



# VISION, MISSION & VALUES

## VISION

A prosperous community that is socially, environmentally and economically sustainable

## MISSION

Initiating and promoting sustainable socio-economic growth that is accessible to development through Agriculture, Heritage and Mining

## VALUES

- Botho
- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Consultation
- Transparency
- Accountability

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# EDITORIAL

## COMMENT

Our having only three townships and over one hundred and thirty settlements, means that ours is arguably the most rural and vast municipal area in the North-West Province. This also means that levels of unemployment will be typically high due to limited or non-existent industrial development in rural areas. These factors mean that revenue collection is going to remain one of the Municipality’s greatest challenge, which will keep the majority of the citizens of Taung trapped at below bread-line levels.

Our Municipality’s motto, ‘Excellence through Co-operation’ underscores the importance of all of us recognizing that there is only so much that we can do and achieve on our own. It means that we have to be open to partnering with other stakeholders. It also means that we must initiate collaborations with relevant and like-minded people and organisations. These must be done as part of our quest to improve the quality of life of the citizens through local economic development, infrastructure projects and other amenities.

As an old saying goes, ‘If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far, go together’. All things considered; our Municipal area can only keep improving the quality of life of the citizens by working in partnership with stakeholders. These may either be from public or private sectors. They may also be from within the province or from national level.

In keeping with our motto, the municipal leadership has continued to work closely with other stakeholders for the benefit of the community. This publication contains a number of stories which demonstrate the above fact.

- The Honorable Mayor, Tumisang Gaoraelwe celebrated Mandela Day in Collaboration with Taung District Hospital as well as the students of Vuselela TVET College.



**RICKY OLIPHANT**  
Editor

Through these joint efforts the Mayor was able to contribute towards relative food security for under-privileged people around Taung as well as to general cleanliness in Pudimoe.

- Councilors of our Municipality (from a total of nine political parties) have collaborated to enable the Municipality to deliver services to the people of Taung and thus build a socially cohesive community.
- Department of Employment and Labour collaborated with COGTA and the Municipality to create awareness around employment opportunities for the young people of Taung.
- Department of Correctional Services collaborated with Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sports Development Centre and Ba-Ga-Phuduhucwana Traditional Authority to hold some offender rehabilitation imbizo
- Department of Small Business collaborated with the Municipality’s Local Economic Development in an effort to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit among the young people of Taung.



The above initiatives further underscore the relevance and importance of our municipal tagline 'Garona ka rona – Kgato ka kgato'. Sometime in the not-too-distant future, all these collaboratory efforts will translate into a solid foundation for sustainable prosperity for people of Taung. After all this is the vision, we should all be working towards.

Happy reading.

**Ricky Oliphant**



# MAYORAL FOREWORD

2023/24 Financial Year has proven to be a year in which our Municipality, along with other Sector Departments that operate in our municipal area, has intensified efforts to improve the citizens' quality of life. Various Councilors and officials have continued to play an active role in the District Development Model efforts in the Dr. RSM District led by the Premier's Office.

One of the most important Collaboratory initiatives is the construction of the internal road in Itireleng. Our Municipality agreed with the Department of Public Works and Roads for both our institutions to contribute to the construction. The Department of Public Works contributed paving material while our Municipality contributed labour, through expertise in the Roads and Stormwater Unit as well as Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP). Through this initiative we were able to create employment opportunities for members of Itireleng community.

We were also able to carry out our main responsibility of ensuring that there is meaningful consultation with the citizens. This was done mainly through Community-Based Planning as well as Mayoral Public Participation Meetings. These meetings are important in that they symbolize our government's intent to create an environment in which the people have a say in the running of government as well as services delivered to them.

Regardless of all the challenges we have had, our Municipality was able to do everything that the law compels us to do. The Municipal Council was able to adopt a funded budget before the end of May 2024. This was preceded by Budget Steering Committee, IDP Representative Forum as well different public participation meetings.

It is important to appreciate that there is more to the Municipality than delivery of infrastructure



**Cllr. TUMISANG GAORAELEWE**  
Mayor

projects. To that extent we have continued with the projects we initiated in the 2021/22 financial year as well as some of those that were initiated by my predecessors.

### RIGHT TO LEARN PROGRAM

This initiative is run in collaboration with the Department of Education to encourage young people to take advantage of opportunities to learn. Through this program we visit different schools to assess their readiness and determine if there is anything we can do to assist.

### KEEP A GIRL-CHILD IN SCHOOL

This initiative is intended to help girl learners stay in school and focus on their schoolwork, by providing them with sanitary towels. This is targeted at girl learners from the most under-privileged areas. The sanitary towels are collected from all the football and netball teams that register for participation in the Annual Mayoral Sports Tournament.



**MATRIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

This initiative is meant to recognize the efforts of the best performing Grade 12 learners and to encourage others to work hard for their educational qualifications in preparation for meaningful economic participation.

**MAYORAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT**

This initiative was started as Mayoral Soccer Cup in 2022 in order to expose the talents of the local youngsters and thus give them the chance to play at the highest sporting level. This has since been turned into a Sports Tournament with the inclusion of Netball. Although we could not hold the tournament during the 2023/24 financial year, due to time constraints, this tournament has developed into a key attraction for soccer players, administrators and scouts.

National elections that took place in May 2024 also brought a very sharp focus on the work that our municipality has done over the last few years. This issue of Re a Dira Yearbook, along with past issues, catalogues some of the work we have done to improve the citizens' quality of life. Local Government remains an important role player in influencing perception with regards to the ability of the Government to move our nation forward.

We remain committed to continuing in the building of a socially cohesive South Africa, whose quality of life will keep improving. This ideal is ably supported by our vision of, 'A prosperous community that is socially, environmentally and economically sustainable'.

**Cllr. Tumisang Gaoraelwe**  
Mayor



**SPEAKER'S MESSAGE**

**THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAS CONTINUED TO SHOW COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF TAUNG**

One of the most important components of sound and stable local government is the regular sitting of the Municipal Council and its committees. Failure to sit on the part of council could mean that some legislated processes are not undertaken. This could hamper service delivery to the community.



**Cllr. GRACE MOIPOLAI**  
Speaker

Greater Taung Municipal Council has continued to show commitment to serving the people of Taung, regardless of what challenges there may have been. This is also regardless of the different ideological orientation individual councillors may have.

PARTY	MALE	FEMALE	EXCO POSITION
African National Congress	16	12	5
Economic Freedom Fighters	6	5	2
Forum 4 Service Delivery	2	-	1
AICM	2	-	1
Democratic Alliance	1	-	-
African Christian Democratic Party	1	-	-
NFP	1	-	-
AIC	-	1	-
Patriotic Alliance	-	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>

The following is the list of some of the key resolutions taken by the council for implementation by the administration during the 2023/24 financial year.



**GOVERNANCE**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Vacancies for the position - Director Infrastructure; Director Corporate Services; Director Spatial Planning & Human Settlement Director and CFO	Approval of appointment of acting Directors
Notice of Invocation of Section 139(1)(a) Intervention of the Constitution/ Greater Taung Local Municipality	Noting and approval of the plan to resolve issues as directed by COGTA
Progress Report on implementation of council resolutions	Noting
Appointment of a substantive Municipal Manager	Approval
Appointment of the Director of Community Services	Approval
Appointment of a Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services	Approval but appointment declined
Discussion and progress on Upper Limits for Councillors and section 56/57 Managers	Noting
Progress report on directives pertaining to Section 139(1)	Noting
MPAC Report (Oversight, Work Plan & Terms of Reference)	Approval

**INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and Municipal Labour-Intensive Projects (MLIP) Reports	Noting
Report on Water Service Provision	Noting
Workshop Report	Noting
Proposed Electrification Plan for 2023/24	Noting
Approved Electrification Plan for 2023/24	Noting
Infills Project	Noting
Project Management Unit Report	Noting
Progress on Taung Ext 7 Access Road Project	Noting
Confirmation of Project lists	Approval
Revised Municipal Infrastructure Grant Allocation	Noting

**PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Annual Strategy Review	Planning and approval
IDP: Tabling of the draft 2024/25 amended (second review of the 5th generation IDP)	Approval
Final 2024/25 Amended IDP	Approval

**FINANCE**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Auditor General Report	Noting
Draft Annual Report	Approval
Mid-Year Budget Assessment Report	Noting
Draft Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan	Noting
2024/25 Annual Budget	Approval
Asset Disposal	Approval
Investment Report	Noting
Monthly Billing report – September 2023	Noting
Monthly Defaulters – September 2023	Noting
Free basic Services –September 2023	Noting
Section 52, 11 & 71 reports Quarterly budget Report	Noting
SCM Quarterly Reports	Noting
Reports on Physical Verification of Municipal Assets	Noting
Reports on Monthly Assets Procurement	Noting
Reports on Insurance Claims	Noting
Reports on Assets Management	Noting
Reports on review of the assets register	Noting
Audit and Performance Committee (APC) Report	Noting
Request to Advertise for Audit and Performance Committee Members	Approval
Adoption of GTLM 2024/25 Final Budget	Approval
Request for Approval for Write-off of VAT Incorrectly Processed in Prior Financial Year	Approval

**PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Feasibility study for an alternative access road into Taung	Noting
Township Establishment/ Formalisation of Pudumoe	Noting
Pudumoe Environmental Impact Assessment	Noting
Spatial Development Framework & Land Use Scheme review	Noting
Reivilo Graveyard Site identification/ studies	Noting
Housing Project Progress report	Noting
Disposal of Erven 1 to 64 for residential purposes in Pudimoe	Approval



Progress report on GTLM Housing projects	Noting
Progress Report: Municipal Accreditation	Noting
Report on Facilitation of Geo-Technical Studies	Noting
Housing Consumer Education	Noting
Implementation of the National Housing Needs register	Noting

**LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Progress Report on LED Strategy	Noting
Annual Tourism Event	Noting
Request for Partnership - Investment Projects at Taung Skull site and Thomeng waterfall projects in GTLM	Approval

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Report on Municipal Amenities	Noting
Greater Taung Local Municipality Amenities Management and Maintenance Plan Review	Approval

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

ITEM	RESOLUTION
Report on the Status of Disciplinary cases	Noting
Employee Assistant Programme	Noting
Report on COGTA Skills Audit Exercise	Noting
Quarterly Reports on OHS Compliance	Noting
2024 Financial Aid allocation	Approval
Recruitment Report	Noting
GTLM Organisation Structure	Approval
Security Report	Noting

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all the Honourable Councillors for demonstrating commitment to serving the people of Taung to the very best of their abilities. Long may this spirit continue.

