

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MAYOR PROMISES 4 MILLION FOR WATER**

Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality has embarked in Public Participation Imbizos, which take place on Sundays. The programme started on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and will go on until the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. The first Imbizo was held at Magatle Showgrounds, on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007, the second one was at Mamaolo Community Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007, the third Imbizo was at Mathibela, Mmabulepu Secondary School on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2007 and the fourth and last one will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007, at Lebowakgomo High School ground.

The Imbizos comprises of four main themes, which are ,Extension of Services, Land Use Management Scheme, Cleaning Campaign and other developments taking place in the municipality.

The municipality has embarked on this programme with the purpose of keeping members of the community updated in all the processes ,progress and developments with regard to service delivery. The other purpose is bringing of the people from areas identified as provincial growth on board with regard to extension of services to their wards, so that they buy the idea and start getting used to it sooner.

In his address ,the Mayor of Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality ,Cllr Matome Calvin Masoga promised the community improvement of Water and Sanitation services and also outlined the relevant budget for that. He promised the community that he the municipality has R4 million for Water. He also urged the community to stop illegal water connections and learn to save water as it is very much essential to do so. Masoga made a promise of electrifying the villages identified in the IDP for the financial year 2007/8, ie Lehlokoaneng, Buthunyeng ,Phalakoane .

The Mayor also urged the community to come and register as indigents so that they start receiving free basic water and electricity .

Masoga stressed the fact that Lepelle-Nkumpi has its own traffic department and called upon people to come and get all traffic functions needed at the municipality. "We are worried about people from this municipality ,driving to other municipalities to register their cars, instead of doing it right inhouse, people should start utilizing their own traffic station for all traffic needs in order to assist the municipality to increase revenue", Masoga said.

The community was also told about the Landfill side which is part of the cleaning campaign that has been rolled out and in progress. "Very soon the municipality will be rolling out waste removal services to Mamaolo, Magatle and Mathibela, which will assist in keeping the environment clean, whereas at the same time we will be increasing our Revenue collection," The Mayor said.

During people's time for questions, inputs and comments, it was clear that water and electricity are still a nightmare in most communities. 'We only see water whenever the municipality is having a

meeting with us and also when there are funerals of high profile people in the village," Mr Ntsoane from ward 7 Mamaolo.