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VISION, MISSION AND VALUES OF THE MUNICIPALITY

VISION

“Be financially viable municipality, geared towards the improvement of quality of life of the people by providing sustainable services”

MISSION

“To effectively and efficiently provide quality basic services and thus make a significant contribution to social and economic development of the community”

VALUES

- Honesty
- Transparency
- Ubuntu
- Consultation
- Value for time and money
- Access to information
- Access to services

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FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR...



**Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality
Mayor, Cllr. Ivy Phaahla**

It is always a daunting task to provide a complete account on the responsibilities conferred to us by the electorate. Most significantly, we do so being quite conscious of the fact that the general public deserves its rightful place at the apex of “accountability chain”.

In Lepelle-Nkumpi we sing with boundless joy as we celebrate our modest contribution to building of a democratic South Africa. We have successfully amalgamated three Transitional Local Councils, being Greater Zebediela, Greater Lebowakgomo and part of Noko-Tlou-Fetakgomo in an endeavour to establish one municipality that has since given its people a sense of belonging irrespective of race or tribe.

The people of Lepelle-Nkumpi therefore join the rest of South Africans in celebrating the successful conclusion of our second decade of freedom and democracy. The black majority celebrate because our hard won freedom and democracy have restored back to us our humanity after centuries of serfdom. Some of the service delivery highlights in terms of basic services include Census 2011 results showing that 75% of households have access to water above RDP standard compared to 62% in 2001. In 1996, 13% did not have any form of sanitation, which was reduced to only 3% in 2011. 49% of the total households have sanitation facilities from RDP standard and above.

Census 2011 further puts households with access to electricity at 92% compared to 34% in 1996. We are however happy to announce that all households in the

municipality currently have access to electricity except extensions experienced as the municipality continues to implement its Spatial Development Framework. We however continue addressing these on an annual basis.

Only 21% of our households are currently having access to solid waste disposal services, which is provided in Lebowakgomo Township, Mathibela and Rakgwatha villages. A licensed landfill site was recently built by the District Municipality.

Our municipality is the biggest contributor to the District's Gross Geographic Product at 13.6%, with major economic sectors in agriculture, mining and retail.

Achievement of service delivery targets and deliverables is required to be viewed together with the municipality's financial performance and our compliance with the whole package of municipal legislations.

The report is therefore intended to attest to the collective efforts of the municipal administration and the executive to progressively address the expectations of our people. We have endeavoured in our operations to address the expectations of communities expressed during Council meetings and Integrated Development Plan consultations with different stakeholders and the entire communities. There is always a very strong emphasis on basic services such as water and sanitation, roads, housing and electricity.

In this newsletter we are therefore accounting at length on the journey traversed since 1994, achievements we have made, challenges we continue to be faced with, more importantly required mechanisms in terms of which we could collectively continue to make freedom more meaningful to our people.

This will undoubtedly enable the municipality to develop coherent and workable action plans that will put the municipality on a sustainable and higher developmental trajectory in the next decade and beyond.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT DESK...



Acting Municipal Manager
Mr. N.L. Ramothwala

Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality remains hard at work to ensure that Communities receive service delivery. Since establishment of Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, this government entity has experienced good improvements in the administration. However, the issues of the Audit opinion have been a thorn in the

Municipalities and Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality is no exception.

On behalf of Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, I acknowledge both Administration and Municipal Council faces challenges of achieving a credible Integrated Development Plan as stipulated in Municipal System Act, that is presenting and adopting a budget that will live to fundamentals of service delivery in the IDP e.g. Rollover Projects are to be included in both IDP and Budget. The measurement of performance in relation to IDP and Budget must be reflected in the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan. The Annual report should speak to the attainment of all the above Service delivery instruments.

The implementation of Performance Management System across the organisation is a living testimony to ensure optimum organisational performance and compliance to all relevant pieces of legislation governing Local Government. The Municipality has become a better place than it was before 1994 for all its citizens. Most villages have water supply infrastructure or are waiting for bulk supply. Tared roads have been built or are under construction in most of our wards. All villages have been provided with electricity. These things were not there before our new democracy. The *Constitution* requires municipalities to be developmental in their approach and activities in order to give priority to the basic needs of the community.