**Grace Moipolai**  
Speaker



# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

Like the two preceding financial years, 2023/24 financial year presented our rural Municipality with several challenges. These were mainly due to limited financial resources. These constraints meant that we were going to have to depend on sound strategy to remain a viable entity while we continue delivering services in line with the prioritized needs of the citizens. Our strategy revolved around three main aspects, viz. Annual Strategy Review, Cost Containment and Analysis of Internal Weaknesses.



**ANDREW MAKUAPANE**  
Municipal Manager

**STRATEGIC PLAN PROCESS AND OUTCOMES**

Our municipal leadership conducted a strategy review session in February 2023. The outcome of this process was influenced by the wishes expressed by communities during the Community-Based Planning Meetings in November 2022 as well as the constitutional mandate for Local Government, which includes:

- Provision of democratic and accountable government for local communities,
- Delivering services to communities in a sustainable manner,
- Promoting socio-economic development, and
- Promoting a safe and healthy environment and encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in the matters of local government.

Re a Dira Yearbook for 2024 reflects on the projects the Municipal Council directed the Administration to work on during the financial year under review.

**COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGY**

Section 168(1)(b) and (p) of the Municipal Fin-

ance Management Act provides that the Minister may regulate financial management, internal controls and any other matter that may facilitate the enforcement and administration of the Act.

The Regulations form part of cost-cutting measures by the state. It also sets out instructions for the municipality to develop its own cost containment strategy as a minimal measure to ensure good governance. This cost containment strategy must provide for monitoring measures, procedures for review, and consequences for non-adherence.

It was with these regulations and our economic realities in mind, that our Administration started developing the cost containment strategy in August 2023.

Developed with a view to ensuring that limited public resources are used to ensure that value for money is achieved in fulfilling the municipality's mandate, this strategy is further meant to achieve the following:

- To eliminate wastage of public resources on non-service delivery items, and to enhance service delivery models through measures such as curtailing costs.



2. Prioritise revenue collection from government departments,
3. Formalisation of extensions 4 & 5,
4. Servicing and thereafter selling one hundred and five stands in Pudimoe Ext 1,
5. Expediting the accreditation process for the municipality to be granted the authority to deliver housing,
6. Reducing engagement in 'unfunded activities',
7. Collaborating with private companies for joint ventures, infrastructure projects, or service delivery in exchange for revenue-sharing arrangements,
8. Increasing tourism revenue through promotion of tourism-related activities, and
9. Appointing consultants on risk to seek grants for specific projects/initiatives.

**KEY STRATEGY IMPERATIVES**

In February 2024 the Municipal Council led the Administration in the process which, among other things, considered possible impediments to our strategy success. The following are some of the key imperatives that we identified as areas of concern.

**Failure to Attract Funding**

Managers occupying critical positions to make a concerted effort to attract partners and investors to generate funds that would enhance efficient service delivery in the Municipal area.

**UNCONDUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR SMMEs**

The municipality should do a lot more to create a conducive environment for local SMMEs to curb youth unemployment and poverty.

**UNAVAILABILITY OF LAND**

The municipality should work hard to acquire land for its usage and for development by the people of Taung. This is expected to assist the service delivery efforts of departments such as Spatial Planning & Human Settlement, Community Services and Infrastructure.

- To ensure that the resources of the Municipality are used effectively, efficiently and economically; and
- To monitor and reduce spending in areas as determined by the Municipal council.

**REVENUE GENERATION EFFORTS**

The following are some of the avenues we have decided to exploit as part of revenue enhancement:

1. Partnering with other institutions on implementation of traffic management,

**OUTSOURCING**

The Municipality to reduce outsourcing of managerial functions where possible and further engagement of outsourced work differently for minimum expenditure.

**Relationship with Traditional Leaders:**

None-existent strategic relationship between Municipal and Traditional Councils has led to difficulties pertaining to implementation of projects that require land.



**Effective Inter-Governmental Relations:**

Many services that are prioritised by communities do not form part of the Municipality's powers and functions. Effective IGR will enable government entities in Greater Taung to respond adequately to most service delivery projects prioritised by communities.

**Unfunded Programs and Projects:**

Implementation of unfunded projects has resulted in the Municipality incurring expenses that had not been planned for. This is caused by the desire on the part of the Municipality to deliver services and avert service delivery protests. The Municipality should strengthen relations with relevant sector departments and state-owned entities.

Most of the activities in which we engaged during the 2023/24 financial year were intended to help us achieve objectives we had set for ourselves. I wish to register my appreciation for the efforts by all employees to adhere to stringent conditions under which the Municipality had to operate. I also want to thank the Municipal Council for their support of our initiatives.



# RIGHT TO LEARN CAMPAIGN

LEARNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RIGHT AND OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

As it has been practiced over the last two years Mayor Tumisang Gaoraelwe embarked on a campaign to encourage the learners around Greater Taung to embrace their right to learn and acquire skills for meaningful participation in the economy.



Engagement with learners during 'Right to Learn' campaign

The main objective of this annual campaign is to check if the school environment is conducive for meaningful learning, as well as to determine what challenges the Municipality can assist find solutions to. Education remains an essential instrument to respond to the needs and development of society and hence Greater Taung Local Municipality has rallied behind the objectives of the RTL (Right to Learn) campaign.

The campaign which started on Tuesday, 6th February 2024 and ended on Thursday, 8th February 2024, was led by Tebogo Morweng who is responsible for Special Programmes and Tebogo Pholoholo who is responsible for Youth Desk from Mayor's office.

The Right to Learn Campaign forms part of a bouquet of campaigns through which the Mayor's Office is trying to ensure that the young people acquire skills for meaningful economic participation. The other campaigns are:

CAMPAIGN	OBJECTIVE
1. Matric Excellence Awards	To assist matric learners who perform well in final examination gain access to institutions of higher learning. It is also meant to recognise outstanding performance of schools.
2. Keep a Girl-Child in School	To curb girl-learners' absenteeism which is caused by lack of sanitary products. This involves donating sanitary towels to needy girls at schools around Taung.
3. Mayoral Cup Sport Tournament	Featuring mainly football and netball, the tournament is used as a platform to identify talent and give the athletes the chance to compete at different levels.

The overall objective of these campaigns is to address the plight of the young people who are faced with limited educational opportunities, financial constraints and language other learning barriers.

Below are schools visited and their dates:

DATE	TIME	WARD	SCHOOL
6th February 2024	08H30	Ward 19	Tselathuto Secondary School
To be confirmed	12H00	Ward 13	Taung Agricultural High School
7th February 2024	08H30	Ward 17	Bogosieng High School
7th February 2024	12H00	Ward 08	Taung Hotel school
8th February 2024	08H30	Ward 05	Vuselela FET College

Principals of previous schools used the engagements with the Mayor's Office to raise challenges and difficulties which affect learners' educational progress and day to day operation of schools. Teachers pleaded with the municipality to assist with challenges schools are faced with. These include:

- Smoking
- Teenage pregnancy
- Undeveloped infrastructure
- High drop-out rate
- Outstanding fees
- Sponsorship for students
- Limited parent participation
- Blocked sewage
- Vandalised facilities

The Mayor's Office remains committed to working with different authorities to improve chances of success by learners.



School Learners



Tebogo Morweng in discussion with School Management



Taung Hotel School Students



Taung Hotel School Management with Tebogo Morweng

# MAYORAL IMBIZO

## HONOURABLE MAYOR, TUMISANG GAORAELEWE LEADS MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS AND OFFICIALS ON A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Legislation stipulates that the mayor must consult the community before the approval of the budget, hence there was Community based planning consultation processes in all the wards led by ward Councillors which informs the IDP (Integrated development Plan) and the budget before the approval of the budget there should be public participation (mayoral imbizo's). The Municipal System Act, Act 32 of 2000, section 27 to 29 as well as the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, section 21(1) (b)(ii) (aa) requires that each municipality must adopt a process that will guide the development and/or amendment and/or review of the IDP ten months before the start of the financial year.



