



ELECTIONS:

**Council Elects Cllr Kupa
As The New Mayor**

EPHRAIM MOGALE...

*Wishes you a Merry
Christmas and a
Prosperous
New Year*



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OUR MANDATE

Council adopts Vision and Mission statement as guiding principle to improve the lives of its people.

Municipality Vision

The Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality's vision defines what the council hopes to achieve in five or ten years in office. The Council has endorsed the already existing vision, mission and value statement during their Strategic Planning workshop to consolidate the Municipality's dream to achieve its developmental objectives. The strategic workshop took place on the 23-24 March 2015 and espoused the statement as follows:

"A viable and sustainable Municipality that provides quality service and enhance socio-economic growth"

Municipality Mission

To involve all sectors of the community in the economic, environment and social development whilst improving service delivery thereby becoming a prominent agricultural, business and mega industrial growth point in Sekhukhune District for the benefit of the residents

and province.

Core Values of the Municipality

The values describe the inter-relationship between people within an institution and the inter-relationship between them and the people they serve. As such it describes business practices applied and the value placed on certain principles. The values Endeavour to reflect the culture that prevails or should prevail in a specific institution. The following values were identified from the interrelationships between Councillors, Administration and the Community.

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality values focus on;

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Efficiency
- Commitment
- High Quality Service Delivery
- Integrity
- Professionalism

EDITORIAL

Comment

AS PART of the municipal Core Values and Principle, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality strives to promote the inter-relationship between itself and other various stakeholders.

It's a pleasure to inform our Communities and various stakeholders about the developments and happenings within the borders of Ephraim Mogale. In this technological era, we intend to develop more interactional-platforms to which the community can express their delight, concerns, complaints and comments.

This edition covers mostly the events that took place, focuses on the new Mayor, Speaker, Councilors, awareness programs and promotion of local entrepreneurs. This is a new feature in our newsletter, aimed

particularly at highlighting the success, challenges and achievements of our local entrepreneurs.

South Africa is currently facing a water crisis, our Municipality along with the Sekhukhune District will embark on an awareness campaign on its Face-book Page and other publications. The Communities are urged to also do their part in these difficult times to save and use water wisely.

There is a dedicated page in this edition with all the water saving tips. Also, it's that time of the year where the Municipality gives deserving students an opportunity to further their studies through the Mayoral Bursary Scheme.

The learners are urged to apply for the bursaries because with education everything is possible. The forms are now available on the municipal website, satellite and circuit offices.

In conclusion, the Communications Unit would like to say to our readers that our doors are always open for any suggestions and comments. This publication will also be made available on our municipal website for downloading. Special dedication to all the people who made a positive input in making this publication possible by taking time to develop articles and ideas, and lastly to you, the readers, for making an effort of getting yourself a copy, it is highly appreciated.

Enjoy the read.

Thank you.... Re yaleboga.... Baie-dankie.....



WARM WELCOME...

to all our new political leaders.

“We will update our political leaders and bring them up to speed with the municipal progress report so that service delivery continues... ”

These are exciting times in the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, it is with great honor as we welcome the newly elected Her Worship Mayor Constance Ramadimetja Bella Kupa and her council to their new term as our Political leaders.

The Municipality is in the second quarter of its fiscal year and one must declare that there is sufficient improvement in all our departments from a not so good first quarter report.

The Municipality had an average 57.1% overall performance. The resolutions emanating from the first quarter Lekgotla which took place at Maitishong Guest House in Marble Hall were all resolved in a satisfactory manner. We will update our political leaders and bring them up to speed with the “back-to-basics” progress and quarterly reports in due course.

Still on the good news, as part of strengthening our departmental units, the Municipality has recently appointed the Director of Community Services. The position remained vacant for a long time where it was operated by various officials on acting capacities. But the challenge is now over.

The Municipality is also planning to engage the residents in public participation programs as part of its budgeting process. We urge all members of the community to come and participate in these programs so that they can voice their needs about service delivery challenges. This exercise will assist the Municipality to budget accordingly..