The focus of the municipality is to reduce the basic services backlogs. The priority is to achieve three strategic objectives namely; develop and revive infrastructure, develop an inclusive local economy and enhance revenue. Processes of implementing the priority resulted in creation of 2000 jobs.

Water provision is a district function and the municipality notes progress made to provide the services to our communities. However our municipality through an agreement with the district is a water services provider for the township areas.

75% of our households receive water at minimum RDP standard and above compared to 62% in 1996.

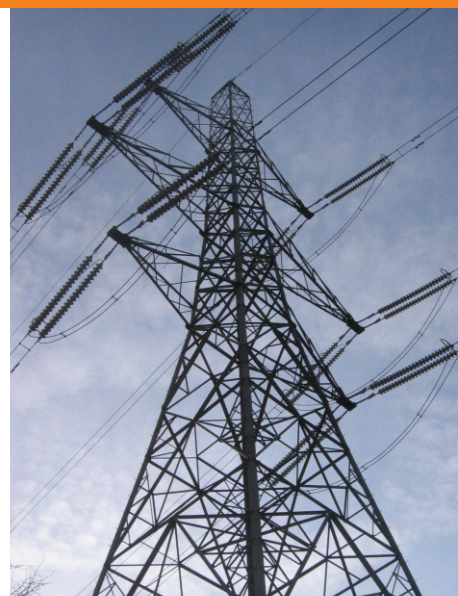
Households that qualify together with all those who are in rural areas receive free basic water.

About 20 000 VIP toilets have been built. However, a backlog of 29000 households remains to be served. The District, together with Co-operative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, is busy with a programme to cover the remaining households. Capricorn District Municipality has in 2011 upgraded the Waste Water Treatment Plant to match the increasing pressure that comes as a result of development in Lebowakgomo. Refuse removal services have been extended to rural areas, currently being provided at Mathibela, Matome, Rakgwatha and Makweng in addition to Lebowakgomo. About 44000 households still need to be served with the service. More progress is expected here after plant and equipment have been procured, a new landfill site developed.

Municipality has, together with Eskom, CDM and Energy Department, provided electricity to all villages in our municipality. We continue to connect new extensions as settlements grow. The municipality further provides free basic electricity to 12 184 households. In relation to institutional capacity matters, the municipality has moved from staff component of less 70 people in 2004 to more than 234 in 2015. The administrative systems have also been established; including development of HR policies, Information and Communication Technology and performance management systems, among others. Deliberate efforts have been made to ensure that appointment of senior management meets gender equity targets and this has been exceeded with two third of senior managers being female. The salary structure was also reviewed in 2009 to attract and retain correct skill.

We have increased from a budget of R70 Million in 2005 to more than R320 million in 2014. The great concern to municipality remains the non-payment of services by consumers, especially residential households. This leads to postponement of service delivery programmes that this money should have funded. We have improved our accounting systems and procedures to be GRAP compliant. In which case, our SCM system is fully functional as per National Regulations while we continue to strive to have a credible assets register.

Council continues to do its mandatory work without any fail. And its committees remain functional. Council always compiled and adopted IDP and Budget on time and annually submits AFS's to Treasury. Council also established Audit Committee, Municipal Public Accounts Committee and IDP/Budget Steering Committee among others. The ward committees work with office of the Speaker to allow members of the public to participate in municipal business as and when required to do so. COGHSTA has also appointed CDWs deployed in every ward to help improve work of government.



Accelerating provision of basic services



Under its mission statement, the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local municipality pride itself to effectively provide quality services and thus make a significant contribution to social and economic development of the community; the results are evident in the Census 2011 results where it indicates that 75% of households have access to clean water above RDP standard compared to 62% in 2001. Free basic water is provided to all households outside Lebowakgomo Township who are estimated at 51000 or 194800 individuals, furthermore there are 430 more households in Lebowakgomo who receive free basic water.

On sanitation the municipality has succeeded in restoring dignity of its people through provision of decent sanitation facilities; now a total of 49% households have sanitation facilities, from RDP standard and above. Only Lebowakgomo area has a sewer system; however, the sewer plant for waste water treatment is operating far above its capacity. Capricorn District Municipality has put aside money to upgrade Lebowakgomo Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW). The Reports also indicate that about 430 households in Lebowakgomo receive free basic sanitation.

