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**T**he month of July is the first month of the financial year and the month to commemorate the posthumous birthday of Mandela. This is the month on which we should do well by expressing love and doing 67 minutes of community services in honor of our late state president Nelson Mandela.

We kick start this quarter on a right footing and approaching the new financial year with a beautiful smile. This is after the municipality has received an Unqualified Audit opinion for the financial year 2020/2021 and hundred percent Municipal Infrastructure Grant.

The role of municipalities in assisting economic activity and service delivery at community level receives a great boost from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant.

The Grant is aimed at providing all South Africans with at least a basic level of service through the provision of grant finance aimed at covering the capital cost of basic infrastructure to the poor. This covers basic services such as roads, street lighting and refuse removal.

The MIG programme is a key part of the government's overall drive to alleviate poverty in the country. Our Municipality provide infrastructure to maximize employment and create opportunities for enterprises to flourish.

## MAXIMIZE EMPLOYMENT AND **CREATE OPPORTUNITIES** FOR ENTERPRISES TO FLOURISH

During the current term we have experienced a steady improvement in the spending of MIG budget allocation. We are proud to have spent the 100% MIG spending for the financial year 2020/21.

Our municipality is doing greatly well, and we have filled all senior management positions to bring change and expedite level of service delivery to our communities.

This is the beginning of a new financial year and it is the quarter in which we commemorate the posthumous 104th birthday of our late statesman, Dr Nelson Mandela in July. And in August we have also commemorated 66 years of Women's march to the Union building and in September that's when we were celebrating our heritage month.

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Mayor Given Moimana officiates SOD turning for building construction

## House Project SOD Turning



Speaker Rebecca Lentsoane during the SOD turning ceremony



New house for Makuru family to change their living condition for better wellbeing.



# COMMEMORATING MANDELA MONTH WITH MAKURU FAMILY

**T**his year the municipality celebrated Mandela month with the Makuru family at ward 5 of Ephraim Mogale Municipality. The Mayor Hon Given Moimana donated food hampers, clothes and building material. The Mayor also officiated a SOD turning for

a new house building project. Every year on 18 July, the world unites to celebrate our beloved icon, Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela by observing 67 minutes of service to humanity. This year will be the fifth Mandela Day without our beloved father of the nation.



## SOCIAL RELIEF

On this historic Nelson Mandela Day, people throughout the world are encouraged to dedicate 67 minutes of their time to doing something good for humanity.

The 67 minutes symbolizes 67 years of uninterrupted and selfless service to the people of South Africa and the world since Mandela joined the African National Congress in 1942.

The annual celebration of Nelson Mandela Day was initiated in 2009 by the Nelson Mandela Foundation and 46664 Campaign. The day seeks to entrench Mr. Mandela's legacy through commemorating, remembering, and living the values and principles epitomized by this extraordinary man, the first democratically elected President of the Republic of South Africa.

Nelson Mandela Day is a national, continental, and a global call to action: Recognize the power within every one of us to make a difference, to change the world around us. In 2009, the United Nations (UN) declared 18 July as 'Nelson Mandela International Day', in recognition of Madiba's contribution to global peace and freedom.

This year South Africa marks 32 years since former President Nelson Mandela was released from prison. He was released on 11 February 1990 after spending 27 years in prison. Upon his release, he was welcomed by hundreds of supporters outside the Victor-Verster prison and made his way to Cape Town's City Hall where he addressed a crowd of about 50 000 people.



Mayor Given Moimana donates food hampers and clothes to Makuru family  
The Mayor was flanked by Speaker Rebecca Lentsoane and the Chief Whip Lina Magane

The release of Madiba also marked the start of negotiations to end apartheid and was the first step towards building the country under the principles of constitutionalism.

*"As the municipality of Ephraim Mogale, we came here today to honor the legacy of our late struggle icon, Tate Nelson Mandela by doing a symbolic SOD turning of a house that would be soon fully built, as a gesture to the Makuru family and change their living condition.*

*We are here to show love and care to the needy families and ensure that we live up to the dreams of Nelson Mandela. You would recall that Madiba was a loving and caring person",* said Mayor Given Moimana. This year Mandela day was celebrated under the theme, **Do what you can, with what you have, wherever you are.**



Progress captured during monitoring of house project for the Makuru family.  
This was days before plastering, painting and final construction completion.



In attendance was the department of social development, police, extended public works workers, community members and they all put their hands on the deck by cleaning the yard of Mr Makuru and assisted with the off-loading of building material. The municipality had another joint Mandela Day commemoration with Sekhukhune District Municipality at Moomane village.

Because Mandela day is about doing community service and a call for action, the Executive Mayor, Cllr Julia Mathebe and Mayor Cllr Given Moimana handed over food hampers, clothes including wheelchairs, and assisted with plastering and painting of Mabaledi Elderly and Disability Protective Centre.

Mayor Moimana encouraged community members to do good to fellow villagers by engaging in cleaning, painting, growing vegetable gardens and taking care of the needy, just as Nelson Mandela was passionate about touching lives in different ways through community development.

