Provincial Human Rights Day in Thulamela

LIMPOPO COMMEMORATES YESTERDAY'S SACRIFICE AND TODAY'S FREEDOM

Khomotjo Serumula

The Premier of Limpopo Dr. Phophi Ramathuba led a delegation of provincial dignitaries to commemorate and honour the 69 victims of the 1960 Sharpsville Massacre.

This year's commemoration was celebrated under the theme Deepening a Culture of Social Justice and Human Rights. "This theme challenges us to reflect on the progress we have made in building a just and equal society while acknowledging the work that still lies ahead," said Premier Dr. Ramathuba.

Nationally this is a day which honours the memory of the struggle heroes and heroines who fought for the democracy and human rights for all South Africans to enjoy.

Premier Ramathuba used the platform to raise awareness of social ills in families that leads and encourages genocide and women abuse in marriages. "Despite our democratic gains, violence against women and girls remains a national crisis, placing South Africa among the countries with the highest rates of femicide. Gender-based violence is an urgent human rights issue that impacts the lives of women and girls across all communities. It undermines their social, economic, and political participation and must be eradicated" advised Premier Ramathuba.

Premier honoured three (3) survivors of domestic violence with juicer machines for their courage in getting out of abusive relationship, "if it doesn't work, move on" and "it does not matter how many times one goes to Home Affairs to change surnames - government offices are open with dedicated employees to serve you wholeheartedly," advised the Premier.

Thobela Tshivhase advised the attendees to use their rights properly "rights comes with responsibility and respect for one another"



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NEW AND IMPROVED ESTABLISHMENT FOR BAKONE BA MATLALA

Newly constructed Bakone ba Matlala Traditional Council Office

Mantji Mamabolo & Martha Modiba

On the 14 March 2025, marked a significant milestone for the Ga-Matlala community as the Bakone Ba Matlala A Thaba Traditional Council Office was officially handed over by the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr. Basikopo Makamu. This was after the construction was completed by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure.

The new office, located in Setumong, Ga-Matlala, serves as a testament to the Limpopo Provincial Government's dedication to enhancing traditional governance.

The project included the construction of a new office building, a guard house, palisade fencing, paved walkways, and a borehole to provide a reliable water supply.

The project was a significant investment, totalling R10,089,999.80, and was completed on record time. The offices will serve a total of 49 villages with the support of 41 headmen and headwomen.

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MEC Biskop Makamu and Kgoshigadi Matlala flanked by dignitaries during the official opening of the traditional council office.



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Lethabo Tladi

Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Waterberg, celebrated the month of love on the 14 February 2025 at Hesse se Water Cost Centre. The day is celebrated to enhance employees morale while encouraging the staff to express love and gratitude which boost emotional wellbeing. The day is celebrated to also encourage the culture of appreciation and recognition which improves workplace relationships. Red and white was the colour of the day. Colleagues whom their name starts with letter V or F were given gift.