On issues of electricity there are improvements, 92% of households have been provided with electricity in the year 2011 as compared to 34% in 1996. All villages within the municipality have access to the electricity

grid. People can now enjoy daily conveniences of lighting, cooking and heating and most importantly they can also get connected with the outside world by means of radio and television. There are also current electricity projects aimed at electrifying new households, whilst about 12087 households are being provided with free basic electricity by the municipality.



In ensuring a clean environment the district municipality has built one licensed landfill site operated, managed and maintained by the Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality. According to Census 2011 results; only 21% of households in Lepelle-Nkumpi have access to solid waste disposal service. Refuse removal services are being provided at Lebowakgomo township and two rural villages of Mathibela and Rakgwatha.



Contributing towards development through integration

The Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality is one of the five local municipalities within the Capricorn District Municipality in the Limpopo province. The Municipality is pre-dominantly rural and covers 3,454.78 km², which represents 16% of the districts total land area. The municipality is divided into 29 Wards which comprises a total of 93 settlements with 95% of the land falling under the jurisdiction of traditional authorities.

In the Lepelle-Nkumpi there is an estimated population of 230 350 people with a total of 59 682 households and an average household size of 4 people between year 1996 and 2011. According to the Census 2011 results the population in this municipality has grown by 0.1%, second fastest growing after Polokwane during the last ten years. In all the 29 Wards within the municipality; Ward 15, 22, and 26 are the largest with a population size of more than 10000 each.

The Municipality has a high level of poverty, with more than 15% of households without any form of income. An analysis on digital spatial boundaries from Census 2011 shows that the high income earners of R15 3802 and above in the municipality are concentrated mostly in the township of Lebowakgomo, which is the only pure urban area within the municipality.

There are a various employment sectors within the municipality, from mining, agriculture, wholesale, construction etc. Taking the lead is mining, agriculture and retail sectors together contributing 65% of employment to the people of Lepelle-Nkumpi: the municipality is the second largest contributor to the district gross geographic product at 13.86% and it is the first largest contributor to mining, second largest in community services and third largest contributor in terms of construction.

Local Economic Development initiatives created 1068

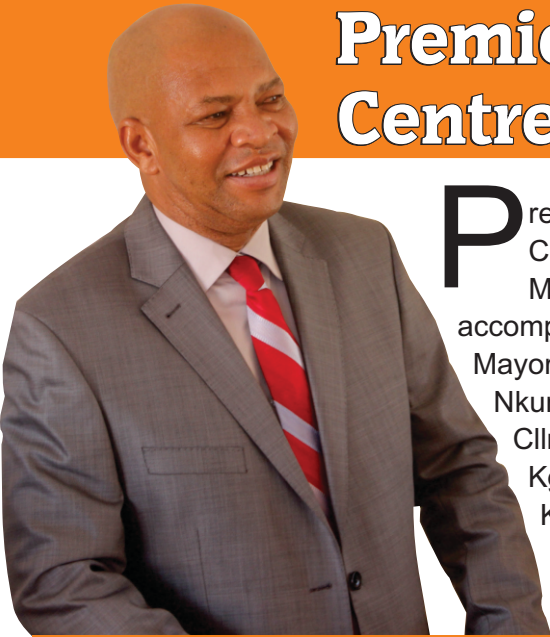
jobs during 2012/13, which is an improvement from the previous year's (2011/12) 644 jobs. About 240 jobs with Expanded Public Works Programme in 2010/11 and 100 jobs again in 2011/12 and it is further stated that 1200 jobs were created through the community work programme during 2012/13. Despite having these major sectors of employment, it is still reported that the municipality has the highest rate of unemployment sitting at 48% in the year 2011 which was even higher than that of the district, province and the republic.

On health and welfare, there are 25 public health facilities (21 clinics, one health centre and three hospitals) with Lebowakgomo as a district hospital, Thabamopo as a provincial institution dealing with mental health issues and one private hospital is under construction at Lebowakgomo Township. The municipality also has 82828 grants paid monthly by South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), which is 21% of the total social grants issued within the district; that is old age, disability, child support, care dependency, foster care, grant in aid, social relief and multiple social grants.

In terms of safety and security of the communities, the municipality has four police stations and also one permanent magistrate court. There is also one satellite police station and one trauma counselling centre operating. There is also a traffic police department to ensure traffic law enforcement and public road safety within the municipal areas.