## VACANCIES FILLED, IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO

**T**he municipal council has filled the three vacant senior management posts for Corporate Services, Community Services and Planning and Economic Development.

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality is a champion for Affirmative Action and supports laws and programmes designed to redress past imbalances and to improve the conditions of groups who have been disadvantaged on the grounds of race, gender and disability.

All three positions are occupied by women with rich experience and expertise that could assist change the municipality for the better. The two senior managers for Corporate and Community services started work from the first of July 2022.

## OUT OF SIX SENIOR MANAGERS' POSITIONS FOUR OF THEM ARE WOMEN

Another senior manager for planning and economic development joined on the 1st August 2022. The three female senior managers appointed are Ms MR Rampedi who is responsible for Corporate Services, Ms M.Y Maphutha-Mashaba who is responsible for Community Services and Ms Palesa Tjebane who is responsible for Planning and Economic Development.

The council is excited and confident with the decision of attracting and recruiting skilled managers with vast of experience that could possibly bring about transformation and delivery of sustainable services to the people of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

The Mayor Cllr Given Moimana alluded that: "as the municipality we are serious about women empowerment and placement of women leadership. We also believe that women can steer this municipality to greater heights. This is a good move that would further intensify service delivery objectives through women development strategies".

For the longest time, the municipality did not have full senior management composition. This recruitment development would help in the smooth running of the municipality.

The appointment came handy during the beginning of the financial year of 2022/23. And this means the new senior managers would be able to start planning accordingly and deliver on their key performance areas.



# CRUISING NICELY AT SALGA MUNICIPAL AUDIT AWARDS GALA DINNER



MEC Basikop Makamu (right) Mayor Cllr Givón Moimana and Municipal Manager, Thabitha Matladi at SALGA Municipal Audit Awards in Bela-Bela.

**E**phraim Molage Municipality obtained Unqualified Audit opinion and 100% Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) spending during 2020/2021, and this was announced at the SALGA Municipal Award 2022 that took place at Bela Bela Forever Resort.

The Mayor Cllr Moimana GMH was accompanied by the Municipal Manager, ST Matladi on the day, and they brought back two awards for the 100% MIG and Unqualified Audit opinion.

The PMT presented the two Municipal Audit awards to the entire staff populace and extended their gratitude to the senior management, middle management and the entire workforce for their sterling work and performance of enabling the municipality to sustain this record of good financial and governance position.

“We should not become complacent and relax about this achievement, rather, we should start with our forward-planning to ensure that we move to clean audit”, said Mayor Moimana.



We were highly recognized at the level of the province as the best Municipality for sustaining unqualified Audit opinion for the year 2020/21 financial year.

According to the Premier of Limpopo, issues of good governance and sound financial management are not just cosmetic issues - they are real issues of substance. The task of ensuring good governance and prudent utilization of allocated resources goes at the heart of what municipalities are about.

As the municipality we are aiming towards a Clean Audit outcome and this is not far-fetched dream. It is doable and it must be achieved through working together as a solid team of technocrats.





# REGAE ROAD 2.5km

PROJECT COMPLETE

EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | RE HLABOLLA SETSHABA

PLANNING, DESIGN  
AND CONSTRUCTION



The planning, design and construction of Regae Bus Route **Road Project** was funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (**MIG**). The upgraded road will serve the community of **Regae village** which has a population of 4046.

The total length of the road upgraded to tar is approximately 2.52km, this includes other works which entail storm-water control and traffic management.





New **employees** appointed to augment the staff **establishment**

- 01 Superintendent Waste
- 02 Facility Cleaner
- 03 General Assistant Solid Waste
- 04 Superintendent Parks
- 05 General Assistant parks
- 06 General Assistant Civil Services
- 07 Principal Clerk Revenue
- 08 TLB Operator
- 09 Grader Operator
- 10 Land Use Officer
- 11 GIS Officer
- 12 Tractor Driver
- 13 Accountant Bank Recon
- 14 Secretary CFO
- 15 Legal Advisor
- 16 PMU Technician
- 17 General Assistant Electrical Services

**J**oint Career EXPO organized by Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality in collaboration with Makhuduthamag Local Municipality and Mogaladi Foundation (NGO) took place at Tompi Selek Agricultural College on the was a very successful one.

Thousands of learners from various education circuits that fall under Makhuduthamaga and Ephraim Mogale local municipalities converged at the college's sport ground and received free career guidance in line with their respective future faculties of choice.

Learners were also taken through university applications process and exposed to available bursary opportunities from different institutions.

Different companies, gov departments, parastatals, and universities came in their numbers and shared eyeopening information for the Grade 10s to 12s.

EXCO member Cllr Tshighuvho EM who represented the host Mayor (Cllr Given Moimana) encouraged learners to grasp the career guidance opportunity, empower themselves and unlock their future.



“We must visit all the stalls and get detailed information about the different companies that are here today. Learners, please use this moment to think about what you would want to pursue when you finish your matric. Please listen and ask question so that you can make good career choices for your future.

