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## **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Department (LEDET), in strategic partnership with the Local Economic Development (LED) Unit of Lephalale Local Municipality and the Waterberg District Municipality, has launched a collaborative Economic Empowerment Outreach Program in Lephalale on 03 July 2025.

This initiative is designed to enhance economic participation by increasing awareness, promoting regulatory compliance, and facilitating market access for businesses primarily situated in townships and rural communities. The program seeks to empower these enterprises by connecting them with critical resources and opportunities to support sustainable growth.

A stakeholder engagement session was convened at the Lephalale Municipal Lapa, which brought together key government entities committed to the program's objectives.

These included: The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD), providing support through initiatives such as the Township and Rural Entrepreneurship Programme (TREP), Spaza Shop funding, and other financial assistance schemes, Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), offering asset financing and skills development programs tailored to emerging businesses, South African Revenue Service (SARS), facilitating compliance with tax and regulatory requirements, Provincial Treasury, responsible for enabling access to government procurement opportunities and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) initiatives targeted at the beneficiary group.

This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of provincial and local government to foster inclusive economic growth and development within Lephalale's township and rural business sectors.

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