It's nearly year end and also that time of the season when we are about

to receive the 2015/16 audit report from the Auditor General, therefore we are confident that the Municipality will obtain an improved audit opinion. The National Treasury has ordered all municipalities across the country to be compliant with the new Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) before July 2017 deadline. The chartered accounting system will promote effective budgeting and that will also ensure more accountability and proper spending. The Municipality will continue to address service delivery challenges to all Communities to ensure better life for all. Until the next update-enjoy our topics in the newsletter

M. Mathebela
Municipal Manager

POLITICAL PARTY representatives during the Inaugural Council to elect the Political Management Team at Ephraim Mogale Council Chamber



THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

Ephraim Mogale Council elects the new Political Management Team

After the August elections, Elected candidates took to the podium at the Ephraim Mogale municipal chamber to pledge their allegiance to the constitution. It was during that moment on the 17th of August 2016 at the first council inaugural sitting, that 32 councilors were sworn in by the Groblersdal magistrate court official.

Based on the outcome of the election results, 20 seats were allocated to the African National Congress (ANC), 7 seats to the Economic Freedom Party (EFF), 3 seats to the Democratic Alliance (DA) with Freedom Front Plus and Independent securing one each.



Newly appointed Mayor Cllr Constance Kupa

The event ended with the newly elected Mayor Cllr Constance Kupa delivering her acceptance speech where she thanked the IEC and all parties represented for free and fair elections. She also thanked the past councilors for the good job they performed and emphasized that the work they did will not go in vain as the plan to continue with the solid foundation laid during their tenure.

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Cllr. Constance Kupa- the Mayor
Cllr. Bushy Modisha- Chief Whip
Cllr. Molaudi Mothogwane- Speaker

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Cllr. Lawrence Makola - EXCO Planning
Cllr. Mmakoma Motsepe- EXCO Finance
Cllr. Rebecca Lentsoane- EXCO Corporate Services
Cllr. George Makanyane- EXCO Infrastructure
Cllr. Phillipus Jacobs - EXCO Community Services.

WARD COUNCILORS

Cllr. Maria Aphone - ANC Ward 01
Cllr. Abie Tema - Independent Ward 02

Cllr. Phillemon Ranoto - ANC Ward 03
Cllr. Jonas Kekana – ANC Ward 04
Cllr. Fanny Matlala – ANC Ward 05
Cllr. Makoma Motsepe – ANC Ward 06
Cllr. Phillipus Jacobs – DA Ward 07
Cllr. George Makanyane – ANC Ward 08
Cllr. Fridah Maloka – ANC Ward 09
Cllr. Segopa Sedibane – ANC Ward 10
Cllr. Hudson Mashoeshoe – ANC Ward 11
Cllr. Mongesho Monama – ANC Ward 12
Cllr. Senti Bosielo - ANC Ward 13
Cllr. Thabiso Mabaso – ANC Ward 14
Cllr. Letty Molatudi – ANC Ward 15
Cllr. Patrick Mashigo – ANC Ward 16

PR COUNCILORS

Cllr. Rebecca Lentsoane-ANC
Cllr. Nkopodi Phatlane- ANC
Cllr. Given Moimana – ANC
Cllr. Lawrence Makola - EFF
Cllr. Thabitha Manasoe – EFF
Cllr. Olga Madileng – EFF
Cllr. Refilwe Phokwane – EFF
Cllr. Lawrence Mohlala – EFF
Cllr. Rouda Sindane – EFF
Cllr. Thandi Matji – EFF
Cllr. Gladys Phefadi - DA
Cllr. Conny Lentsoane – DA
Cllr. Frederick De Beer – Freedom Front Plus



Q & A with the Mayor

1. Who is Constance Ramadimetja Bella Kupa?

Cllr Kupa is a people's person, her community needs surpass the rest and she is also an activist with passion and love for the people. My political career started in the nineties, in 1996, I was elected as deputy Secretary of the then Marble Hall branch now Brown Matlala branch.

Fast forward in 2001, I served as ANCYL chairperson of Dimakatso Maringa Branch. In 2002, I was the secretary of the ANC branch and in 2003 was elected deputy chairperson.

Later in 2010 to 2013, I was the secretary of ANCWL, Dimakatso Maringa branch. I also served as Deputy Secretary of the ANCWL Ephraim Mogale Sub-Region. Again I served as Deputy Coordinator of the then disbanded ANC Sekhukhune region. I am currently the treasurer

Q & A with the Speaker

1. Who is Molaudi Mothogwane?

Cllr Molaudi Mothogwane was born and raised in Mohlalaotwane Village, GaRakgoadi in Ephraim Mogale. I got involved in Politics from an early age during the release and the unbanning of the political prisoners in the early nineties.