Thereof Mayor of Greater Taung Local Municipality Tumisang Gaoraelwe accompanied by Members of the Executive Committee, Councillors, Officials, sector departments and stakeholders presented the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of 2023/24 before the communities of Greater Taung. Mayor presented the IDP and the actual projected budget for 2024/25 before the communities of Greater Taung "Integrated Development Plan informs is a document which informs service delivery and which informs the sector departments about the needs of the community, next year this time we will be hear again to engage the community and review the IDP document again", stated the Mayor.

The Integrated Development Plan entails priorities of community members of twenty-four wards through public participation meetings (Imbizo). Community members came in large numbers to come and confirm their priorities which they mentioned during their Community Based Planning (CBP) meetings, on the day of the public participation meeting communities were afforded a platform to raise their grievances which concerned service delivery and to rectify errors omitted on their priorities per ward.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

2024/2025 Mayoral Public participation took place as follows:

CLUSTER	WARDS	VENUE	DATE	TIME
1	2, 3, 4 & 6	Loselong Community Hall	23 April 2024	10H00
2	14, 15, 16, 23 & 10	Picong Community Hall	24 April 2024	10H00
4	11, 12, 13, 17 & 18	Maphoitsile Community Hall	25 April 2024	10H00
5	19, 20, 21 & 22	Upper Majeakgoro Community Hall	02 May 2024	10H00
7	1, 7, 8 & 23	Mokasa 2 Community School	07 May 2024	10H00

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings are held after working hours in order to accommodate members of the community who would be at work between 08H00 and 16H30.

AREA	WARDS	VENUE	DATE	TIME
1	5	Pudimoe Community Hall	24 May 2024	16H00
2	4,5,6 & 7	Mankuroane Primary School	02 May 2024	16H00
4	1	Boipelo Community Hall	07 May 2024	16H00



The Mayor takes the public through IDP



Cllrs. and representatives of various sector departments



Community members at the public participation meeting

The communities during Mayoral public participation lodged their grievances which were dominated by the following:

CONCERN	AUTHORITY
Lack of monitoring & evaluation of community projects	GTLM
Shortage of water	District Municipality
Outstanding disaster houses	COG
Poor infrastructure in villages	GTLM & Public Works
Inadequate SMME funding	GTLM LED Unit
Non-functional High Mast Light in Villages	ESKOM
Poor Road Infrastructure within Villages	GTLM
Lack of Electricity panel boxes in new stands	GTLM
Youth development	GTLM & Public Works
Traffic learners	GTLM
None maintenance of sports facilities	GTLM

# ATTENDANCE

## BY SECTOR DEPARTMENTS

In the spirit of Inter-Governmental Relations and in an effort to ensure that planning for the development of the Municipal area is integrated, the Mayor's Office extended invitations to all Sector Departments and State-Owned Entities that operate in Taung to these meetings.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Sector Departments that made efforts to attend, and further encouraged others to prioritise such meetings. "We all have a responsibility to consult, listen and respond to the concerns of our communities", said the Mayor.



Community members at the public participation meeting



Mayor Gaoraelwe and other Councillors

The Mayor further expressed satisfaction for the manner in which communities attended meetings. "Government will not be able to succeed in improving the citizens' quality of life without the active participation of the communities and other role-players. We need active citizenry in order to deepen our young democracy", concluded the Mayor.

# MAYORAL BUDGET SPEECH

## GREATER TAUNG MAYOR DELIVERS THE 2024/25 BUDGET THAT IS FULL OF PROMISE

On Friday, 17 May 2024, The Honourable Mayor of Greater Taung Local Municipality, Councillor Tumisang Gaoraelwe tabled 2024/25 budget that is full of promise for the community of Taung. This happened at a Special Sitting of Council at Sebitloane Special School.

This budget passed three important tests, viz.

- It is funded as it has no deficit
- It demonstrates the extent to which ordinary people's life has been impacted upon
- It strikes the balance between delivering priority services and keeping costs of doing business as low as possible

The budget speech was presented after legislated processes took place as determined by the Municipal Finance Management Act Calendar. These include Community-Based Planning Meetings, Adjustment Budget, Municipal Strategy Review, Budget Performance Review and sitting of the IDP Representative Forum and Budget Steering Committee.

The Mayor started in his address by reflecting on water shortage challenge in Greater Taung as a whole



The Mayor Presenting Budget for 2024/25 Financial Year

, "as the municipality we have elected Technical Advisory Team which includes some officials from the Greater Taung Local Municipality, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality and Magalies Water to try and address this water challenge which impacts badly on the community", said the Mayor. The Mayor went on to state that the District Municipality has assisted the Local Municipality by donating two water trucks and hiring three water tanks in order to address water shortage across Greater Taung while a permanent solution is being found.

The Mayor emphasised the fact that, the Greater Taung Municipal Council remains committed to the realisation of the following five key performance areas:

1. Basic service delivery and infrastructure development,
2. Municipal transformation and organisational development,
3. Local Economic Development,
4. Municipal financial vitality and management,
5. Good governance and public participation.

### COST CONTAINMENT EFFORTS

The Mayor stated that the 2024/25 budget comes at the time when the general state of our economy is unsatisfactory. He further explained that the state of the economy has resulted in the decrease of income from grants the Municipalities have received from other spheres of Government.

This has negatively impacted on the Municipality's ability to deliver services to the communities. In response to this situation the Municipal Council has deliberated on and approved institutional cost containment strategy which is meant to curb high costs of doing business and find innovative ways of increasing revenue.

**IMPROVED AUDIT OUTCOMES AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW**

In 2023 GTLM was presented with “The Best Improved Audit Outcome” award by SALGA (South African Local Government Association), for taking significant steps taken by the Administrative and Political leadership towards improving internal controls.

In Compliance with MFMA and other pieces of legislation, through governance structures such as MPAC, APC and Portfolio Committees, the Municipality was able to receive a qualified audit opinion in the last financial year. The Mayor expressed satisfaction that this audit outcome came with significantly reduced number of qualification areas.

**PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Gaoraelwe further said that the Municipality was able to deliver on the following projects that were prioritised by the communities, regardless of serious budget constraints.

NO	WARD(S)	PROJECT NAME	VALUE
1	16	Construction of Mothanthanyaneng Community Hall	6 310 429.95
2	13	Construction of Kgatlheng Stormwater Channel	10 804 082.76
3	2	Construction of Maganeng Access Road	15 689 291.63
4	9	Construction of Buxton Access Road	13 872 540.14
5	8	Construction of Taung Ext 7 Access Road	10 819 200.00
6	20	Construction of Kgomotso Access Road	11 387 774,67
7	14	Construction of Molelema Access Road	11 212 325.66
8	18	Construction of Picong Stormwater Channel	9 298 447.84
9	1,2,10,24,17,20,19,8,18	Implementation of High Mast lights in Various Wards Phase 7	9 892 492.80
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>			<b>99 286 585.45</b>



PA Rep - Cllr Mosadiotsile Letele



AICM Rep - Cllr Tebogo Monchonyane

**TOWN PLANNING**

Our Town Planning has been hard at work to make our area habitable and therefore attractive to investors, albeit in the long run.

The Unit has completed the following projects:

PROJECT	COST	STATUS
Pudimoe Environmental Impact Assessment	263 465.00	Completed
Pudimoe Township Establishment	980 000.00	Completed
SDF Review	549 700.00	Public Participation to follow
Taung Park Closure	295 740.00	Ongoing
Alternative Access Road into Taung	499 100.00	Awaiting Traffic Impact Assessment report
Property Registration	595 594.00	59% Complete

In our municipality and the country at large, Those who lack skills live on the margins of the economy, and as a consequence are marginalised by society too. The more skilled our nation becomes, the less their dependence on the state, allowing Government to focus more resources on infrastructure development and creating an enabling environment for the stimulation of sustainable economic growth.

It is against this backdrop that in the past three years the municipality afforded a financial aid to 217 learners for registration at various universities and TVET colleges to the tune of R2 415 000.

- Tshiamo Sibinda from Lokgabeng at UNISA,
- Rethabile Lamola from Khudutlou at Wits University and,
- Tshiamiso Farland, who resides in Lokaleng studies at North-West University.



Kgosi Ponatshego Mothibi of Bathaping Ba-Ga-Mothibi



GTLM Chief Whip - Cllr Masego Mokua

**EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

Speaker improvement of the local economy remains an important strategic intervention for us as a Municipality. I am delighted to share with you that from the beginning of the current financial year to date we have spent R2 million to local SMME's.

Namely:

- Bundas Meat in Ward 08,
- Nana shuping with Mobile Kitchen, Ward 13, and
- Boipelo Gooieman with Feather plug for her poultry project at ward 22

The ultimate goal is to see our local SMME's grow and develop capacity to implement bigger infrastructure projects like our pride Jantjies Broedery; Mr Tshepiso Jantjies.

Greater Taung demographic profile as well as high unemployment rate compel the Municipal Council to attempt to attract investors to the area. The LED Portfolio Committee and the Unit have engaged would-be investors in tourism. The Municipality has continued to support the local SMME's with the development of necessary skills and equipment for their businesses.



**SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES**

The Mayor stated that along with infrastructure projects, social transformation, initiatives remain an important part of the work the Municipality has done in recent years. These includes:

- Keep a girl-child in school – whose main aim is to provide school-going girl children with sanitary towels and thereby reduce levels of absenteeism on their part. This distribution of sanitary towels was experienced at Pudumoe Secondary, Seabo Secondary and Mothelesi Secondary just to mention a few
- Matric Excellence Awards – which seeks to recognise and award excellence among Grade 12 learners and encourage them to study further;
- Mayoral Cup – intended to broaden sports development, expose untapped raw, God-Given talent among young people and hopefully keep them off the streets.
- Establishment of GTLM Traffic Management Services – We are in an advanced stage to establish municipal road traffic management services.



Audience at the Mayoral Budget Speech



Audience at the Mayoral Budget Speech



# KANO CREATIVE AGENCY HOLDS “MARAPO A BUA ARTS EXHIBITION”

## KANO CREATIVE ARTS AGENCY INITIATES 'REIMAGINING OUR ORIGINS' ART EXHIBITION

Works of arts remain one of the most powerful tools and instruments that can be used to preserve history. Exhibitions can be used to raise awareness about the value of history. It can also be used as the scientific instrument to trace the origins of humanity and stimulate the debate about issues of heritage.

Kano Creative Arts Agency held their Reimagining Our Origins Art Exhibition at PH Moeketsi Agricultural High School on Sunday, 04th February 2024. Stakeholders who attended the exhibition include Wits University arts team, local artists, school learners and educators.

The exhibition was aimed at raising awareness about the historic value of the Taung Skull and stimulate the debate about issues of history and heritage of Batlhaping, as well as science. Taung Skull has, over time, become the scientific instrument which is used to trace the origins of humanity from Africa.

Reimagining Our Origins is an experimental contemporary art exhibition, which is curated by Lungile Kheswa, who is one of the most highly qualified art practitioners in the North-West Province. The group exhibition is made up of the six artists from the North-West Province. The exhibition is waving the flag of 'Repatriation' of Taung Child, which was discovered on 4th February 1925.

Speaking to Re a Dira, the exhibition curator, Lungile Kheswa stated that the exhibition seeks to re-correct history by acknowledging the oral historical interpretation of the Taung Skull by local people

of Taung. “The omission of oral history is found in the mainstream institutions of knowledge (i.e. Universities). This omission of oral history disconnects the indigenous people from the custodianship of their heritage and history”, explained Kheswa.

“It will be a tragedy to ignore or omit the role of Batlhaping Traditional Leaders and their reservoir of knowledge, courage, and determination. The exhibition is unapologetic in correcting this tragedy of ignorance”, said Kheswa.

Kheswa further stated that the exhibition is a monologue, prologue and epilogue of re-imagining our origins and that it is paying homage to scientific discovery of Taung Skull. In this regard, arts and science are ringing the bell to reflect and re-imagine our origins.

Reimagining Our Origins is also a platform for artistic dialogue and expression. Artists have explored creative styles by incorporating the use of various recycled and natural materials.



Some of the Visitors at the Kano Creative Arts Exhibition

### CURATOR'S STATEMENT:

I am the tip of the spear of my bloodline, and the call to put this exhibition together is untameable and unavoidable. My curatorial approach is informed by diversity in artistic talent in the landscape of the North-West Province. My vision is to create a tapestry of abstract and experimental exhibition, which is simple, evocative, fascinating in the re-correction of our history.

My vision is not a cenotaph, but a library for artistic reflection and imagination, in promoting the heritage of Taung of Skull. The creative expedition and exploration of the exhibition is to find a cockpit of symbiotic relationship of arts and nature. The exhibition has afforded me an opportunity to be a transmitting beacon of artistic cross pollination of this pilgrimage.

The following are names of the artists who started Kano Creative Agency:

#### Simbarashe Machana

Simbarashe is a realistic pencil drawing artist. However, he is a versatile artist who can also work with various media such as colours, paints, pastel, digital and some other mediums to realistic work but pencil is the most special one. His realistic art may be plain realistic and some may be a mix of real objects in an abstract image.

#### Motshidi Leburu

Motshidisi is a 35 year old creative African woman, born and raised in the heart of the North-West Province in a small magical and sacred town called Schweizer Reneke, South Africa. She owns and manages a small art and craft company called Motshidisi Creates Therapeutic Art, formally known as Swartboer Designs.

#### Carl Mahonza

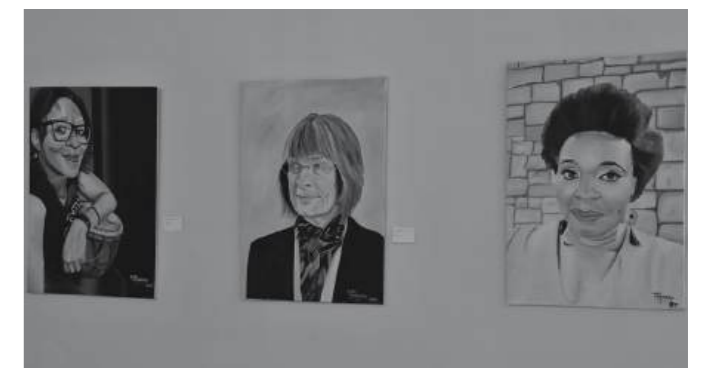
Carl Mahonza is one of the finest artists from Lethabong Village in the Bojanala Municipality in the North-West.

#### Bogosi Nthebolang

Bogosi Nthebolang was born in Taung in 1977. His talent was spotted and given exposure at a tender age of eight. He completed his matriculation at Batlhaping High School in 1999. He spent two years studying Fine Arts at Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sports Centre in Taung from 2000 until 2002.



Exhibition Pictorials



Some of the portraits from various artists

# PORTRAITS

FROM VARIOUS ARTISTS



# MAYOR INTRODUCE ITIRELENG ROAD PROJECT

**GREATER TAUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY PARTNERS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS TO DELIVER ROAD PROJECT TO RESIDENTS OF ITIRELENG**

Our Integrated Development Plan shows that most communities of Greater Taung have identified and listed Road Infrastructure as the number one Service Delivery Priority. This has been the case for many years.

With better roads, people in villages can easily travel from one community to the other as well as reach schools, hospitals, markets, and other amenities. Improved roads can also encourage investment in the local economy and thus improve citizens' livelihood through creation of employment opportunities. Community members living in the area also have opportunities to be employed in the project, which should help them feed their families.

The Office of the Premier, has over the last few months, facilitated discussions between the Department of Public Works & Roads, Greater Taung Local Municipality and the community of Itireleng. These discussions focussed on paving of the road the community of Itireleng had been requesting.

After some administrative hiccups Greater Taung Local Municipality and the Department of Public Works & Roads invoked the spirit of District Development Model and decided to join hands in the construction of the said road. According to the agreement the Department of Public Works and Roads will provide the material while the Municipality will provide labour.

Mayor Tumisang Gaoraelwe, accompanied by representatives of the Department of Public Works and Roads as well as some members of the Mayoral Executive Committee and Ward 8 Councillor, met with the community of Itireleng on Tuesday, 16th January 2024 to announce the beginning of the process of construction of the said road.

In his address, the Mayor put emphasis on the following points:

- There won't be any contractor or sub-contractor in the project.
- Estimated number of residents to be employed in the project is eighty.
- Remuneration will be made at the rate of R2 900.00 per person per month, which is the regulated EPWP rate.
- The project is expected to take not more than ten months to complete.
- Community Liaison Officer (CLO) will be appointed from the community to ensure proper management of labour-related and other relevant issues.

The Municipality is therefore delighted to share pictures on the progress on this road, which is being constructed in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and Roads.



Mayor's engagement with the media



Community members of Itireleng



Mayor Addressing the Community of Itireleng Village



Itireleng Community in attendance

# MAYOR'S OFFICE

## HELD PRE- EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND VAALTAR FM TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EASTER WEEKEND TO SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON CRIME AND GBV&F IN MAGOGONG

Easter weekend is an important period in the Christian calendar as it reminds mankind of the selflessness that Jesus Christ demonstrated on the cross. This weekend also represents an opportunity for the Christians across the world to revive their spirits as well as spend time with family and friends. The Easter season is also one of those rare periods where some non-churchgoers may show up at church services.

As part of the effort to advance cohesion among the people of Greater Taung, Mayor's Office initiated a Pre-Easter Service at Modutung Anglican Church on Friday, 22nd March 2024. The other significant objective of the gathering, which was organized in collaboration with Vaaltar FM, was to pray for the reduction of crime as well as gender-based violence in around Magogong.

Various congregations and Magogong residents attended the service. Jesus Christ's Seven Words on the Cross were preached by ministers and leaders from different denominations as well as GTLM Councillors. Local radio personalities, Tebogo Mongale and Katlego Moncho also participated in the program.



Tebogo Morweng Addressing the Congregants at the Easter Service

Coordinator, Tebogo Morweng was happy that the Mayor's Office could collaborate with the church and Vaaltar FM for the benefit of the local community. He expressed satisfaction that community members who attended the service left equipped with information that will enhance the quality of their decisions in the future. He described the initiative as part of the effort to empower the community and alleviate crime in the area. Morweng further expressed gratitude for participation by Municipal Council leaders, Pastor, Councillor G.J Tshipo and Councillor K. Pudule.

Morweng explained that the escalation of crime in Magogong village has compelled the officers and various stakeholders to look at new approaches to protecting the community. The initiative came about when COGTA and traditional leaders held an awareness campaign on GBV&F and substance abuse late in 2023.

