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PROVINCIAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION!!



“Like male counterparts, women should be allowed to exercise choices such as participating in politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in society that is free from violence and discrimination” said Limpopo Premier Stan Chupu Mathabatha when he was addressing multitudes during the National Women's Day event held at the Barcelona Sports Ground in Ga-Mushi Village in Mogalakwena Municipality.

He further urged women to take advantage of the laws and policies that government has put in place for their own upliftment and protection.



Mathabatha was accompanied by members of his EXCO, MEC for Health Poppy Ramathuba, Treasury MEC Rob Tooley, Agriculture MEC Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana, CoGHSTA MEC Makoma Makhurupetja, MEC for Public Works Jerry Ndou and MEC of Transport Nandi Ndalane, Mayor of Mogalakwena Cllr Hendrina Matsimela and Mayor of Lephalale Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko.

According to Mathabatha statistics show that more often than not, women are assaulted, harassed or killed by someone they know. Experience proves that the abuse of women comes in different shapes and sizes.

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“In the recent past we have seen horrific episodes where women are not only killed but also burnt to ashes.

The real challenge for all of us is to ensure a working partnership between women's organization and progressive men's organization so that we can expose and isolate the abusers” said Mathabatha.

National Women's Day is a South African public holiday celebrated annually on 9 August. The day commemorates the 1956 march of approximately 20 000 women to the Union buildings in Pretoria to petition against the country's pass laws.



TSHELAMMAKE GETS ENERGIZED!



Acting Mayor Cllr Thabitha Modise switching on electricity in Tshelammake village Extension.



Acting Mayor Cllr Thabitha Modise, handing over electricity merchandize to Mr Maluleka, in Tshelammake Village on the 18th of August 2017.



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TOWNSHIP-VILLAGE REVITALIZATION

Representatives from the Department of Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism led by the Department's Head, Solly Kgopong, visited Seleka Village to share ideas and communicate with communities on how to revitalize and radically transform the township and village economies.

The event was also a platform for business formations ranging from street vendors, taverns, minibuses, spaza shops, burial societies, home based care, plumbing, panel-beating, stokvels etc. to give inputs which will culminate in to the Limpopo Township Revitalization strategy. The vision of the strategy is to build dynamic and sustainable township enterprises with an objective of an inclusive labour absorbing and growing township and village economy.

Kgopong said the strategy aims to have three key outcomes which are:

- To create an enabling and supporting environment based on the eight strategic focus areas for township and village economy revitalization
- Establish the social and economic value of township and village economies.
- Ensure that township and village enterprises become key players in the Limpopo enterprises.



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MAYOR INTRODUCES ELECTRICITY CONTRACTORS TO SEVERAL VILLAGES

Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko introduced electricity contractors to electrify eight villages in the Lephalale area in the Month of August. The village to be electrified includes Morwe, Seleka 4 ext, Mokuruanyane (Mashemong, Ntotomeng and Tshelong), Keletswekemme, Mmaletswai, Shongoane (Phomolong Section), Steve Biko phase 4 and Kauletsi.

Addressing community of both Morwe and Seleka 4 respectively, the Mayor said that he recognized Eskom's contribution to making sure that areas which don't have electricity don't stay long without being electrified.

The Mayor was speaking when the Municipality in partnership with Eskom introduced Nomakhozi Trading Projects and Kingki Electrical contractors to electrify 315 households in Morwe and Seleka respectively on the 10th of August 2017.



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Almost 1028 houses to get ELECTRICITY

“Eskom deserves an award because they ensure that new village extensions don’t stay long without being electrified. We as a Municipality are working very well with them to ensure that we take services to the people. Our intention is to make sure that all the houses in Lephalale are electrified”.

Nomakhozi Trading and Projects will electrify 131 households in Morwe while Kingki Electrical will electrify 84 houses in Seleka 4 Extension.

The Mayor said the request by the community of Morwe for Skills Development, Unemployment and Electricity, have been taken into consideration.

The Mayor pleaded with the community to be patient with the Municipality in terms of addressing service delivery matters.



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FIRST IDP REP FORUM A SUCCESS

Lephalale Municipality hosted the first Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representatives Forum for 2018/19 at Shongoane village on Monday 14 August 2017. The Forum is aimed at outlining the 2018/19 budget framework and process plan for implementation. Stakeholders comprising of various structures such as sector department, traditional leaders, Ngo's, WDM, Community Development Workers, office of the premier and Coghsta were afforded an opportunity to discuss and give inputs on the Municipality's IDP. The role of the forum is to amongst other things provide an organizational mechanism for discussion, negotiation and decision making between stakeholders and the Municipality and Monitor the performance of the planning and implementation of the IDP process through the quarterly and mid-year performance and annual reports of the Municipality..



