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Lephalale Local Municipality (LLM) hosted Minister Mosebenzi Zwane during the launch of the 4<sup>th</sup> National Imbizo Focus Week on Monday, 4 April in Ga-Seleka. In his capacity as acting Communications Minister, and as part of national government's monitor and evaluation programme, Minister Zwane paid a visit to three RDP building sites in the area. Three families were identified for housing intervention by Communication Minister Faith Muthambi during the launch of the Imbizo Focus week in December 2015. The visit was a follow up to determine progress made by Lephalale Municipality. Construction on all three houses should be completed by the end of April 2016.

Altogether 438 RDP houses in 10 villages are currently under construction to assist families in the Lephalale area, including those whose homes were damaged by heavy winds and flooding.

As part of his visit, Minister Zwane switched on the Lephalale Municipality electrification project which benefits over 700 households in Ga-Seleka village. The project is part of Lephalale Municipality's commitment to service delivery in rural areas. The minister also officially opened an access road in Ga-Seleka. During an event at the Ga-Seleka community hall, residents were given the opportunity to engage with the minister and to ask questions relating to service delivery.

The Imbizo Focus Week which ran until 10 April coincides with the Parliamentary Constituency Week as well as the Commemoration of Freedom Month. It provides for profiling local government achievements particularly the building blocks for the Back to Basics approach including the provision of quality basic services to creating decent living conditions; the promotion of good governance in order to maintain effective functioning of municipalities; the promotion of public participation platforms to ensure that municipalities engage with their communities; sound financial management as an integral element to the success of local government; and building institutional capacity to strengthen municipal administrative systems and processes.

#### The Nine-Point Plan

The nine point plan which seeks to ignite growth and create jobs main focus is on resolving the energy challenge; revitalizing agriculture and the agro-processing value chain; advancing beneficiation or adding value to our mineral wealth; more effective implementation of a higher impact Industrial Policy Action Plan; encouraging private sector investment; moderating workplace conflict; unlocking the potential of SMMEs, cooperatives, township and rural enterprises; state reform and boosting the role of state



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owned companies, ICT infrastructure or broadband roll out, water, sanitation and transport infrastructure as well as Operation Phakisa aimed growing the ocean economy and other sectors.

The National Imbizo Focus Week is a critical platform for government to reach out to various communities throughout the country, and listen to their concerns and problems. Lephalale Municipality is honored to have hosted such an event.

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