We must emulate our former state president be like him. He was a lawyer and he liked education very much and he was so passionate about it. He once said I quote, “Education is the only weapon that we can use to change the world”.

He was guiding us to make education our priority if we want to change the lives of the people for the better. Without education our future is doomed. The world tomorrow would need people who understand the policies and able to read and implement and take good





decisions, said Cllr Tshighuvho EM. Learners were intrigued to have received fruitful career information that will inform their choices and better.

The initiative attracted over 3000 students from Tsimanyane, Lepelle, Phokwane and Masemola circuits, and was helpful in giving students learning opportunities for a rural boy and girl was attended by over All grade 10-12 benefited from the initiative.

MMC Orginia Mafefe representing the Executive Mayor, in her speech, she appealed to learners to work hard and make themselves proud. The MMC said “learners should make education fashionable” and become lifelong students. “You are a beacon of hope, and we will support you’ll in your academic journey”, Cllr Mafefe



**‘WITHOUT EDUCATION  
‘OUR FUTURE IS DOOMED’** Cllr Tshighuvho EM  
EXCO Member





## COUNCILOR LIZZY LEKWATSIPA ELECTED AS CHAIR OF WOMENS MULTI-PARTY CAUCUS

caucus is to act as an advisory and consultative body to all female councilors and representing their interests within the Municipal structures. "As women we should develop programs that are biased to women empowerment. Let's ensure that we inculcate the culture of learning, reading and capacity building for women leadership to assist them to be more effective in decision making processes," said Cllr Lekwatsipa.

Women today are champions and they are leaders at their own right. That should be given right support so that they can become everything they want to become.

**A**ugust is a significant month in our country's calendar as it is a time where we get the opportunity to pay homage to all South African women and to the women who marched to the Union Buildings on the 9th of August 1956 in protest against apartheid pass laws.

The 1956 women demonstrated strength and leadership as they united in their demand for freedom. Their actions remain significant to this day as they stood for the rights of generations of women. Women from all walks of life deserve to live in an equal, inclusive, and safe world.

Today marks Sixty years after more than 20,000 women marched to Pretoria to tell the apartheid Prime Minister that no, they would not carry dompas. As part of Women's month commemorations, the municipality through its women's caucus have established a multi-party women's Caucus. The purpose of the multi-party women's



Council Speaker, Cllr **Rebecca Lentsoane** (left), EXCO Member, Cllr **Mary Ramphela**, Chief Whip, Cllr **Itumeleng Magane**, Chair of Womens Caucus, Cllr **Lizzy Lekwatsipa**, Ms **Samaria Mashilo** and Cllr **Letty Magatla** (right).





**Ward Committee members** during Induction workshop at Bela Bela Forever Resort

## WARD COMMITTEE INDUCTION WORKSHOP

Ward Committee members known as foot soldiers of democracy and service delivery were for the first time since their election called to an induction workshop organized by Ephraim Mogale Municipality's Office of the Speaker at Bela Bela Forever Resort.

The two days workshop was attended and supported by speakers from various the local municipalities. The main purpose of this workshop was to equip WC members of their functions, role and responsibilities in the community.

The workshop was addressed by the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana "To be elected as a ward committee member is a call to serve the people, not to have access to resources of the municipality to benefit friends and relatives. And again you should understand that you were not elected to be in competition with Ward Councillors" said the Mayor.



**Mayor Cllr Given Moimana** at Driefontein village

## BRINGING SERVICES CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE OF DRIEFONTEIN VILLAGE

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality held its Batho Pele Outreach with the sole purpose to bringing services closer to the people and communities that travel long distances to have access to services from government institutions. The month of September is earmarked as a National Public Service month and Ephraim Mogale Municipality proved to be a mass-mobilizer of service delivery programs to communities.

This year's public service month is celebrated under the theme "Recommitting to We belong, We care and We serve". It is the responsibility of every sphere of government to provide quality and sustainable services to the public.



**Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Home Affairs** at Philadelphia Hospital

## MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS LED IMBIZO AT MATLEREKENG VILLAGE

The Minister of Home affairs Dr Aaron Motsoaledi led the Imbizo week at Matlelerengkeng village outside Marblehall and also visited Philadelphia Hospital to do the symbolic registration of newborn babies on the National Population Register.

The Minister was flanked by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe, Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Municipality, Cllr David Tladi and the Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana. Minister Motsoaledi handed over Smart ID cards to learners and community members of Matlerekeng.





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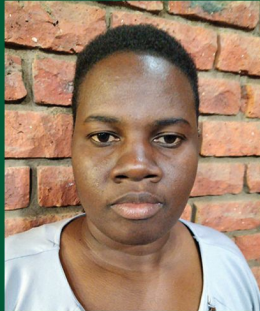
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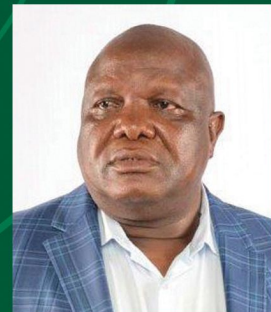
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To involve the community in the economic,  
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sustainable service delivery.