Botswana delegates visits MEDUPI



Eskom Medupi Project Manager, Phillip Dukashe giving update on the progress of the Power Station since the synchronization of Unit 5 and 6.



Botswana delegates and LMM Councillors on a site tour at Medupi Power Station.

WOMEN PARLIAMENT IN SELEKA!!

The Speaker of Limpopo Legislature, Hon. Polly Boshielo addressed the Fifth Legislature Women's Parliament on the 25th of August 2017 in Seleka Village, under the theme **“Women commemorating their democratic rights as equal citizens of the country to influence decision-making.”**

The Limpopo Women's Parliament brought together women from different walks of life under one roof to debate on issues affecting women and advancing their needs. Amongst issues that were under discussions,

- The role of women in influencing decision-making as equal citizens of the country as part of their democratic right,
- Women's interest to coordinate, lead and oversee the transformation of their economy,
- The role of government in addressing issues of gender based violence and abuse, health and domestic violence.

In her main address, Boshielo said that while she was in Sekhukhune with the Public Protector the women in the area said they are being abused, emotionally, financially, mentally and physically by

their partners and it goes to show that the country is not doing right by women.

She also made other indication that while she was in Mpumalanga more than 12 women have been killed by their spouses since January to August.

“Until we as women stand up, men will always have power over us, if we continue to hide our scars and protect abusers these men will not stop. Women need to stand up for one another, it is shocking to find another women leading an attack on a fellow women” said Boshielo.

Debating on, the role of women in influencing decision-making as equal citizens of the country topic, Francina Moshina, Nora Mashidi and Mahlare Emily said that women are capable beings to influence decision making as equal to men all they need is help and the necessary support.

“As women we have always been treated inferior to men. In the workplace women are reduced to mere tea ladies or cleaners while men occupy higher positions. Women with disability are also victimized because they are unable to perform certain tasks” said Nora Mashidi.

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Legislatures' Mirriam Ramadwa closed the debate by saying all proposals by the speakers were heard loud and clear.

“Speakers were clear on their messages that charity begins at home. All suggestions have been taken into consideration and will be further discussed in Legislature with all the relevant representatives. The suggestions will also be forwarded to Office of the Premier were they will be given to relevant departments for implementation”

Ramadwa said legislature will be monitoring every step of the way to ensure that the suggestions and concerns are implemented accordingly.



Speaker of Legislature, Hon. Polly Boshielo giving her main address.



Acting Mayor, Cllr Reggy Molokomme, giving the vote of thanks.



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COUNCIL SITTING!!!!



Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Moloko Jack Maeko addressing the council on the 29th of August 2017.



CLlr Malose Marakalala, MPAC chairperson addressing the council on the Minutes of the MPAC held on the 6th of July.



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LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWCASES THEIR TALENTS AT AXTRAVAGANZA!!

The Limpopo Department of Sports Arts and Culture, afforded local artists in the Waterberg District an opportunity to showcase their talent during the Department's Arts and Culture Extravaganza held at Mogol Club Hall in Lephalale on 31 August 2017.

The event was aimed at promoting social Cohesion, nation building and also assisted in unearthing talent from local Municipalities in the Waterberg District. The extravaganza was also meant to workshop a variety of artists such as musicians, poets, comedians, designers and crafters on several business facets.

A flea market was created for crafters to sell their artwork whilst fashion designers showcased their designs. The extravaganza further gave artists a platform to showcase their poetic skills, theatre work, and comedy talents.



Acting Mayor Councillor, William Motlokwa said the Municipality appreciates the fact that the Department chose Lephalale to host the event. He said the event will assist local artists with information on how to run their business professionally.



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ACCESS ROADS FOR MOKURUANYANE AND LERUPURUPUNG!!!!

Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko introduced Nhlohlori Tilo Trading to the community of Mokuruanyane and Shwings Construction to the community Lerupurupung respectively on 31 August 2017.

Nhlohlori Tilo Trading will construct Bella Thobane Drive at Tshehlong Village at a cost of R19m while Shwings Construction constructs Kgomotso Moruane Drive in Lerupurupung for R18m.

Addressing both communities, the Mayor said that, by bringing this project in both Mokuruanyane and Lerupurupung, the Municipality is fulfilling its mandate and mission of committing to rural development and this is adding to some of the achievements towards service delivery.



“Politicians, officials and traditional authorities work together to ensure that services are taken to the people. The role of politicians is to give political direction so that services are taken to the people, while traditional authorities assist the Municipality in identifying challenges that needs intervention with regards to service delivery said the Mayor.

“We have resolved as council that any contractor doing business in Lephalale must channel 30% of their budget towards improving and empowering local SMMEs.

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