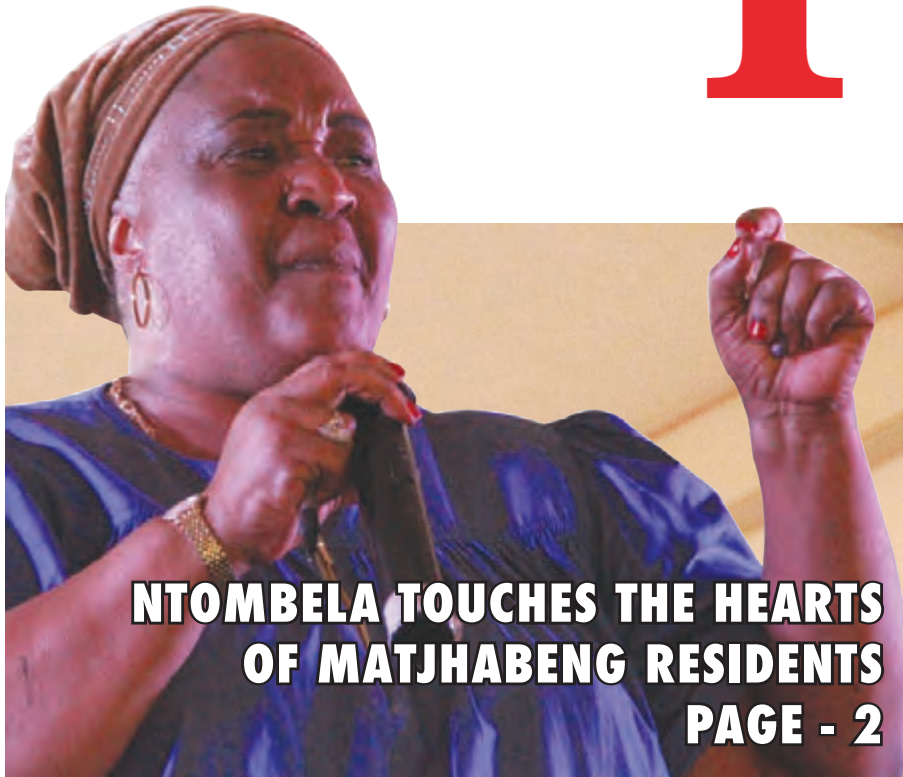




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**Free State MEC for Health: Honourable Montseng Tsiu**

The Honourable MEC for Health, Montseng Tsiu, outlined her vision of Taking Primary Health Care (PHC) to the People as simply being that of fortification of the most crucial elements of health systems management in order to ensure that the grand vision of the Department is achieved.

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The Department of Health has long asserted its vision as that of "Increasing life expectancy through health system effectiveness, drive system change and ensure sustainability of services". In the view of MEC Tsiu, there is no need to change that. However, it is critical to amplify it by delivering services based on Primary Health Care approach.

She asserts a few basic fundamentals that must be adhered to, such as promoting universal access to health care. The emphasis should be on prevention rather than waiting until it is too late and we then

have to go through the expensive route of curing people with no guaranteed results of well-being, thereafter.

She also vows that there must be a conscious and deliberate shift from the hospi-centric approach to primary health care. "Our people need to learn good habits of visiting their clinics time and time again not because they are sick but because they are preventing sickness. Clinics must be their familiar ground of seeking good health. Hospitals must be strange places that are treated as places of last resort when

everything else has failed. Our people must be so healthy through primary health care such that they render hospitals redundant," emphasised Tsiu.

MEC Tsiu is in favour of the speedy and accelerated implementation of the National Health Insurance.

She views this as promoting universal access to health for all the citizens of our country irrespective of financial circumstances. Primary health care will be at the centre of this promotion of universal access to health.

"During my term of office, the focus will be on ensuring that we have strengthened primary health care services through the outreach of "Taking Primary Health Care Services to the People" she said. This will ensure that services are delivered to the destitute and marginalised communities with the intention to unravel communities that are despondent for a number of reasons.

"We are going to embark on campaigns that take services to houses of people.

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We will be tracing the users of our services and ensuring that those that have medicines to take, they do that and finish their course because there are a number of people that are unknowingly susceptible to drug resistance because of defaulting on medicine," she emphasised.

Primary Health Care Outreach Campaigns are geared to leave a lasting and memorable legacy hence the decision to take them everywhere in the province. They are not hit and run, but must leave a legacy of good health practices and must be sustained by our health institutions and partnerships on the ground.

Taking Primary Health Care to the People was launched in Lejweleputswa District at Kgotsong-Bothaville on 21 July 2018 and proceeded to Fezile Dabi District at Namahadi in Frankfort, then moved to Thabo Mofutsanyana District at Pereng in Phuthaditjhaba, QwaQwa. These were successful events that underscored serious achievements in as far as enabling universal access to health for the people of these underserved and marginalised towns.

The various campaigns were followed up with concrete action that ensured that no member of any community in the identified towns ever have to go without accessing health care services.

On the 27 October 2018, this Legacy Campaign will grace the shores of Mangaung Metro at Caleb Motshabi and then move on to Xhariep. The Department will engage with communities whilst rendering services to them and beyond.

The approach seeks to recognise the need to widen collaborations and partnerships in order to tackle the scourge of disease in an integrated and sustainable manner. That is why the department will be working closely with other government departments, organs of state, civil society, organised labour, business and communities.

"We have realised that the proliferation of diseases is caused by other social determinants of health that are in the care and responsibility of others. The Department recognises that if we were to act in silos, we would never come any close to meeting the expectations of our people nor meet the sustainable development goals," she added.

Free State Premier Sisi Ntombela has blessed the initiative and has graced the previous events hosted.

