



# Lephalale Municipality

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## Press Statement

### **Mayoral Imbizo**

Communities from all 38 villages of Lephalale came in numbers to attend an annual Mayoral Imbizo at Moses Monanyane Sports Complex at Shongoane Village on 23 November 2018.

The Mayoral Imbizo is an on-going Mayoral Outreach Programme aimed at bringing government closer to the people, whereby the Municipality interacts with communities regarding upcoming service delivery projects in their areas and progress on existing ones, and other issues ranging from unemployment to SMME empowerment for local residents.

Community members were given an opportunity to voice their concerns, challenges and frustrations. Amongst issues discussed were water challenges, SMME empowerment, demobilisation (retrenchment) of workers at Medupi Power station, Exxaro's contribution to the development of Lephalale and prioritisation of the recruitment of local residents.

In responding, the Mayor said the Municipality has a mandate of supplying services to the people and to ensure that the Municipality contributes towards addressing unemployment. He further acknowledged that there is a backlog and challenges of some basic services "All challenges are viewed in a serious light and the Municipality Working on addressing service delivery needs. Water shortage is one of the serious challenges and illegal water connections which courses disruption to effective supply of water in villages".

The Communities requested the Mayor to intervene and assist in engaging with investors doing business in Lephalale to prioritise the needs local residents.



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The Mayor concluded the Imbizo Programme by officiating the completion of training of 304 youth who took part in a security training initiative. The training is a Mayoral initiative which offered local unemployed youth an opportunity to train in grade E, C and D. It is one of the Mayor's programmes aimed at addressing unemployment.

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