"Communities have always organized marches to local police stations to register unhappiness with levels of crime. This has not been effective as some police stations are under-resourced and over-stretched. It is time for the community to join hands and employ different strategies to fight crime and gender-based violence and femicide (GBV&F). We need to consider serious spiritual intervention to reduce incidents of violence and crime in our communities", said Morweng.



### LIST OF PREACHERS

The following is the list of people who preached the Seven Words

WORDS	VERSES	PREACHERS	INSTITUTION
Via Dolorosa	Matthew 27:32-33	Rev T. Boihang	
1st, Father, forgive them; ,for they do not know what they are doing	Luke 23:34	Rev P. Matlakala	Reform Catholic Church
2nd, Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise	Luke 23:43	Cllr K. Pudule	A.M.E
3rd, Woman look, here is your Son	John 19:26-27	Rev G.M Selek- isho	New Church of God
4th, Eli Eli, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?	Matther 15:34	K.G Sebogodi	Anglican Church
5th, I am thirsty	John 19:28	Mogogi K. Sebo- thelo	New Church of Christ
6th, It is finished	John 19:30	Moreri M.A Mor- weng	Roman Catholic Church
7th, Father in your hands I lay my spirit	Luke 23:46	Pastor G.J tshipo	God's Victorious Army
Summary		K. Moncho & T. Mongale	Vaaltar FM Preachers

Tebogo Morweng expressed gratitude to churches took part and along with community members that came in large of numbers.



# PRAYER MEETING

FOR EASTER WEEKEND



# SAFETY PRAYER

## FOR KGOMOTSO ROAD

WARD 20 LEADERSHIP INITIATES PRAYER MEETING FOR EASTER WEEKEND ROAD SAFETY

Easter weekend falls within a category of holidays during which a lot of road accidents happen. This is mainly due to the increase in the volume of cars on the road as people travel either back home to be with family and friends or to different church gatherings for annual celebrations. It was with that concern that the leadership of Ward 20 organised a prayer meeting. The purpose of the meeting, which took place on Friday, 15th March 2024, was to pray for road safety as well as commemorate the event at which Jesus Christ was crucified for the redemption of mankind.

Held in the building of United Congregational Church of Southern Africa in Kgomotso, the meeting was attended by religious leaders, political leaders, business leaders as well as community members across the Ward and from neighbouring Wards across Ba-Ga-Mothibi cluster.



Ward 20 Councillor, Clr Itumeleng Maribe



Ministers and Preachers at the Road Safety Prayer Session



Attendees at the Road Safety Prayer Session



Marching to Kgomotso Main Road for Prayers



**HIGHLIGHTS**

Speaking at the prayer meeting, Ward 20 Councillor, Itumeleng Maribe highlighted the benefit of collaboration between various government institutions in the development of the Ward-based communities. Councillor Maribe mentioned the following as some of the achievements of Government in the across Ward 20:

- Bringing a fully equipped Magistrate’s Court to the ward (in Kgomotso Village) through the Department of Justice and Correctional Services.
- A community hall in Kameelputs
- Water reticulation project in Ikageng and Kameelputs
- A 27km tarred road on D201 from Kameelputs to Pampierstad
- Area lighting (Highmast lights) across the Ward
- Major contributions by private sector entities such as, Mine Workers Development Agency (MDA)
- Bursaries for 22 young people across the Ward some of whom have already graduated
- Artisan internship for 30 young people
- Driver’s licences for 20 young people
- Upholstery, sewing and carpentry training on 45 locals (completed)
- A number of women were also funded with industrial sewing machines and materials
- Animal and crop production training for 30 local citizens
- Food security programme initiative in a form of training and provision of seeds for backyard Gardens across Ward 20.



Prayer at the Kgomotso Main Road



Prayer at the Kgomotso Main Road

Led by Reverend Tuelo Montshiwa of the AME Church, who is also the Chaplain at South African Police Service in Pudimoe, various Church Ministers from different denominations reflected on the seven words that Jesus Christ said on the cross.

Speaking at the prayer session, Mr Maretela from the Department of Basic Education encouraged the parents and religious leaders to continue working together in moulding the young people for a bright future. “The Department of Education continues to deal with challenges such as teenage pregnancy, bullying, lack of involvement by parents in school governance, ill-discipline as well as limited resources”, said Maretela. He also gave encouraged the young people who could not perform as well as they may have wished in Grade 12 examination not to give up.

# THUNTSHA LEROLE PROGRAMME

**PREMIER’S OFFICE LEADS VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ENTITIES IN TAKING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES**

When the Acting Premier of the North-West Province, Nono Maloyi launched the Thuntsha Lerole Service Delivery Programme, the intention was to ensure that services are taken to the citizens. This would have saved the citizens the trouble of having to travel long distances to access Government services. This initiative would have saved the citizens their hard-earned cash that they could have used to travel to various departmental offices. It is also envisaged that the initiative will reduce instances of possible service delivery protests.

Aptly named ‘Thuntsha Lerole’ the programme was taken to different Wards and villages around Taung with the intention of creating enough excitement around Government Departments’ readiness and ability to combine resources and take services to far-flung communities. The campaign was taken to Matlhako, Rietfontein and Majeakgoro. Different Government leaders (political and administrative) used the occasions to respond to concerns and questions raised by the citizens.

The following is the list of some of the departments/institutions which attended different meetings and provided relevant services and whose leadership interacted with the citizens:

DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTION	SERVICE
North West Housing Corporation	Housing
Human Settlement, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Provision of housing in the area
Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA)	Support for small business in the area
Department of Education	Discipline in schools and the importance of parent involvement in governance bodies
CDECT	Support for possible tourism initiatives in Taung
Department of Public works and Roads	Plans to address state of roads around Taung
Department of Social Development	Interventions for social problems around Taung
Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sports Foundation	Development of the arts in the area
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA)	Coordination and support for local government
Agricultural and Rural Development	Issues around availability of land for agricultural purposes
South African Social Security Agency (SASSA)	Social Grants
Taung Agricultural College	Agricultural Education



North -West Gambling Board	Legislation and regulations regarding gambling
South African Police Services (SAPS)	Information around safety and security as well as crime
Department of Home Affairs	Application for and Collection of Birth Certificated, Passports and Identity Documents
Greater Taung Local Municipality	Indigent Registration
Department of Health	Health Screening and nutrition advice



Rev. O.J Dithajane from the Office of the Premier



Service Delivery Mobile Units

Residents attended these meetings in numbers to access different government departments' services

Speaking at the Matlhako leg of the campaign, the MMC of Infrastructure at Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, Cllr. Seepapitso Seepamere explained that the purpose of the program was to address outstanding and current service delivery concerns of the community. "The purpose of Thuntsha Lerole program is mainly to attend to all service delivery challenges which were left unattended for a very long time and therefore need immediate intervention." Cllr. Seepamere further stated that Government will pressurise departments to attend to all community concerns and grievances in order to increase levels of confidence in Government's ability to deliver services.



Thuntsha Lerole Campaign in Full Swing



Government departments rendering services

Chairperson for Community Services, Cllr Mosetsanagape Mosinkiemang informed the community that it was important for Government to attend to:

- Cleaning of illegal dumping sides,
- Fencing and cleaning of cemeteries, and
- Cleaning of sports ground.

She also explained that it was important for high mast lights to be maintained in order to improve safety and reduce incidents of crime around Taung.

Integrated service delivery programme at Lower Majakgoro was led by Acting North West Premier - Nono Maloyi, accompanied by MEC - Public Works and Roads, Mr. Gaoage Oageng Molapisi, Local Traditional Leaders, Senior Managers from various Provincial Departments and District as well as Locak Mayor.

The key focus of the Integrated Service Delivery Programme at Lower Majakgoro was to monitor the implementation of road construction project (infrastructure project) in the area.



Thuntsha Lerole Attendees



Thuntsha Lerole at Mmatlhako



Thuntsha Lerole Attendees

# CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL OUTREACH IN TAUNG

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HOLDS CORRECTIONS WEEK INTEGRATED IMBIZO IN TAUNG

Building a socially cohesive nation remains one of the most important priorities of the South African Government. Every department and State-Owned Entity has a responsibility to contribute to the realization of this priority. These entities have to find opportunities to collaborate in an effort to achieve their strategic objectives and support broad national priorities. The Department of Correctional Services initiated a Corrections Week Integrated Imbizo to educate the public and create awareness about the correctional system in South Africa. Staged in collaboration with Ba-Ga-Phuduhucwana Tribal Council and Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sport Foundation, this initiative was held during the heritage month to highlight values such as forgiveness, humility and remorse.

September is a month that has been set aside for all South Africans to celebrate their heritage. This commemoration is intended to preserve tangible heritage assets that will have to be passed on to the coming generations. This also presents opportunity for the elders to share information on some key customary practices for the benefit of the younger people.

The community members of Taung and other stakeholders were invited to the Imbizo, which was held at Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sports Foundation on Monday, 18th September 2023. Representatives of the Department of Correctional Services explained how the process of rehabilitating imprisoned offenders works. This process underscores the importance of reintegrating offenders back into the community. Key elements that were discussed include:

- Incarceration
- Release
- Medical check-up
- Rehabilitation path
- Parole



Correctional Services officials



Correctional Services Imbizo

Community members and victims of convicts were given the opportunity to engage with offenders. Offenders undergo rehabilitation and reintegration processes whose main purpose is for them to change their behaviour and have the chance to live among community members who may have been hurt due to offenders' actions. The process of engagement between offenders and victims/affected families involves apology from offenders which should lead to closure on the part of the victims and affected families.