Continuing to ensure a well social infrastructure through education in the municipality there are 115 primary, 81 secondary schools and one TVET College. There are also public facilities like halls, sports and culture, cemeteries, old age facilities and child care facilities catering for people within the municipality.

Premier adopts Pontsho Disability Centre



Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha

Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha accompanied by the Mayor of Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality, Cllr. Ivy Phaahla, Kgosi Sello Kekana III and Mr. Steve Aphane of Aphane Consulting visited Pontsho

Disability Centre in Khureng village in Zebediela area, to conduct a site inspection and meet the management of the centre.

The R8 million rand centre built by the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality is a home to children with disabilities and it was officially opened by the Deputy Minister of Social Development Henrietta Bogopane-Zulu. The centre is one of the first of its kind to be built in a rural area and it showcases a best practice model for Universal Access in relation to access to physical infrastructure, education and skills development for children with disabilities. The centre accommodates 53 children with diverse disabilities and 16 staff employees.

Mr Steve Aphane is one of the businessmen who believe that as business society they need to help government in building a better society. For the past five years Aphane Consulting hosted Annual Pontsho Disability Centre Golf day challenge to raise funds for the centre. The money raised help in the daily running of the centre. "We are pleased to see the commitment and dedication from our Premier to have agreed to visit the centre and adopt it. As business people we are ready to work together with government. We now want to help more centres like Pontsho Disability Centre within the province," Aphane said. He thanked the Premier for his speedy response in making sure that his office adopts the centre.

The management of the centre raised some of the challenges they are experiencing daily. Challenges such as shortage of water, lack of electricity and ablution facilities, also mentally stimulating and interactive learning and teaching materials toys to help the children. Mr. Mokete Chauke manager of Pontsho Disability Center appreciated the contribution and role played by Aphane Consulting. "We are grateful to our Premier for officially adopting the school.

Lepelle-Nkumpi Mayor, Cllr Ivy Phaahla acknowledged that there are challenges within the centre. "I am pleased that government and the business community are working together to find solutions for the smooth running of the centre. We are happy that the Premier is officially adopting the centre" the Mayor said.

Premier Stanley Mathabatha showed his warm appreciation to the staff and management of the centre in looking after the children, regardless of challenges they face daily and employees not being paid salaries but the centre still hoping to grow and achieve better. "As the government of Limpopo we officially adopt the centre and we will liaise with the relevant department and stakeholders to render better services to ensure a better, safer and healthier environment for the children" Mathabatha said. The Premier further urged the community to look after the centre as it belongs to the community".



Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha greeting the children



HEAIDS First Things First Campaign in Waterberg TVET College

HEAIDS activated its “First Things First” HIV/AIDS and TB programme at Lepelle-Nkumpi, in Lebowakgomo Waterberg TVET College. In attendance was the Honourable Minister of Higher Education and Training Mduzuzi Manana, HEAIDS Director, Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia, Executive Mayor for Capricorn District Municipality, Cllr. Gilbert Kganyago, Lepelle-Nkumpi Mayor, Cllr. Ivy Phaahla and Metro-FM talk show host, Ms. Criselda Kananda.

The “First Things First” campaign encourages students at tertiary institutions – and especially incoming first year students – to take responsibility for knowing their HIV status in partnership with a number of entities including the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC).

“The purpose of this campaign is to contribute to the National Strategic Plan which seeks to eradicate the scourge of HIV/AIDS. It focuses on testing as well as pre and post-testing counselling and TB screening amongst other things in the post school learning institutions. Money is injected by the government into higher education and training, therefore there must be

a focus on throughputs to ensure that those who graduate feed into the dire skills required to uplift the economy”.

“Government cannot be skilling people who could die prematurely because they did not take precautions or led healthy lifestyles after testing positive. It should be each and everyone's aspiration to get employed or to be entrepreneurs and uplift their communities and the country at large that have invested so much in them,” said Deputy Minister Manana.

The Deputy Minister also had a walkabout around the campus encouraging students who were taking their HIV tests and TB screening. “We have already seen an increase in the lifespan of South Africans which is a direct result of people who are HIV positive getting treatment. In addition, having large numbers of people who are HIV positive and on treatment and virally suppressed, helps to decrease new infections. I am making a clarion call for all to go and test and remember that should you test positive please do not despair. The College supported by HEAIDS must make the environment to be conducive for those affected,” continued the Deputy Minister.