I also served in the Youth Structures as a member of the ANCYL Rakgwadi Branch, Chairperson of the ANCYL Lepelle branch after the realignment of the ANC branches as a resolution of the ANC National conference in Mafikeng. I also served as the coordinator of the ANCYL Ephraim Mogale Sub-region and later elected Deputy Chairperson of the ANCYL

NEW MAYOR:

Serving the people is her passion

of the ANC Sekhukhune region and serving as the mayor of the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

2. How are you planning to improve the current service delivery challenges?

I am well aware that we are still faced with service delivery backlog in some wards, but there is a plan in place to address them. We want to improve the quality of spending on our capital and infrastructure projects that includes a revised infrastructure planning process.

Our plan is to make sure that development covers most of the wards in our Municipality and will be a step in the right direction towards addressing the service delivery challenges and backlogs.

3. What would you like to see the council achieve in your term of office?

In my term of office as the mayor I would like to see all elected councilors together with our Communities working in harmony to ensure better integrated development and planning that is inclusive and working. Also that we as a Municipality stay committed to our vision and mission and be accountable to the Communities we serve.

As a rural

Cllr Mothogwane

An activist with many talents

Sekhukhune Region.

Again I went to become the chairperson of the South African youth Council (SAYC) Ephraim Mogale and deputy Secretary SAYC Sekhukhune Region. In the ANC, I served as a branch Secretary, ANC MakweMaloka branch and coordinator and later elected as Secretary of ANC Ephraim Mogale Sub-region. To date, I serve as Municipal Speaker of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

2. What is your role as the Speaker of the Council?

The role of the Speaker is vested with the authority to preside over Council meetings in terms of the Municipal Structures Act, to determine the required competency of councilors in order to enable them to meet their obligations. To oversee the councilor's capacity building and welfare and encourage community participation in matters of government.

3. What would you like to see the council achieve in your term of office?

Our Municipality is a rural Municipality that is rich in agriculture opportunities,

Municipality we should improve relations within private sector so that we are able to attract investment in our Municipality. This will help us tackle the high rate of unemployment and establish more self-sustainable projects throughout the Municipality.

4. What is the message to your fellow councilors?

To all my fellow councilors, we should rally around our vision, and work towards the same goal and objective. We should take pride in what we do as leaders of our people regardless of political parties we represent. I also urge all our councilors to work in harmony with Magoshi, CDWs and Ward Committees. United we can build a better life for all.

Thank you.



encourage the youth in public participation in agricultural activities and promote patriotism in our Communities. It is high time ordinary community members realize that SA is a democratic republic as that every citizen must play a role in moving the country forward and the beginning of it is that door step of local government.

4. What is the message to your fellow Councilors?

To my fellow councilors, bear in mind that we represent the masses of our people, Communities rely on the government for a better life. The problem we have as a country, we are still faced with service delivery challenges and other social matters like poverty, unemployment and inequality. That is a enormous threat to our young democracy.

This is now the time for us to give 110% efforts in order to improve the conditions and the lives of our Communities through better and efficient services. It must be a concern for every councilor irrespective of political affiliation but by the virtue of serving the community of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality. Together we can do more.
Thank you.

SURPRISE: GOVERNMENT IS COMING FOR YOU



WALKABOUT : Deputy Minister in the presidency Buti Manamela

“Batho Pele was put in practice with the Deputy Minister in the presidency Buti Manamela making unannounced visit to Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.”

According to the Ephraim Mogale Municipal Manager Monica Mathebela. It's not every day that a Municipality get to host the Deputy Minister. Especially on such a short notice and unannounced.

The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation as part of government's initiative to assist and support local government programs has invited the Deputy Minister in the Office of the President Honorable Buti Manamela to the Municipality unannounced as part of the initiative to monitor services offered to the people.

The departmental visit will help to assess the quality of service delivery provided, determine how our civil servants carry out their work to assist Communities and get a chance to see if the members of public are getting proper, quality and Batho Pele based services.