Offenders should ensure they meet the eligibility conditions. Some of the conditions include,

- Having not been sentenced or convicted without the option of a fine in the ten years since last conviction.
- Sentence was corporal punishment.
- Sentencing was postponed, or you were cautioned and discharged.
- Imprisonment was wholly suspended.

In his closing remarks, Kgosi Tshepo Makunroane thanked all the participating stakeholders for ensuring that the Imbizo took place and the community members for coming in large numbers for education from Correctional Services. The chief encouraged everyone to embrace the concept of prisoner rehabilitation and re-integration. "Prisoners are allowed to be treated same as us because we all human after all", concluded Kgosi Mankuroane.



Exhibitions at the Correctional Services Imbizo



Exhibitions at the Correctional Services Imbizo



# DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOMPATI

## HELD POP UP MARKET CAMPAIGN IN TAUNG

**DR RSM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY USE POP-UP MARKET EVENT TO PROMOTE DR RSM-BASED SMALL BUSINESSES**

The Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) is an agency of the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) which provides non-financial support to small enterprises and cooperatives. SEDA recently worked with Dr RSM District Municipality to coordinate the pop-up market in Taung. The pop-up market is an initiative which seeks to provide access and exposure to the local market for small, micro and medium enterprises (SMME).



Pop up market exhibitors

The two-day event took place in front of municipal premises in September 2024. The purpose of pop-up market campaign is to create a platform for small businesses to promote their products to the local market. This initiative can also provide SMMEs with an opportunity to showcase their abilities or capabilities.

The importance of pop-up market is to create a new touch point with customers and engage with them in a unique way without having to fully invest in a new store or location. Attending pop-up markets creates brand awareness and as result attracts customers from all parts of Taung as well as across the country.



Young people at the pop-up market



Pop Market Event

Residents of Taung were present to witness talent and abilities of SMMEs who brought a variety of products and services to exhibit. Many small businesses used the opportunity to promote clothing products. These were mostly school uniform, tracksuit and traditional clothes. There were more than 20 clients to showcase selling products and services. Other products/services included seasonal local produce, resources, food, entertainment and artists.

The former MEC of Department of Social Development Lazarus Mokgosi (current Premier of the North-West Province) advised entrepreneurs on the importance of hard work and commitment as importance building blocks for success in business. The former MEC encouraged small businesses to take advantage of opportunities created by government to grow their businesses.



Mayor Tumisang Gaoraelwe



Pop up Market Event

Representative of SEDA explained that the Agency aims to do more in the future than just markets. Plans include educating, informing, inspiring and motivating people within the black business in Taung to work hard and grow their businesses.

The organisers observed that the business environment is fraught with many challenges, which make it difficult for business to thrive. These include racism, limited access to funding, limited access to the market as well as lack of requisite skills. The organisers undertook to work hard in an effort to break these barriers.

### PARTICIPANTS

Participants from across Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti. Some came from as far as Ganyesa while some came from Taung. Apart from school uniforms, there were hand-made clothing, hats, jewelry and many other items and services.



Exhibitors at the event



# EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

## RENDER THEIR SERVICES TO YOUTH OF TAUNG

### DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR ADDRESSES UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TAUNG

Unemployment has remained one of South Africa's greatest challenges. This has led to other opportunistic problems such as crime and substance abuse. It is therefore important for Government to make efforts to create a conducive environment for sustainable investment. It is just as important for relevant bodies/institutions to expose the young people to available and in-demand career options, in order to improve their employability.

The Department of Employment and Labour, in collaboration with COGTA, hosted a Career Exhibition Programme to expose Grade 12 learners to various fields of study as well as career paths available to them. The exhibition was held on Thursday, 12th June 2024 at Lokgabeng Community Hall.

This and other related initiatives are meant to, in the long run, reduce the impact of the challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment particularly amongst women, youth, persons with disabilities, ex-offenders, parolees, probationers and victims of crime.

The constitutional mandate of the Department of Employment and Labour is divided into four pillars, which are:

- Unemployment insurance fund,
- Public employment services,
- Compensation fund and
- Inspection and enforcement services



Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour, Boitumelo Moloi



Career Exhibition Visitors



Various Exhibitors



Government Departments



Career Exhibition attendees

### Statistic Percentage of Unemployment:

- 32.9% is for National Unemployment
- 59.7% is for National Youth Unemployment
- 52.2% is for North-West Unemployment
- 55.5% is for North-West Youth Unemployment



Exhibitors at the event



Vaaltar FM Outside Broadcast

This initiative is so important, especially for our learners, they become exposed to career options and subject groupings from as early as grade 10. Our youth are not challenging themselves from risking their lives for what they will benefit from. One of the things indicated about Taung was, Taung is known as a highest in birth rate and low in death rate even the statistics can testify but the most concern was relocation to youth.



Employment and Labour Officials

There is on-going of building labour centre in Taung and before the end of November is should be operating, people from nearest villages can be assisted also. Department of employment and labour says their next goal is Agriculture, Deputy Minister of Department of employment and labour, said Boitumelo Moloji.

Kgosi Baijang further thanked employment & Labour for the initiative and the exhibitors for its participation in the exhibition. Grade 12 Learners benefit more because after the exhibition they come and request for assistance with Colleges and universities application forms.



Young people at the Exhibition

Various exhibitors attended the programme and were provided platform to share their offering/opportunities and more information about institution.

EXHIBITORS	BRANCHES & ENTITIES
Public Service Sector Education & Training Authority	CCMA statutory services
Food Bar SETA	UIF
Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA)	Inspection And Enforcement Service
Taung CPF	Work Seeker Registration
DR Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti	Essa For Employment Service
ABSA	Career Counselling
Transport Education Training Authority	Compensation Fund
Vuselela TVET college	Employment Counselling
Education And Training Authority	Work Sicker Registration (Employment Form)
Health And Welfare Sector	Labour Inspection
LGSETA (Creating Greater Impact)	
NYDA (National Youth development)	
Taung Hotel School And Convention Center	
Department Of Higher Education And Training	
Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	
Brooklyn City College	
Nedbank	
Boston College	
Landmark college	
Rostec College	
University of South Africa (unisa)	
Global Tech TVET College	
Metropolitan	
South African Police Services (Division Forensic Services)	

# AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

## ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE & FEMICIDE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Cases of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide as well as substance abuse among communities require commitment and collaboration between government, civil society, organised labour, business, academia, traditional leaders and the faith-based community.

The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) initiated awareness campaign on GBV&F and substance abuse in Magogong on Tuesday, 18th September 2023. The campaign was organized to help the young people gain knowledge and comprehend the impact of GBV&F as well as dangers of substance abuse.



The following were highlighted as specific objectives of the campaign:

- Teaching children the value of gender equality.
- Protecting children from exposure to violence and harmful content on internet and social media.
- Sharing helpful information and support causes near you.
- Reporting cases of abuse
- Challenging and denouncing cultural practices that perpetuate gender inequalities
- Seeking assistance to change harmful behaviors such as alcohol and substance abuse.
- Developing policies that prevent and deal with gender-based violence in your sector, workplace and communities.
- Organising targeted community campaign on solutions towards equal society.



The campaign was also used to highlight the fact that men can also experience the same abuse as women do. This includes stalking, harassment as well as physical, psychological, and sexual abuse. These cases lead to depression and other social problems.

Learners from the following schools came in huge numbers to be informed. This was pleasing to the organisers as it is important to curb substance abuse and GBV&F at an early age:

- Galeshelwe Primary School
- Kopanong Primary School
- Olebile Primary School
- Joseph Saku Secondary School

A good number of Government Departments and entities were invited to participate in the campaign. These include:

- Office of the Premier
- Department of Justice
- Social Development
- South Africa Police Service
- NPO (Substance abuse & GBVF)
- Department of Health



Participants were encouraged to make use of services the Department of Social Development offers to victims of gender-based violence. The department has centres in Pudimoe and Vryburg.

Representative of the South African Police Service shared the following key concerns regarding cases of harassment:

- High rate of sexual attacks and murder cases in Magogong
- Most perpetrators are under the influence of alcohol.
- Most cases are not solved because most witnesses tend to withhold information, apparently due to intimidation.

Ba-Ga-Phuduhucwana Traditional Leadership was represented by Kgosi Saku who raised concerns regarding the mushrooming of initiation schools across Greater Taung. "We are concerned that there are fraudsters who abduct the young boys to take them to initiation schools without consent of their parents/guardians". He further stated that traditional leadership will be working closely with the community members to ensure compliance with relevant laws on operation of initiation schools.

# DSBD SEEKS TO ASSIST UPCOMING ENTREPRENEURS WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERS LOCAL SMME'S ON ACCESS TO FUNDING PROGRAMMES

Greater Taung is one of the most rural Municipal areas in South Africa. It is due to the rural nature of the area that the people of Taung live with abject poverty. This can be attributed to high levels of underdevelopment and unemployment. This situation dictates that all efforts should be made, by relevant Government entities, to grow the local economy.