**Deputy Minister for Higher Education and Training
Mr. Mduzani Manana, motivating students who were testing for HIV**

Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia, the Director of HEAIDS, said: “Rural communities are mostly affected by various ailments. It is under this background that campaigns like first things first are brought closer to where our youth reside. Thus, a college should not only be about teaching and learning, but should also empower youth to choose healthy lifestyles.

The extension of our mandate to support the development of a programmatic response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic at TVET colleges is a milestone achievement. Through the involvement of TVETs, the sector's HIV prevention, care and treatment programme is extended to the almost 2 000 000 young people who study at TVETs and university campuses”. “It has been observed that TVET colleges are community based colleges and mostly confined in townships and rural areas. Through our “First things First” campaign, we have seen a huge community participation in all our activations and launches towards collective response. Community heads, farm workers, chiefs, high schools and at times unions join with us during these activations,” concluded Dr Ahluwalia.

Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality, Cllr Gilbert Kganyago as the district AIDS council chairperson projected a brief statistics of HIV/AIDS and TB in Limpopo Province. He said “Statistics tells us that the equivalent stage of HIV in the province is at 21.5% as at 2011 and Capricorn District is at 23.5% as at 2011 and in Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality is at 7.1%. Our main concern as the district is that the majority of

people who are affected by this lifestyle disease range from the age of 15 – 29 years and constitute a large percentage of the population in the district, It shows that the future looks bleak for our district, but nevertheless we appreciate the outreach campaign that the Department of Higher Education has embarked upon within “First things First” As a district we will always support this initiative because we are all affected by HIV/AIDS, TB, Diabetes and all chronic diseases”.



**Motivational Speaker from Metro FM, Criselda Kananda
motivating students**

Criselda Kananda gave a motivational message, “You can still live longer though you may test positive. The first thing for you is to get tested, know your status and take responsibility by living a healthy lifestyle. As a young person you must learn to appreciate life, because it is a privilege for you to be at school today, and we are all required to eat five different colours of fruits and vegetables to fight viruses, bacteria or fungus which destroys our body”

The Deputy Minister also signed the pledge wall assuring his support for this programme. He then invited guests and students to do the same and take care of their health.





CoGHSTA MEC hands over title deeds in Lebowakgomo

About three hundred and eighty seven (387) families of Lebowakgomo Zone S and R will now live in peace of mind knowing they are official owners of their homes. This follows the MEC of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Makoma Makurupetje's handing over of title deeds to home owners thus ensuring that people take ownership of their homes, unlike in the past where a person had to stay in the house for 99 years before getting what was called a 99 year lease certificate. The MEC issued 387 title deeds as part of government's broader programme of eradicating homelessness.

Speaking at the ceremony the MEC indicated that the day was about honouring the spirit of the late Tata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela by bringing services to the people and restoring their dignity, for all the women who fought in 1956 for the freedom of our country. "This day is certainly a very important day for all the beneficiaries who at last will be recipients of their title deeds" Makurupetje said.

The MEC was accompanied by Mayor of Lepelle Nkumpi Municipality, Cllr. Ivy Phaahla, Speaker Cllr. Nakedi Sibanda and other Executive Committee Members of the Municipality.

One recipient Dorcus Magalane (55) said. "I am so grateful for what the government is doing for us citizens of this country". MEC Makurupetje said that the whole exercise is accompanied by a sense of pride and achievement and also urged recipients to look after their title deeds. "It instills in our people a sheer feeling of belonging and ownership. The value of owning your own property cannot be underestimated. It says this is an asset that belongs to your family and which can be passed on to future generations."

The MEC also encouraged the people to continue with the legacy of the late former president Nelson Mandela. She said Mandela fought for freedom, equality, human rights and justice. She also assured the public that they are busy investigating serious allegations of corruption against government officials regarding illegal allocation of houses to people who do not qualify or have not registered. Quoting from the Freedom Charter that: "There shall be houses, security and comfort". Since 2006 the department has issued 26 000 title deeds in the province and 1 200 to the residents of Lepelle-Nkumpi and promises to finish handing over the remaining title deeds to residents of Lebowakgomo Zone R and Q. Makhurupetje called on the community to work together for growth, development and better future for all".



Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality Youth Career Information Sharing Session

Tackling unemployment, particularly among the youth, is part of the National Development Plan that was presented to Parliament by the National Planning Commission stating the vision of the country in the next 20 years. Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality in partnership with Capricorn District Municipality hosted a youth career information sharing session at Lebowakgomo Civic Centre Hall which included various organisations such as the National Department of Higher Education, Limpopo Department of Labour and the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). The stakeholders made presentations on the career opportunities in their organisations.

The purpose of the day was outlined by, Ms Patricia Mahlo, Capricorn District Municipality MMC that the Department of Higher Education, Capricorn District Municipality and Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality want to assist the young people of Limpopo Province aged 18-35 to inculcate a culture of entrepreneurship in them and give them knowledge on how to access funding, learnerships, bursaries and other forms of youth development support. She further said, "It is our fervent view as reflected in the 2030 Growth and Development Strategy that agriculture is a major contributor to job creation in the district and in the province. It is also principal source of income for many households and has led many of our people out of the morass of poverty. There is therefore potential for expansion in agriculture and agro-processing whilst there are many exciting prospects for investment in the sector. We have recently undertook a trip to India to learn about how they position agriculture as a growing sector for economic development".

The Mayor, Cllr Ivy Phaahla, expressed her gratitude and acknowledged everyone who attended the session as well as the stakeholders who participated in the information-sharing initiative to assist the youth to explore all possible avenues in finding jobs and

furthering their education and improving youth unemployment in the district, which is now 37%. The Mayor accepts that our youth have challenges but encourages them to take responsibility for their own future, to get information and guidance on how to make informed career choices and access multiple opportunities that the post school education and training sector is offering.

The Representative from the Department of Higher Education and Training, Mr Evans Mmola explained the launch of the Khetha Career Development Services in the Department as part of commemorating the late former President Nelson Mandela. "Khetha Career Development Services is a helpline providing free career information, guidance and advice to anyone. It provide relevant and quality information about careers, career paths and study opportunities the programme also provides training and support to schools, technical and vocational education and training colleges and communities in career development services,". Says Mr Evans Mmola

Department of Labour offers various services in helping people with career choices and preparations such as registering as a work-seeker on the computerized Employment Services system of South Africa (ESSA), which will make job-matching easier and provide the career counsellors with your skills and experience profile. These are skills needed to look for and maintain employment, e.g. CV writing and interview skills and providing information on career opportunities and assisting people to choose a suitable career in line with their abilities.

The entrepreneurship programme benefited those with entrepreneurial spirit to start new ventures and apply entrepreneurial thinking by developing a balance of appropriate skills and emotional competencies.

World Wetlands Day Celebration

In 2012, about 115 000 wetlands, covering over four million ha and comprising close to 4% of the country's surface area, had been mapped in South Africa.

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) in partnership with Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality held a World Wetlands Day Celebration at Madisha-Leole Village in Zebediela (Letjatji sports ground). More than 200 people attended the event that was held on the day as part of the celebrations and listened to different speakers from the following institutions, LEDET, Capricorn District Municipality under the theme “Wetlands for our future – lets use them wisely together”.

LEDET Deputy Manager, Mr Peter Tsheola gave a brief purpose of the day as to educate and create awareness to the community on the importance and responsibility of caring for wetlands for sustainable development of the present and future generations. Before the presentations, guests made a site visit to the Motlapodi Wetland which is just 3 km from Letjatji Sports Ground with the blessings of Ntona Madisha.

One of the speakers at the event Mr. Jackson Madisha who was born in 1918 at the village of Madisha-Leole spoke about the background of Motlapodi Wetland and emphasised that young people need to learn the significance of conserving our natural habitats, as they were essential in our lives and their role to feed the poor and avert a water crisis. “The wetlands are regarded as sacred by the surrounding communities who still observe and perform certain traditional rituals before and after interacting with the wetlands,” Said Mr. Madisha

Mr. Kenny Leso from LEDET raised a concern on the drying out of wetlands in his presentation and stated that it is very important for communities to take part in wetlands celebrations. This not only emphasises the importance of sustainable development but assists in the education and creation of awareness to citizens of the big responsibility of taking care of wetlands and preserving them for future generations

As adopted at COP10 (2008), the climate change resolution provides brief information on the major implications of climate change for present and future wetlands ecosystem health. Therefore, the Ramsar Convention slogan for this year is “Wetlands for our future – lets use them wisely together”. The Ramsar Convention treaty provides a framework for national action and international co-operation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and wetland resources.