The visited sites were as follows:

- Matlala Hospital
- Ngwanakwena Secondary School
- SAPS Marble Hall station

During the visits, some of the focused areas were factors like services rendered, cleanliness of the institutions, and access for people living with disabilities, clean ablution facilities, service charters, security on the premises and clear signs as stated in the department's Frontline



Service Delivery Monitoring Operational Framework of 2015-16. “For us as a Municipality, it's important that we improve the way we do things and the way we relate with our Communities”, said Mathebela.

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POLITICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM



Cllr M. Mothogwane
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Mayor



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Development



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EXCO
Corporate Services

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Ward 05



Cllr M. Motsepe
Ward 06



Cllr F. Jacobs
Ward 07



Cllr G. Makanyane
Ward 08



Cllr M. Maloka
Ward 09



Cllr S. Sedibane
Ward 10



Cllr H. Mashoeshe
Ward 11



Cllr M. Monama
Ward 12



Cllr C. Boshelo
Ward 13



Cllr T. Mabaso
Ward 14



Cllr L. Molatudi
Ward 15



Cllr P. Mashigo
Ward 16



Cllr R. Lentsoane
PR-ANC



Cllr G. Moimana
PR-ANC



Cllr N. Phatlane
PR-ANC



Cllr L. Makola
PR-EFF



Cllr L. Mohlala
PR-EFF



Cllr R. Sindane
PR-EFF



Cllr R. Phokwane
PR-EFF



Cllr T. Matji
PR-EFF



Cllr T. Manaswe
PR-EFF



Cllr O. Madileng
PR-EFF



Cllr G. Phefadi
PR-DA



Cllr C. Lentsoane
PR-DA



Cllr F. De Beer
PR-FF



The battle for the control of the municipalities has settled. And the winner is the African National Congress. It is now back to the real battle, service to the people. But before the super action begins, the Sekhukhune District Municipality under the leadership of Stanley Ramaila held a joint inaugural ceremony to congratulate the four mayors under his District.

The event took place on October, 22, 2016 at Hlogotlou stadium. Large number of people in and around Sekhukhune District area came in numbers to witness the Sekhukhune Joint Inauguration event. The event also coincided with the National Heritage Day.

According to the event coordinator in Sekhukhune Willy Mosoma, there were about 3000 people from all across the district who came to celebrate the event.

Amongst the dignitaries at the event included Limpopo Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha, the MEC for Sport, Art and Culture Hon. Onica Moloj, the MEC of COGHSTA Hon. Makoma Makhurpetje, the Acting Kgoshikgolo Sekhukhune and Khoshi Thulare.

CELEBRATIONS

Sekhukhune District hosts joint Mayoral Inauguration



The five Mayors who were inaugurated were as follows:

- Cllr Stanley Ramaila of Sekhukhune District
- Cllr Constance Ramadimetja Bella Kupa of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality
- Cllr Julia Mathebe of Elias Mostoaledi Local Municipality

- Cllr Johannes Phokoane of Tubatse-Fetakgomo Local Municipality

- Cllr MinahBahula of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality

The joint inauguration ceremony incorporated heritage celebrations with exhibitions & various cultural acts entertaining the crowd.

DIALOGUE, ESSENTIAL FOR WOMEN EMANCIPATION

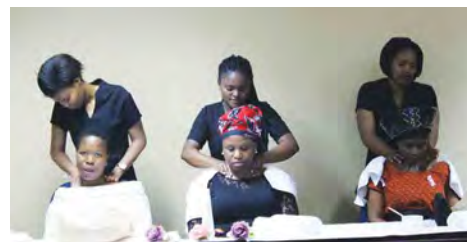
“A Healthy MIND, A healthy BODY”

When more than 20 000 South Africans marched to the union buildings protesting the proposed amendments to the urban areas Act of 1950, commonly referred to as the “pass laws” The women of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality gathered on the 10th of August 2016 to celebrate their day. They held a workshop for all women who work in the Municipality, with the sole purpose of addressing the common

issues and challenges that affect them.

Whether at their work place, home and society in general, women continue to fight many obstacles. The women dialogue is one of the initiatives engineered by the Ephraim Mogale EAP officer to boost the women’s moral and channel them psychologically to be strong women they were designed to be.