### STUDIES SHOW THAT SMME'S HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO:

- Reduce unemployment,
- Generate income,
- Create assets,
- Contribute to skills development,
- Reduce the rate of crime,
- Attract investments in local municipalities, and
- Contribute to the economic restructuring of South African local government



Motshediso Moalosi from GTLM LED Unit



Workshop Attendees



Greater Taung SMME's

The Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises sector has been identified as an important strategic sector in the overall policy objectives of the Government of South Africa and it is seen as a driver of change for inclusive economic growth, national development, employment creation and poverty reduction.

The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) and Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) engaged local SMMEs and Cooperatives of Taung at Depot Hall on Wednesday, 21st February 2024. The purpose of the engagement was to introduce Township and Rural Entrepreneurship Programme

(TREP) and Spazashop Support Facility Programmes. These funding programmes are managed and promoted by SEDA, SEFA and Department of Small Business Development. Through these programmes Government offers credit guarantees, loans, grants, and business support services to qualifying township and rural-based enterprises.

### TOWNSHIP RURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMME

TREP (Township Rural Entrepreneurial Programme) is tailored to SMMEs and entrepreneurs that are operating in township and rural areas. The total funding for this programme is R1 million which comes in a form of blended finance (R900 000.00 loan and R100 000.00 grant). It covers sectors such as automotive, construction, manufacturing, tourism, service sector, ICT, retailing and wholesaling.

The sectors which are excluded are logistics, property development and primary agriculture. It can be used to buy equipment, machinery, tools, furniture, fixtures, fittings, stock and working capital.

TREP Programme requires a registered and CIPC compliant business that has been operating for minimum of six months. Successful applicants will get six months window period before the first payment towards servicing the loan could be expected by SEFA. Such a payment will have to be for duration of thirty six months. The turn-around time for the application is three months but it can take longer than that based on the SEFA internal processes that need to be followed.

#### FUNDING FOR SPAZA SHOPS

This funding is intended to assist informal spaza shop and tuck shop owners as part of the effort to address poverty and joblessness.

- The total funding is R15 000 for that can be used to buy stock at retailers, wholesalers only.
- Grant is kept at R10 500 and revolving credit of R 4 500.



SMME's Engagement

#### QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Each application will be assessed in terms of the following criteria:

- The spaza shop/store must be owner-man aged and -operated
- The owner must have a valid South African identification document
- A valid and original municipal trading licence/ permit to trade, or business licence in the case of a general dealer.
- Registered with CIPC, SARS and UIF
- Compliance with consumer and customer protection and national disaster management regulations and directions
- Willingness to submit monthly management account
- Employ 70% South Africans
- Have been trading for a minimum of six months
- Having a valid business bank account
- Willingness to participate in the bulk-buying scheme as organised by the DSBD or any of its agencies
- Operate in a township or rural area

#### QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- An entity registered with CIPC including cooperatives
- The business must be 100% owned by South African nationals
- Employees must be 70% South Africans, and in the case of non-South African employees
- Valid work permits as determined by the Department of Home Affairs
- The enterprise must be operating in a township or rural area



MMC of LED, Cllr. Sebe and Government Officials



Young People in Engagement with SEDA

# TSHEPISO JANTJIES

## THE YOUNG FARMER MAKES IT TO INTERNATIONAL MARKET

A significant number of young people have, in the past, seen farming as very unattractive, hard and dirty work. It is however pleasing that more and more young people have started entering the agricultural sector in search of employment and livelihood. According to Statistics SA, employment in agriculture grew 10 thousand times over after such a long time. Agriculture was among the few sectors showing growth in employment – as the country’s overall employment rate fell.



Founder of Jantjies Voere, Tshepiso Jantjies

Tshepiso Jantjies is part of a new generation of young, energetic farmers making waves in the agriculture sector and has provided both employment and learning opportunities for others. This young farming enthusiast and owner of Jantjies Boerdery was born and raised in Dryharts Village.

Mr Jantjies was interviewed on SABC, North-West province.



Jantjies Voere founder and his employees

At 37 years of age, Tshepiso Jantjies demonstrates the energy and aspirations of his generation. It has been three years establishment in agriculture industry, his business is Agri and Agro processing, main productive is on producing Lucerne which is highly in demand he said.

Tshepiso gave farmers hope with his success story, which attracted the attention of the national broadcaster, the South African Broadcasting Cooperation. “In 2019 we started by planting Lucerne, that production of Lucerne taught us that there is a lot of money needed to become a key player in the sector. I have come to realise that if you don’t have machinery for production, you are as good as dead because every time when you harvest, you have to go and hire equipment from White farmers in the Northern Cape”.



Tshepiso Jantjies addressing the Media

Speaking about the importance and benefit of taking advantage of the international market, Jantjies says he made use of the internet to reach out to clients across South African borders. “I came to a conclusion that I would not sell my lucerne for R30.00 to the local market. I decided that I would rather identify a market for myself around Africa and I did that by identifying a foreign market through internet and social media. I am grateful that I was able to make in-roads in the international market”, said Jantjies.

This animal feed producer has already penetrated the export market, exporting to Namibia, Lesotho and Botswana. He explains that when he first got the response from his social media advertisements, he thought he was being scammed. At first I thought I was a scam before we went in agreement, then I quickly got to realise that there was some genuine interest from Namibia when I was invited to Namibia to sign the deal through the support of MEC of the Department of Agriculture, Land and Rural Development, Honorable Desbo Mohono”, explained Jantjies.



Jantjies Voere Displaying Kgora Super Maize Meal

Jantjies Boerdery follows a strict process of ensuring that their produce is of the highest possible standard and quality. The institution's produce is tested and quality guaranteed by the National Lucerne Trust. The NLT process goes through three phases, viz.

- Supreme,
- Prime, and
- Grade1-3

Every sample is taken to the lab for verification of the fact there are nothing on the product, no cross contamination and nothing that will make poisonous substance that will cause a lot of diarrhoea in animals. Tshepiso has employed more than 20 people in his agricultural agro-processing business.

Business is rapidly expanding to other areas although there are challenges associated with same. Tshepiso is determined to make success of the expansion to other markets, inclusive of China.

# THE MAYOR CELEBRATES

## NELSON MANDELA'S LEGACY IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

The United Nations has declared 18th July as International Mandela Day in 2009, four years before the late president's passing. This was in recognition of the contribution of the first State President of the democratic order in South Africa, Nelson Mandela. The intention of the declaration is to encourage the citizens of the world to give and thereby assist in uplifting the less privileged members of the communities and organisations to reflect on Mandela's legacy, celebrate his values and principles.



The Mayor at Taung Hospital for Mandela Day

In honour of Mandela Day, citizens across South Africa are encouraged to spend at least 67 minutes in service to others and their communities, in an effort to end poverty and inequality. These 67 minutes are in appreciation of the 67 years that Nelson Mandela spent fighting for justice, equality, and human rights for all.

In keeping with the practice of South Africa, the entire month of July is used to encourage the spirit of giving and selflessness among the citizens. The Mayor of Greater Taung Local Municipality has always sought to work with various organisations in building a socially cohesive community.

### TAUNG DISTRICT HOSPITAL'S VEGETABLE GARDEN

Taung District Hospital initiated this project called Vegetable Garden to honour 67 minutes of the former South African President Nelson Mandela. Mayor Tumisang Gaoraelwe and Member of Executive Committee, Mosetsanagape Mosinkiemang were part of the programme.

Main objective of the community vegetable garden in Taung is to provide fresh, nutritious produce to malnourished and poverty-stricken patients while promoting local food security and community engagement. On Thursday, 18th July 24 Taung District Hospital invited sector departments to participate in the cleaning of the entire garden, and thus assist in "combating poverty and inequality is in our hands."

Speaking at the Vegetable Garden cleaning session, Mayor Gaoraelwe said all citizens need to do their bit for community advancement. "Through the commemoration of Mandela Day, we should show our kindness to the under-privileged. Food security remains one of the greatest social challenges. I am delighted that our Municipality is able to participate in this humble contribution to food security", said Mayor Tumisang Gaoraelwe.

A local dietician, Boikano Motlhala said that a lot needs to be done address cases of malnutrition in Taung. "As we know the community of Taung is poverty stricken. I see quiet a lot of patients with severe acute malnutrition (SAM). This is a medical condition which is caused by disadvantage and mulnutrition".

This initiative also serves to educate the community about sustainable agriculture and healthy eating habits. These are used to feed malnutrition patients, immunocompromised people and psychic patients. The garden is also used to educate people living with Aids, HIV, tuberculosis (TB), non-communicable diseases and malnourished children on how to be independent at home and how to use vegetables to supplement their diet.

Other participants include TDH staff and Retired Nurses, Taung Agricultural College, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Chivas Crew



The Mayor and Leadership of Taung District Hospital on Mandela Day

**VUSELELA TVET COLLEGE'S CLEANING CAMPAIGN**

Cleanliness is important for healthy living and the environment. On Wednesday, 31st July 2024, Vuselela TVET College in Pudumoe area rolled up their sleeves and spent 67 minutes cleaning their campus and had a 'long walk to freedom' around Pudimoe township.

Mayor Tumisang Gaoraelwe joined the students in cleaning at Vuselela T-VET College as well as the local school grounds in the township. The Mayor was also accompanied by the Municipal Manager, Ward 5 Councillor, municipal officials and the media (Vaalter FM) on a 'long walk of freedom'.

