

Ephraim Mogale local municipality allocates more Budget towards infrastructural development.

More than 14 major infrastructural projects earmarked for communities and service delivery development have been allocated over R59m during the 2013/2014 budget. This was reflected by the Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality during her budget speech delivered in Moomane village in Ward 13 on the 30 May 2013.

This municipality has reached the millennium goal of electrification of all its over 75 villages, the new electrification project will mainly be the erection of high mast lighting in rural villages. The project already started in the past, and the current in the Budget we will see villages such as Tshikanoshi in Ward 6; Mohlalaotwane – GaRakgoadi Ward 11; Mohlotsi in Ward 13; Dichoeung in Ward 14, and Morarela/Mbuzini in ward 15 benefiting as well.

The Mayor alluded that Ephraim Mogale local municipality will not abandon the electrification of extension of villages, but Eskom will continue electrifying those extensions which will cover the followings areas; Malebitsa and Driefontein villages in ward 1; Rathoke Village covering both Wards 2 and 4; GaMmakola in Keerom and Spitspunt in Ward 3; Toitskraal Agriculture in Wards 6; Leeuwfontein in ward 8; Mmakgatle A in Ward 10; Vaalbank and Mmotoaneng in ward 12; and Phetwane in Ward 16.

A community center will be built at a cost of over R3.2m each in Uitvlught Ward 2; Mabitsi B Ward 12 and Morarela in Ward 15.

The third key project which municipality will focus on in the next budget will be the tarring of access internal roads. This will include, finishing of phase two of Rathoke internal street in Ward 2 and 4 at a cost of R5.5m; Industrial Road in Marble Hall Town Ward 7 at a cost of R5m; Leeuwfontein in Ward 8 at a cost of R5.5m; Mmakgatle A and B in Ward 10 at a cost of R7m and Mogalatsane/Phetwane Road in Ward 16 at a cost R9m.

According to the Mayor, the investment in the infrastructural projects is in line with the decision by the national government to refocus more on the infrastructural development which will assist in creating more jobs. Reiterating what President Jacob Zuma said during the State of the Nation Address, Mayor Mmakola said, “infrastructure expansion is identified as one of the key pillars that must be used to improve the living conditions of our communities, whilst at the same time creating sustainable job opportunities for our people”. The Mayor believes the municipality is geared to deliver the infrastructural projects which will better the life of the people.

[\(Please link this to Budget speech\)](#)