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF LOVE



Waterberg District Officials

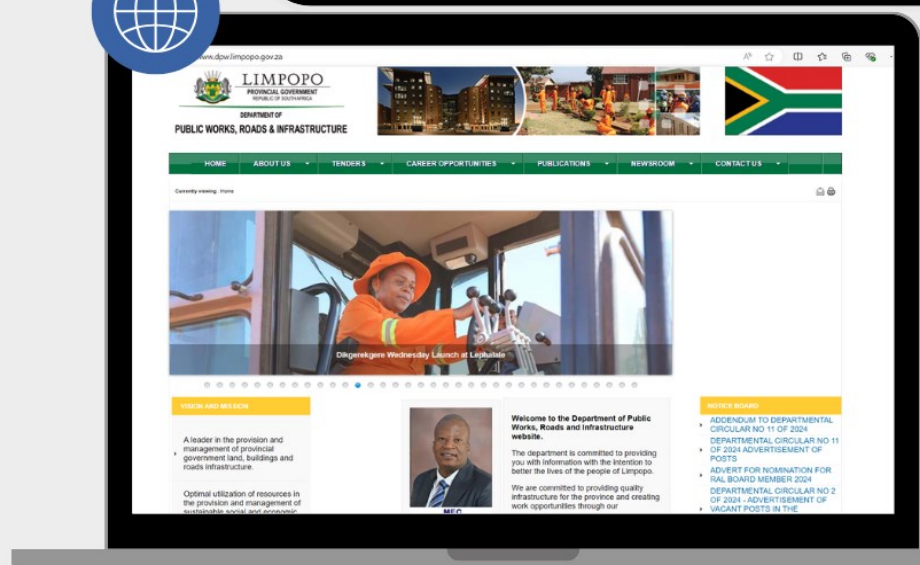
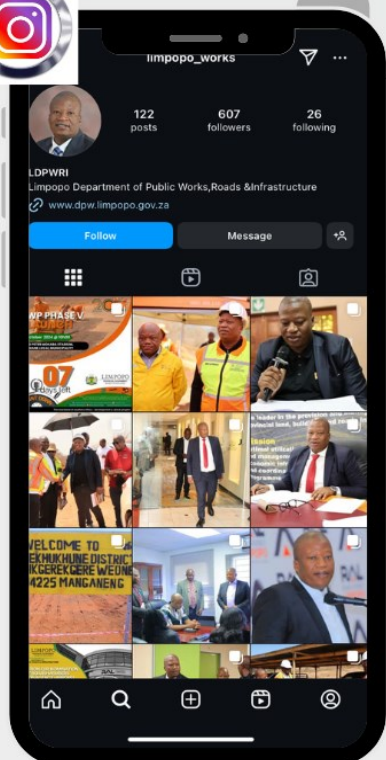
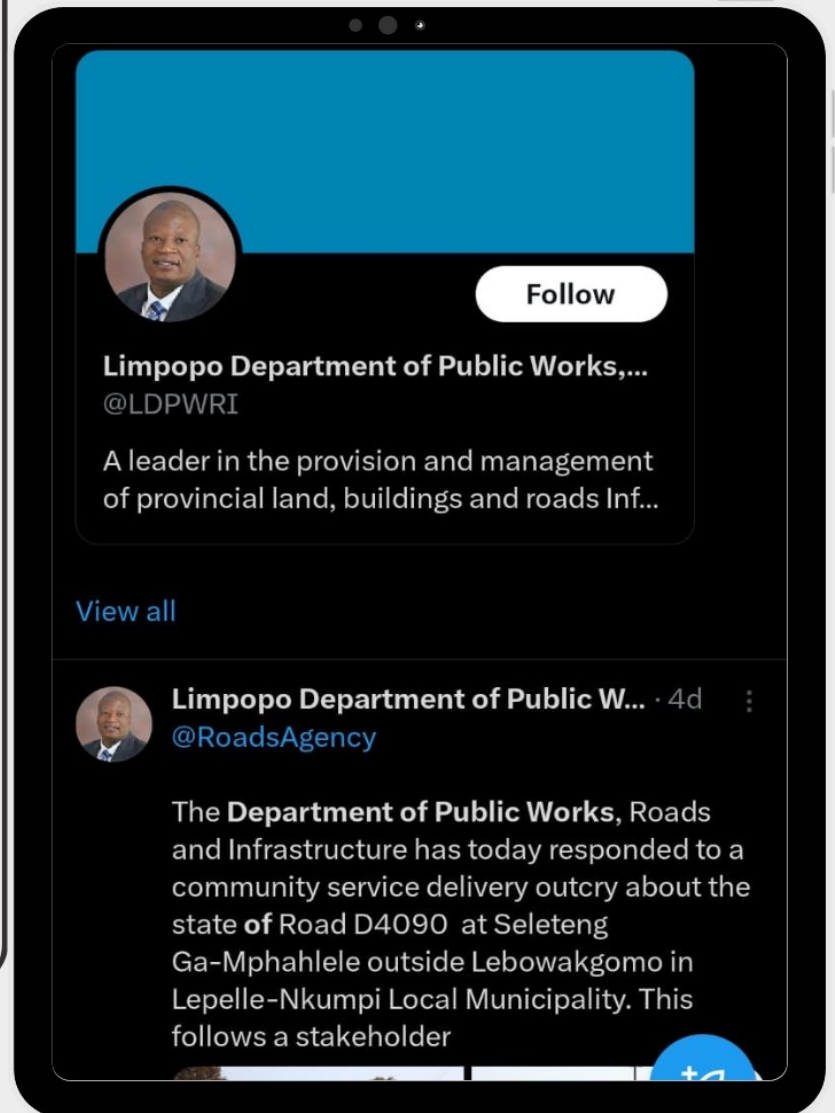
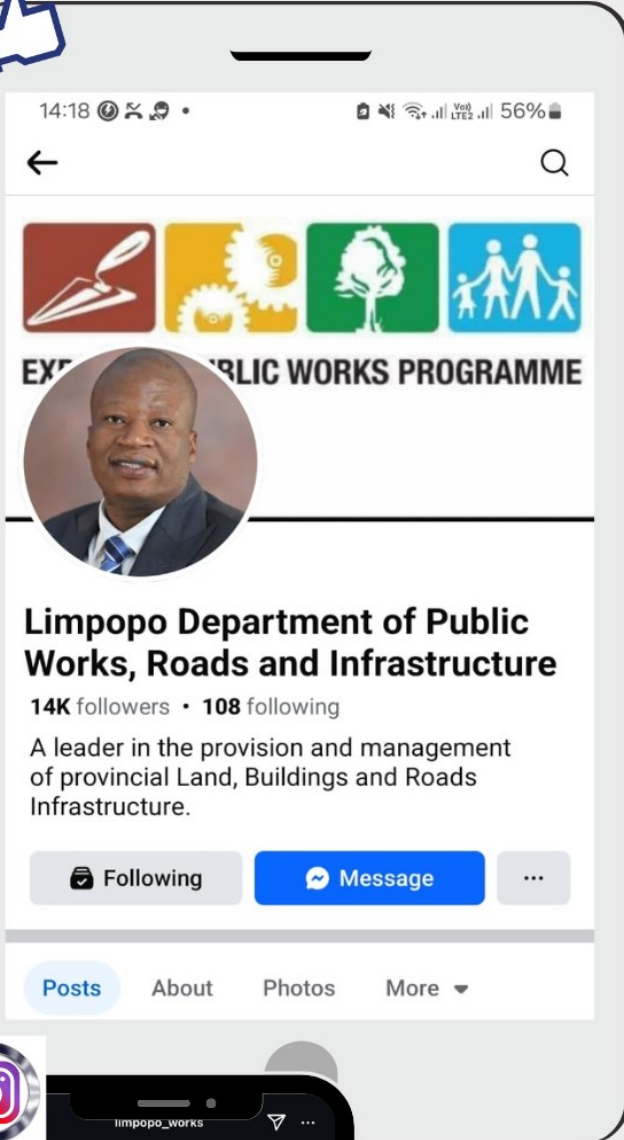


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