The Community came out in numbers to celebrate the World Wetlands Day

Municipality host service providers summit

The Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality through its supply chain management department; in conjunction with Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA), South African Revenue Services, and Construction Industry Development Board hosted service providers' summit with the purpose of capacitating stakeholders doing business with the municipality.

The Chairperson of Budget and Treasury, Cllr. Mapheto Nape encouraged entrepreneurs and said, "The municipality highly appreciate the service providers support and is willing to build a good relationship with them". He also said it is the municipality's mandate to empower and provide capacity for service providers, to fight poverty and diseases through community endeavours and improve local economic development.



Ms. Ngoveni Rosinah, Chief Financial Officer of LNM addressing the attendees

Ms. Ngoveni Rosinah, Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality Chief Financial Officer strongly advised prospective service providers to apply for listing in its supplier database for the 4th Quarter 2014/2015 financial year.

According to Ms. Ngoveni the purpose of the database is to give all prospective service providers an equal opportunity to submit quotations to the municipality and to enhance transparency and equality. "The database will contribute to better administration and compliance to Municipal Financial Management Act (MFMA), Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and other Supply Chain Management regulations".

Entrepreneurs were also given advice on how to bid, where to get financial assistance and which entities offers help in training, awareness and information campaigns; coaching and mentoring for their businesses such as LEDA and also how report fraudulent activities through the municipal toll free fraud line.

The municipality will strive to effectively support Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) within its area of jurisdiction and beyond to promote sustainable development.



Entrepreneurs of Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality attending the workshop



Sports for Social Change at Mafefe Village

Noko-Tlou Stadium at Mafefe Village was a centre of attraction, as the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture staged the Capricorn District Games. The main objective of the games were to roll-out the Sport for Social change project; which is integrated Social and to encourage both young and old to participate in the games and furthermore promote social cohesion and cultural diversity.



Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality competing against Aganang Municipality on Tug of war game

Activities for the day included Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, Tug of war, Jukskei, Pass the ball, Ncuva, 100m run for old people and the Big Walk.

Through the Sports for Social Change Games programme, the Department strives to promote active and healthy lifestyles, discourage unwanted social behaviour by keeping the youth engaged in the games whilst campaigning for recognition of the games as part of sporting events. Participation in the Games

emphasizes physical development, skill training and maintenance, reinforcement of the community's values and interaction between communities.

Gogo Motloutsi said the games are giving them hope and make them feel appreciated by government. "I am happy to be taking part. This is a clear sign that being old does not mean you are useless and not appreciated. We are really honoured as the grandmothers and grandfathers in the Capricorn District," said Motloutsi

Mr Nkhwashu Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Capricorn District Coordinator, congratulated participants for honouring the invite and taking the games seriously. "The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture take pride of your achievements and you are all winners. The games assist in promoting unity, cultural warmth and social inclusion on the African continent," said Nkhwashu



Older persons from Capricorn District Municipality playing pass the ball game



Kgoši Sello Kekana III receives smart ID card

The new smart ID card demonstrates again what the country has achieved in the twenty years of democracy; Kgoši Sello Kekana III said that after receiving his new ID from the Department of Home Affairs offices in Lebowakgomo. Kgoši Kekana was accompanied by the Chairperson of the Planning and Local Economic Development Portfolio in the Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality, Cllr Beatrice Mphahlele.

“I am so happy today to have received the smart ID and looking back where we come from, we have really achieved a lot as a country. I encourage the community to go and apply for the smart ID as the new smart card would make it more difficult to create false identity documents,” Kgoši Kekana said.

The smart ID card is the size of a credit card and will replace outdated and obsolete systems. It uses modern biometric technology to record details on a chip on the card. The smart ID card will allow citizens to have a modern identification card than the outdated book that is easy to forge and easy to interfere with.



Kgoši Sello Kekana III being helped by Home Affairs official with the finger print recognition process

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