



VOTE OF THANKS BY THE MAYOR OF LEPHALALE MUNICIPALITY DURING BRIEFING SESSION ON THE OCCASION OF COMMEMORATION OF 2016 WORLD TB DAY

- Programme Director
- Deputy President Of the Republic of South Africa, who is also the National Chairperson of South African National AIDS Council Ntate Cyril Ramaphosa.
- The Premier of Limpopo Province, Ntate Stan Mathabatha.
- Limpopo MEC for Health , Dr Phophi Ramathuba
- Limpopo MEC for Education , Ntate Ishmael Kgetjepe
- Executive Mayor of Waterberg District municipality, Mme Rosina Mogotlane.
- Mayors and Councillors present here.
- Maaparankwe - Magoshi a rena le mantona ao a lego gona mo.
- Officials from the Presidency, the Office of the Premier, the Office of the MEC, Waterberg and Lephalale municipalities’.
- Our strategic business partners, Exxaro and Eskom
- HIV/AIDS and TB ambassadors present here.
- Moral Regeneration Forum and other Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) present here.
- Non Profit Organizations (NPOs) and Non Government Organizations (NGOs)
- All strategic partners represented here
- Our special guests in uniform, school learners.
- Media houses.
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

On Sunday we laid to rest one of the talented young man of Lephalale who was the presenter at Lephalale FM, Maboyzana Monyeki. We send our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of this energetic young man.

Let us observe a moment of silence for this son of the soil before closing this event officially.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

May his soul rest in peace!

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Deputy President.

Lephalale municipality is humbled by the quality and the quantity of your attendance. The fact that you attended in this number while we are fresh from a long week-end is an indication of your commitment to build a healthy society. It shows that you are aware that our health is our wealth. With the kind of commitment that you have displayed today, we can achieve the three zeros that we set ourselves to achieve. That is : Zero new HIV and TB infections, Zero stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV and TB as well as Zero HIV and TB related deaths.

Your attendance shows that you acknowledge the fact that was announced by World Health Organization (WHO) that TB is the world's leading cause of death from infectious disease and kills more people than HIV. The 2015 Global TB Report estimated that 9,6 million people in the world fell ill with TB in 2014. Of these patients, 1,5 million died from this disease. Most of these patients are from mining towns; and Lephalale is one of the mining areas. That is why we feel so blessed when government take programmes like commemoration of World TB Day to our area. Activities that took place here today were too educational and I think our people will implement the gospel that was preached here.

What makes this day to be so special is that it takes place a day after we celebrated National Human Rights Day and the Right to life is one of everybody's birth right. Today's event also takes place as we celebrate twenty years of the adoption of the democratic Constitution of our country. The Constitution which contains the Bill of Rights. This Bill of Rights contains socio-economic rights and places a duty on government to address problems that our people experienced in the past when it comes to education, health services and housing. One of those health services challenges is TB. And today we have gathered here to reaffirm our commitment to the Global Three Zeros that were announced on 9 September 2011.

Today's activities also reaffirmed our the ANC-led government's commitment to 2012 – 2016 National Strategic Plan which strives to address social and structural barriers to HIV , STI and TB prevention , care and impact.Let me assure you Deputy President and Dr Ramathuba that Lephalale municipality will make sure that together with our strategic partners, we will continue to draw plans that seek to prevent new HIV, STI and TB infections. Our two government hospitals and the Health centre that we have opened officially today will do their best to Increase the protection of Human Rights and improve access to health facilities.

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Allow me to add my voice to those who acknowledged with thanks all patriots who went to voting stations during the first voter registration weekend of 5th and 6th this month and further request those who, for one reason or the other, missed that opportunity, to go to their voting stations during the last voter registration week end which is scheduled for 9 and 10 April. Let the first time voters go and register and those who voted before, go and verify your status in the voters roll.

As we all know, the coming week end is Easter week-end. Our people will be taking long journeys to social events, pilgrimages, sports activities and honeymoons. Our appeal is for all rad users to obey the traffic rules. Traffic rules are simple and straight forward :Don't Drink and Drive or walk on the road; Buckle up; Speed Kills; Arrive Alive.

I THANK YOU.



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