



VOTE OF THANKS BY THE MAYOR OF LEPHALALE MUNICIPALITY DURING BRIEFING SESSION ON THE OCCASION OF COMMEMORATION OF 2016 WORLD TB DAY AND OFFICIAL HAND OVER OF MARAPONG CLINIC..

- 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.

Last week was not a good one for the airwaves. On Sunday we laid to rest one of the talented young man of Lephalale who was the presenter at Lephalale FM, Maboyzana Monyeki.

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On the very same day we buried one of the tried and tested presenters of Thobela FM, Mmane Manoko Lorraine Semanya. We send our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of this energetic young man Maboyzana and the mother of Sepedi culture Mmane Manoko.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

May their souls rest in peace!

Honourable Deputy President and the Premier.

It is important that during occasions like this, one mentions two points of the 2012-2016 National Strategic Plan on Health. Two of the NDP strategies on health talks about sustaining health and wellness as well as to increase the protection of Human Rights and improve access to health facilities. Facilities like the one that is being opened officially opened here today will assist our municipality in implementing National Strategic Plan on Health.

We know very well, Dr Ramathuba, that the Department of Health is required to provide quality health care in an integrated, sustainable and affordable manner in pursuit of the four strategic outcomes. This health centre will go a long way in increasing life expectancy and strengthen health system effectiveness as well as primary health care.

As government we have the responsibility to address socio-economic challenges that our people experienced in the past. We did not have a health facility that caters ward 1, 2 and 3 twenty four hours, seven days a week. This health facility will address that challenge. Let me take this opportunity and express our sincere appreciation of the contribution of our strategic business partners , Exxaro and Escom, in making sure that we acquire this facility.

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The population of Lephalale has increased dramatically because of mining activities that take place at our area. If we are to equal the task of servicing the community that increase in such a fast rate, then we must have proper infrastructure. Health facility has been a challenge for a long time; but we are happy that it will be addressed by this centre.

Let me take this opportunity and thank all the stakeholders and strategic partners who played a role in making sure that the dream of having a facility that operates 24/7 in Marapong is realized. With assets like this hospital, nothing will prevent us from achieving 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 that were announced on 9 September 2011.

Let me take this opportunity and remind you that 2016 is the Local elections year. The first voter registration week-end has passed early this month and the second voter registration week-end is on 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.

Easter week end has arrived. Our appeal is for all road 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. Don't allow yourself to be counted among the casualties of this Easter week-end. We don't want to come back to this health centre to check you because of your Easter recklessness. Easter week-end is a holy week-end; lets meet at our churches.

I THANK YOU.



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