

Mr. Kgoroshi Motebele: From Community Conversations to Municipal Leadership

Some people are born to lead while others grow into it through experience, resilience, and a deep love for people. Mr. Kgoroshi Motebele, newly appointed Director of Social Services at Lephalale Local Municipality, is a little bit of both.

Soft-spoken but confident, calm yet focused, Mr. Motebele brings more than just qualifications to the table — he brings heart, and an impressive blend of private and public sector experience. His journey has been anything but ordinary.

Born and raised in Sefitlhogo Village, Mr. Motebele knows what it means to grow up in the communities he now serves. He completed his matric at Malebo Secondary School, and like many great leaders, he set his sights on the law. He earned a BProc degree from the University of the North (now University of Limpopo) a launchpad for a diverse career that would take him from boardrooms to community halls and council chambers.

Later in his journey, he sharpened his leadership skills through a Finance for Non-Financial Managers certificate from Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) — equipping him with the financial insight needed to lead complex departments and manage large-scale budgets.

He's worked for globally recognised firms like Deloitte and Arthur Andersen, where he honed his skills in tax, project management, financial systems, and high-level business negotiations.

He served as a Legal Advisor for Phalafala Legal Cost Assistance, bringing legal expertise into community-focused work. Later, he stepped into leadership roles, including Executive Manager of Strategic Planning at Lephalale Municipality between 2012 and 2015 — shaping the municipality's development vision.

He also ventured into risk management as a Director at Waterberg Risk Dynamics, and — in a fun twist — served as Ticketing Operations Manager for FIFA/SAFA during the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Mr. Motebele helped bring the world's biggest sporting event to life, right here in South Africa. His love for sports isn't just personal — it's professional, too.

Before being appointed as Director, Mr. Motebele served as the municipality's Public Participation Manager — a role that placed him directly in conversation with communities. He supported the Speaker's Office, facilitated dialogue between the municipality and its people, and worked hands-on to investigate and resolve service delivery issues and it was during this time that his ability to listen deeply, respond wisely, and engage communities meaningfully truly came to the forefront.

In his new role as Director of Social Services, Mr. Motebele oversees one of the municipality's most people-centred portfolios, touching on community development, safety and security, library, parks and waste management and more.

With his strong leadership background, strategic insight, and real connection to the communities of Lephalale, Mr. Motebele is perfectly placed to lead this department into a new era of inclusive, responsive, and compassionate service.