Speaking on behalf of the Mayor, Lekgotla Menyaso from the Mayor's Office explained that the main purpose of the partnership with the students was to encourage the young people that they don't have rely on government for everything. They should learn to take initiative. He further explained that the Mayor's Office also wanted to use the campaign to instil a sense of cleanliness among members of the community.

The collective effort aimed to improve the image of College in the Taung appearance and foster a sense of community involvement and responsibility.

Speaking on behalf of the students, SRC Chairperson, Kaone Rampudu bemoaned the fact that some members of the community use the front of the college as a dumping site. He stated that this habit will have an adverse effect on the students' health.



The Mayor and Leadership of Taung District Hospital on Mandela Day



The Mayor spent his 67 Minutes Working at Taung Hospital Vegetable Garden



The Mayor spent 67 Minutes Working at Taung Hospital Vegetable Garden

# KNOW YOUR LEADERS



**Cllr Grace Moipolai**  
Speaker



**Cllr Tumisang Gaoraelwe**  
Mayor



**Cllr Masego Moku**  
Single Whip



**Cllr Mika Moeti**  
Chairperson for Finance



**Cllr Amogelang Matuane**  
Chairperson Spatial Planning & Human Settlement



**Cllr Itumeleng Maribe**  
Chairperson Infrastructure



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Chairperson for LED



# DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

## ADDRESSES UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TAUNG

Unemployment has remained one of South Africa’s greatest challenges. This has led to other opportunistic problems such as crime and substance abuse. It is therefore important for Government to make efforts to create a conducive environment for sustainable investment. It is just as important for relevant bodies/institutions to expose the young people to available and in-demand career options, in order to improve their employability.

The Department of Employment and Labour, in collaboration with COGTA, hosted a Career Exhibition Programme to expose Grade 12 learners to various fields of study as well as career paths available to them. The exhibition was held on Thursday, 12th June 2024 at Lokgabeng Community Hall.

This and other related initiatives are meant to, in the long run, reduce the impact of the challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment particularly amongst women, youth, persons with disabilities, ex-offenders, parolees, probationers and victims of crime.

The constitutional mandate of the Department of Employment and Labour is divided into four pillars, which are:

- Unemployment insurance fund,
- Public employment services,
- Compensation fund and
- Inspection and enforcement services

Statistic Percentage of Unemployment:

- 32.9% is for National Unemployment
- 59.7% is for National Youth Unemployment
- 52.2% is for North-West Unemployment
- 55.5% is for North-West Youth Unemployment

South Africa is suffering for the reason of being in shortage of technicians, architect, medical sciences, engineering and planning hence private sectors conclude hiring people from different countries. Law of South African said foreigners must be less than blacks at workplace; our people don’t follow the constitution because of challenges of shortage of fully skilled people.

This initiative is so important, especially for our learners, they become exposed to career options and subject groupings from as early as grade 10. Our youth are not challenging themselves from risking their lives for what they will benefit from. One of things indicated about Taung was, Taung is known as a highest in birth rate and low in death rate even the statistics can testify but the most concern was relocation to youth.

There is on-going of building labour centre in Taung and before the end of November is should be operating, people from nearest villages can be assisted also. Department of employment and labour says their next goal is Agriculture, Deputy Minister of Department of Employment and Labour, said Boitumelo Moloi.

Kgosi Baijang further thanked Employment & Labour for the initiative and the exhibitors for its participation in the exhibition. Grade 12 Learners benefit more because after the exhibition they come and request for assistance with Colleges and Universities application forms.

Various exhibitors attended the programme and were provided platform to share their offering/opportunities and more information about Institution.

EXHIBITORS	BRANCHES & ENTITIES
Public Service Sector Education & Training Authority	CCMA statutory services
Food Bar SETA	UIF
Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA)	Inspection And Enforcement Service
Taung CPF	Work Seeker Registration
DR Ruth Segomotsi Mompati	Essa For Employment Service
ABSA	Career Counselling
Transport Education Training Authority	Compensation Fund
Vuselela TVET college	Employment Counselling
Education And Training Authority	Work Sicker Registration (Employment Form)
Health And Welfare Sector	Labour Inspection
LGSETA (Creating Greater Impact)	
NYDA (National Youth development)	
Taung Hotel School And Convention Center	
Department Of Higher Education And Training	
Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	
Brooklyn City College	
Nedbank	
Boston College	
Landmark college	
Rostec College	
University of South Africa (unisa)	
Global Tech TVET College	
Metropolitan	
South African Police Services (Division Forensic Services)	



# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## ROADS AND STORMWATER

Our Integrated Development Plan shows that most communities of Greater Taung have identified and listed Road Infrastructure as the number one Service Delivery Priority. This has been the case for many years. With better roads, people in villages can easily travel from one village to the other as well as reach schools, hospitals, markets, and other amenities. Improved roads can also encourage investment in the local economy and thus improve citizens' livelihood through creation of employment.

During the 2023/24 financial year, Greater Taung Local Municipality and the Department of Public Works and Roads worked on roads in Itireleng, Motsweding, Kgathheng, Upper Majeakgoro, Molelema and Buxton. The Municipality has also worked on plans to reduce incidents in which citizens' homes are submerged in stormwater during rainy season. The Municipality managed to build a stormwater channel in Khatlheng.





# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PROVISION OF WATER AND SANITATION

**W**ater shortage is fast developing into a huge challenge across the country, inclusive of our Municipal area. To that extent Government has been working hard to address the problem in Taung. Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality, which is the Water Authority in our District has continued to work on Water Reticulation Infrastructure in Taung, Pudimoe and Molelema. It is envisaged that these projects will go a long way in improving water provision around Taung and surrounding Municipal areas.







# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## CRACKDOWN ON EXPIRED FOOD AND FAKE GOODS AT KGO-MOTSO

The Leadership of Ward 20, under the stewardship of Councilor Itumeleng Maribe recently initiated an operation through which Tuck Shops were raided for expired and unsafe as well as counterfeit products. The campaign took place in Kgomotso Village on 31st October 2023. Various government departments, (SAPS, Department of Health, Department of Home Affairs) and entities took part in the raid. A raid of this nature will be conducted periodically in an effort to obviate incidents in which the children get sick as a result of consuming unsafe products. Police confiscated counterfeit goods such as always sanitary pads, pampers (diapers), Rizzla, cigarettes and expired food such as, sweets, juice, beans, cooking oil, chicken, rice, mealie meal, and cold drinks.



# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## WORKSHOP ON REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) recently conducted working sessions to empower Ward Committees and Councillors on how to respond to community concerns. The workshop, which took place at Depot Hall on Thursday, 27th June 2024, covered a Presentation on the process of registering community concerns, review of community concerns and outcomes from COGTA.

### PURPOSE

- To empower municipalities to develop mechanisms to implement Batho-Pele Principles of Redress.
- To guide municipalities on how to respond to community concerns.
- To support municipalities on the effective use of the register of community concerns.
- To lay a foundation for municipalities to develop and implement a Ward Level Improvement Plan (WLIP).
- To provide a formal mechanism for monitoring, accountability and reporting.



# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## SAMIFRA HOLDS A PRAYER SESSION FOR 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS

South African Ministers' Fraternal initiated and coordinated a prayer session for 2024 General Elections. The prayer session was held at Baisitse Kgotla in Manokwane, Ward 12 on Sunday, 4th February 2024. Various parties had representatives who motivated the youth to register for elections. Mr Mongwaketsi, shared some salient features of the ANC history, inclusive of Nelson Mandela's journey and role in a fight for democracy in South Africa. Mongwaketse further stated that government and private sector should deliver to all South Africans equally and not discriminate against anyone.



# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## FINDING THE BALANCE BETWEEN STRATEGIC AND PRIORITISED SERVICES

Infrastructure Development Projects remain key for the advancement of our communities. According to the compiled Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Ward Buildings (Community Halls) form part of the top five priorities for the citizens of Greater Taung. These are buildings communities would utilize for meetings and events. Although there are many other competing priorities, Greater Taung Local Municipality has shown commitment to delivering according to prioritized services. Efforts are made to advise the communities on services that are likely to add greater value to the economy than others. Mayor of Greater Taung Local Municipality, Cllr Tumisang Gaoraelwe recently handed Monthanthanyaneng Community Hall to the community of Mothanthanyaneng and surrounding villages. Other Community Halls will be handed over in due course.



# IN WORDS AND PICTURES

## VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ENTITIES TAKES SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES

When the Acting Premier of the North-West Province, Nono Maloyi launched the Thuntsha Lerole Service Delivery Programme, the aim was to ensure that services are taken to the citizens. This would have saved the citizens the trouble of having to travel long distances to access Government services. It is also envisaged that the initiative will reduce instances of possible service delivery protests.

Thuntsha Lerole programme was taken to different Wards and villages around Taung with the intention of creating enough excitement around Government Departments' readiness and ability to combine resources and take services to far-flung communities. The campaign was taken to Matlhako, Rietfontein and Majeakgoro, Manthe. Different Government leaders (political and administrative) used the occasions to respond to concerns and questions raised by the citizens and various department which includes Municipality, SASSA, Home Affairs, SAPS, SEDA, Provincial Departments attended the campaign.



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