The dialogue attracted more women motivational speakers and health practitioners who highlighted women issues such as sexual health women continued to face. The speakers emphasized that women should go for a pap smear annually which is essential for good health. Women were also encouraged to test for cancer so that they can detect early warning signs. Later on the day, a mobile spar arrived where all women received a neck message from the specialists.



Promoting Road Safety



The Limpopo Department of Transport in partnership with Sekhukhune district held a road awareness to promote road safety. On the 12 of August, Ephraim Mogale women traffic officers held their operation in marble hall. On that day approximately 400 vehicles were stopped and about 70 tickets issued.

One driver was arrested for drinking and driving. In the same spirit of Lillian Ngoyi, Hellen

Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophia William, the women of Ephraim Mogale still take time to appreciate this day. The Municipal Manager of Ephraim Mogale Mme Mathebela encouraged all women to be brave and reclaim their position in society. She continued describing women referring to proverbs 31, because a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

WATHINTA ABAFAZI....



YOUTH BRING BANKING CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE



Elandskraal Community Retail Enhancement Project set to uplift community with basis services such as banking and internet.

On the 18th of August 2016 the community retail enhancement project was launched in Elandskraal village. This was done by the NYDA in partnership with the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality and channel OCC.

This initiative came about after a youth group in the village opened a cooperative hoping that they will be able to alleviate poverty and create jobs for themselves. This project will be owned by the corporative under the name of Elandskraal youth and it consists of five members namely;

Bennet Sithole, Sina Mokwana, Lebo Mmakola, Themba Khoza, Mamaribe Mohlamonyane and it provides the following services to the local community.

- Banking services through ABSA ATM
- Prepaid electricity retail, airtime, ticket sales
- Fast moving consumer goods
- Internet café services

The retail enhancement project will not only assist the cooperative but it will also improve the conditions of the Elanskraal community as a whole

because the people will not have to drive to town just to use the internet or banking services but this will be in their own community. The acting Mayor for the day Cllr Mmakoma Motsepe said in her speech that the youth must get up and grab the opportunities they have in front of them and that an informed youth working together can do anything that they put their minds to.

Economic development starts locally and if all the Communities work towards uplifting themselves then we will be bridging the gap and improving the conditions of our villages.



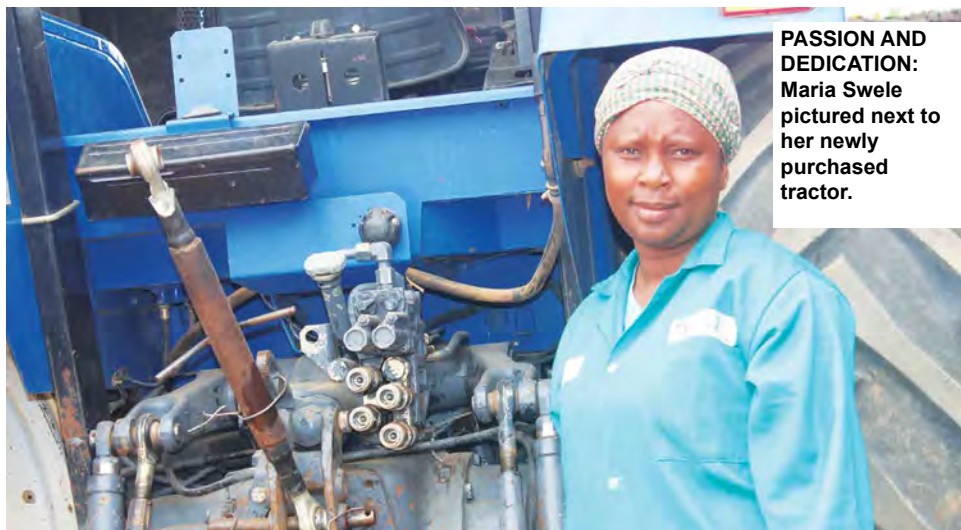
It all started like any other ordinary village and farm worker but her passion and dedication to farming has finally paid off. Maria Swele, a 34 year old woman from Matlerekeng ward four in Ephraim Mogale received a special award from the Acting MEC for Agriculture Seaparo Sekwati.

In 2004 Swele worked for a cotton company which later took her to Tompi Seleka, an Agricultural Collage based in Marble Hall for a period of six months to study a course in cotton production and management.

Ten years later Swele opened her own company where she leased 46 Farming Plots in Marble Hall and started cotton, maize and sunflower production.

To date, Swele has 71 hectares that she uses for farming and also planned to increase the number to 100 hectares of land where she plans to introduce an irrigation system so that she can expand and produce vegetables such as carrots, pumpkin, beet-root and etc.

In 2014, Swele entered a competition for the Limpopo Young Farmer Award and came top as the 2nd runner up in the province. She won herself R120 000. Again in 2015, Swele obtained 2nd place for female farmer and scooped R40 000 in



PASSION AND DEDICATION: Maria Swele pictured next to her newly purchased tractor.

HER PASSION FOR FARMING FINALLY PAYS OFF

Maria Swele receives a special award for her dedication to farming and providing employment to local people.

cash prizes. Still counting her blessing year after year the following year she came 2nd place in the National Competition and she received a further R32 000 plus a Special Award from the Limpopo Acting MEC of Agriculture Mr Seaparo Sekwati which came with prize money of R50 000 during the woman's month.

Seweles she has never received

any funding from the government institutions. She used all her winnings to fund her business and never looked back. She also bought a tractor which helped her to be self reliant. Her farm now employs six permanent workers and over 100 casual workers during harvesting time. Her message is that people have talents and they must use that to empower themselves.

TAKING LIVESTOCK FARMING TO NEW HEIGHTS:

Young graduate from Ephraim Mogale is making it big in the livestock business...

The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform presented a rare opportunity for young local graduates to take part in the initiative to develop and manage profitable livestock farming. One such graduate is Pheladi Moyo, a 29 year old woman from Leeuwfontein in Ward 08.

Her BA degree qualification from the University of Limpopo came handy and at the right time when the Department of Rural Development were searching for a suitable candidate to participate their program. Many people applied but only one candidate was required and Moyo cut the grade.

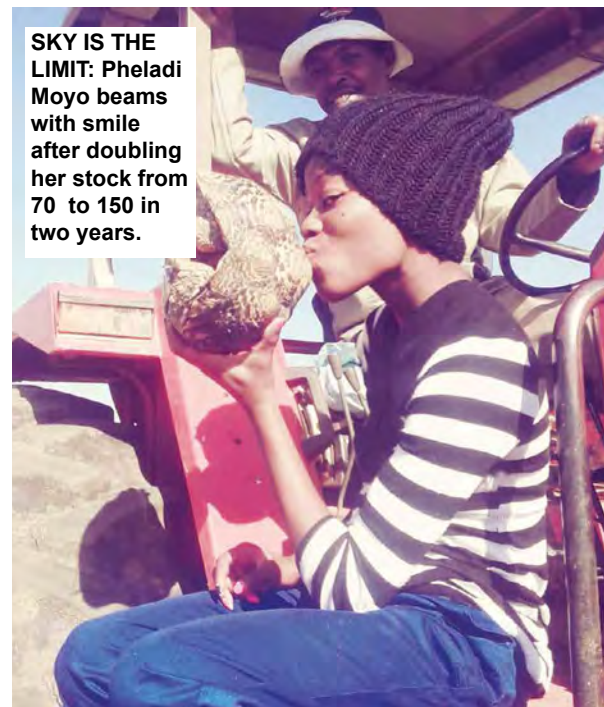
The Department's criteria required someone who had a degree and

also majored in Animal and Plant production. After graduating in 2009, Moyo enrolled into the NARISEC, the Rural Development and Land Reform incubation program where she was also one of the team leaders.

In that program, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform needed one person with a Bachelor's degree in Plant and Animal production to be funded with land and cattle and Moyo fitted that description. She was the only one who had that qualification when she received the award in 2014.

She was funded with 70 cattles and 366 hectares of land in Middeldoring (on the Settlers road). Currently Moyo has increased her stock to 150 where she and specializes in Braman and Simba. Moyo trades her livestock for cash at the Murray Hill Auctions and she hopes to become the dominant woman livestock farmer in the country.

SKY IS THE LIMIT: Pheladi Moyo beams with smile after doubling her stock from 70 to 150 in two years.



BURSARIES FOR DESERVING LEARNERS

Ephraim Mogale calls for learners to apply for mayoral bursaries

The Bursary Scheme introduced by the office of the mayor aims to address the issue of Inequality amongst the different households in the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality in regard to incomes, capacity building and skills development of young people within the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality jurisdiction area.

The bursary scheme also seeks to ad-

dress the issue of bridging finance for tertiary education. Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Mayoral Bursary Scheme is targeting the Skills which are seen or regarded as scarce skills. Those skills are Finance, Agriculture, Engineering, Planning and Records Management.

Every municipal financial year, the Municipality advertises and invites applications from learners within

the boundaries of Ephraim Mogale for the coming academic year. According to the municipal manager Mme Mathebela "The Municipality try to use their limited resources to assist the deserving learners covering all corners of Ephraim Mogale. To date 76 young people received bursaries and funding. Most youth have now completed their studies and are employed across the country.

Funded youth members are as follows since 2010 till 2016:

YEAR	NUMBER FUNDED	SPENT
1. 2010	✓ Eight (8) Community Members funded	✓ R147 277.60
2. 2011	✓ Nine (9) Community Members funded.	✓ R221 000.59
3. 2012	✓ Ten (10) Community Members funded.	✓ R304 166.20
4. 2013	✓ Sixteen (16) Community Members funded.	✓ R493 665.77
5. 2014	✓ Fifteen (15) Community Members funded.	✓ R604 731.00
6. 2015	✓ Eighteen (18) Community Members funded.	✓ R770 055.88
7. 2016	✓ Seventeen (17) Community Members funded.	✓ R758 944.70

YEAR	NUMBER FUNDED	SPENT
2010 till 2016	✓ Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality financed 93 Community Youth members.	✓ Since 2010 till now in 2016 Academic year Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality spent R3 299 841.74

* Currently the Advert for 2017 Academic Year has been issued and distributed to all Satellite Offices of the Local Municipality, Youth Structures, Educational Circuits and Main Local Municipality Office and available on our website. For more information call Mothogwane M.T. in Human Resources Division on 013 261 8408/8400.

#SaveWater

Dams have reached below level and the situation requires drastic measures...

As a country, South Africa has experienced little or no rainfall this year and the Department of Water and Sanitation has in other parts of the country declared a state of emergency because the dams and reservoirs have hit a record low.

In Ephraim Mogale, it's evident that Flag Boshielo Dam which is fed by the mighty Oliphant's River is mostly covered by dry land.

Residents are urged to preserve water by fixing leaking pipes, dripping

taps at businesses and residential areas or places of worship and report illegal water usage to the Sekhukhune District Municipality on 013 262 7300



Tips for saving water:

- Use one cup of water for brushing teeth.
- Do not water the garden with drinking water.
- Store water in safely sealed containers.
- Fix leaking pipes and taps.
- Do not wash your car using a hose pipe. (Use a bucket)



MSCOA: A COCKTAIL MIX FOR MUNICIPAL FINANCE

New accounting package to assist the municipalities to manage their budget and expenditure

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality is one of the 278 Municipality in South Africa mandated by National Treasury to be MSCOA compliance by 1 July 2017. MSCOA which stands for "standard chart of accounts" and which provides a uniform and standardized financial transaction classification framework. mSCOA prescribes the method and the format that Municipality and their entities should use to record and classify all expenditure Capital and operating ,revenue, assets, liabilities, equity, policy outcomes and legislative reporting.

MSCOA is a proudly South African project researched by National Treasury based on Municipal Practices, reporting outcomes, policy implementation. The SCOA transaction classification reforms is not new already commenced in 1998 for national and provincial government and since 2004, the Economic Reporting and SCOA are fully operating

and used by all national and provincial departments.

The successful implementation of SCOA contributed, to growing positive public perception locally and internationally, and strengthened public sector accountability and reporting. However when incorporating in municipal information for whole of government reporting and decision making there is misalignment in municipal reporting which prevent informed decision making and affected the credibility of reporting.

Considering now that each Municipality currently manages and reports on its financial affairs according to its own organizational structure and unique classification framework, which makes it very difficult for National Treasury to compare financial information across all municipalities due to them having non-standardised charts of accounts. The challenge left is how to reliably

assess Municipality A and B's financial performance and also is very difficult to determine what government as a whole have spent so much on particular project if we have to assimilate the information across national departments, provinces and municipalities. The National Treasury ultimately has the responsibility for compiling national whole-of-government accounts, including consolidated local government information for national policy and other purpose.





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