Tsiu expressed her gratitude towards the Premier and support rendered and partnerships of all the cabinet colleagues and their departments who have actively assisted in tackling community challenges to health.

The campaign has specifically received the support of the MEC for Public Works, Infrastructure and Human Settlements, Dora Kotzee who champions the Cleaning Campaign for a healthier environment as well as community infrastructure maintenance in partnership with the District and Local Municipalities of the areas visited by the Department of Health.

MEC Mathabo Leeto of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation has rallied to our course and made available the Mobile Stage Truck and her cadres who promote healthy lifestyles through aerobics and coordinated Health Walking and Running Teams. These programmes have activated the livelihood and active living of the communities that we have visited.

Our Taking Primary Health Care to the People is reincarnating the values of care and putting people first such as:

- To our people we ensure:
- That they have access to basic health care, treatment and medicines at all times
- That they are treated with dignity and humility
- That their rights are respected
- To our health care workers:
- We ensure that their rights are protected
- That they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge
- That they have the right tools of trade

## Career highlights of Free State MEC for Health Montseng Margret Tsiu

The Honourable Montseng Margret Tsiu obtained her Overseas Cambridge School Certificate through ST Catherine College in Maseru, she pursued the following qualifications:

Diploma in General Nursing  
Diploma in Midwifery. Both qualifications were obtained from the School of Nursing in Maseru  
She further obtained a Diploma in Community Nursing Science from the University of the Free State  
She advanced her studies by obtaining a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Management through Regenesys

She further holds the following certificates:  
Certificate in Economic Development with the University of Western Cape. This qualification places her most appropriately to be a radical economic transformation activist.

Honourable Tsiu is also bringing a rich work experience in the Department. She worked in the deep poverty stricken and underprivileged former homeland of QwaQwa.

She also worked as the Operations Manager and later became the Manager at Makeneng Clinic in QwaQwa. She progressed in her Nursing career until she became the Provincial Director of Nursing in the Free State Department of Health.

As a trade unionist, she joined the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (NEHAWU) in 1993 and served in the following categories: Benefit Coordinator; Shop Steward; Branch Chairperson; and Chairperson of Maluti Region of QwaQwa.

In 2008, she was elected to the responsibility of Provincial Chairperson of NEHAWU in the Free State, a position that she held for 9 years. She further served

in the National Executive Committee of NEHAWU.

Her dedicated service to the workers of NEHAWU which is one of the largest affiliates of COSATU earned her the recognition within the ranks of NEHAWU that resulted in her being elected into the Provincial Executive Committee of COSATU in the Free State as well as the Provincial Executive Committee of the African National Congress (ANC).

Honourable Tsiu was appointed as Member of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for Health in the Free State as from the 09 May 2018.



## PHC Services Campaign Achievements

The Taking Primary Health Care Campaign is a legacy game changing outreach campaign that has been spearheaded by MEC Tsiu since assuming office in May this year.

She has defined her term of office as that of strengthening and re-engineering Primary Health Care Services. We present evidence of phenomenal impact that this legacy campaign is already making to change lives of the people for the better in only three districts since its launch in Kgotsong, Bothaville on 21 July, 2018, Namahadi in Frankfort on 11 August 2018 and Pereng, Qwa Qwa 27 August 2018:

- 7 481 people received health services.
- HIV and TB Screening was done to 2 142 people.
- 33 people tested HIV positive.
- 169 people found to have TB symptoms were referred.
- 50 people received reading glasses.
- 7 people received wheelchairs.

- 1 person received artificial leg.
- 2 visually impaired people received white walking canes.
- 1500 elders received food parcels & blankets.

Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases (MBOD) assessed 11441 ex-mine workers suspected to have contracted various lung and cardiovascular ailments.

Actor Malusi Mbele known as 'Zolani' in Rhythm City pledged to pay tertiary fees for three students.

The PHC events are growing in stature and have attracted the likes of Dr. Victor Ramathesele and radio personality Criselda Dudumashe, who donated her book titled 'You Are Never Alone: God's Favourite Daughter' to some learners in the audience. At any given time Tsiu remains committed to demonstrate her passion and acumen for the profession. She is always willing and ready to lend a hand.



## Tsiu applauds rescue collaborative work done by EMS and Mangaung Fire & Rescue Services

It was early days but a sign of great commitment and compassion for an MEC who had just been appointed. The Free State MEC for Health, Montseng Tsiu spent the better part of the evening at Pelonomi Hospital following the news of the discovery of a baby boy who was rescued from a pit latrine at Khayelitsha by the Mangaung Fire & Rescue Services and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel.

MEC Tsiu expressed her gratitude to the joint teams for swift reaction from the emergency personnel who rescued the baby boy who was left for dead on early hours of Friday, 04 May 2018. MEC Tsiu was joined by Pelonomi CEO, Baesi Ramodula and Martha Caroline Molefe who is Pelonomi Hospital's Head of Nursing.

Tsiu congratulated the emergency team for the wonderful job done without fail, condemning the decision by the parents to dump the child.

"There are options available for parents who cannot take care of their children for whatever reason. Instead of dumping the babies in pit toilets or anywhere else, they can get assistance through our hospitals or social development offices where they can get more information of where they can take the children if they are no longer able to care for," Tsiu said.

The MEC noted while EMS personnel might be professionally trained to attend to such emergency incidents, they too needed to be saved from unwarranted trauma. "We can save them from this trauma by not making these incidents trend," appealed Tsiu.

The lovely bundle of joy is in good hands and was discharged from hospital and referred by Social Workers to a place of safety around Bloemfontein where he has been growing steadily whilst awaiting adoption. He is growing just fine.



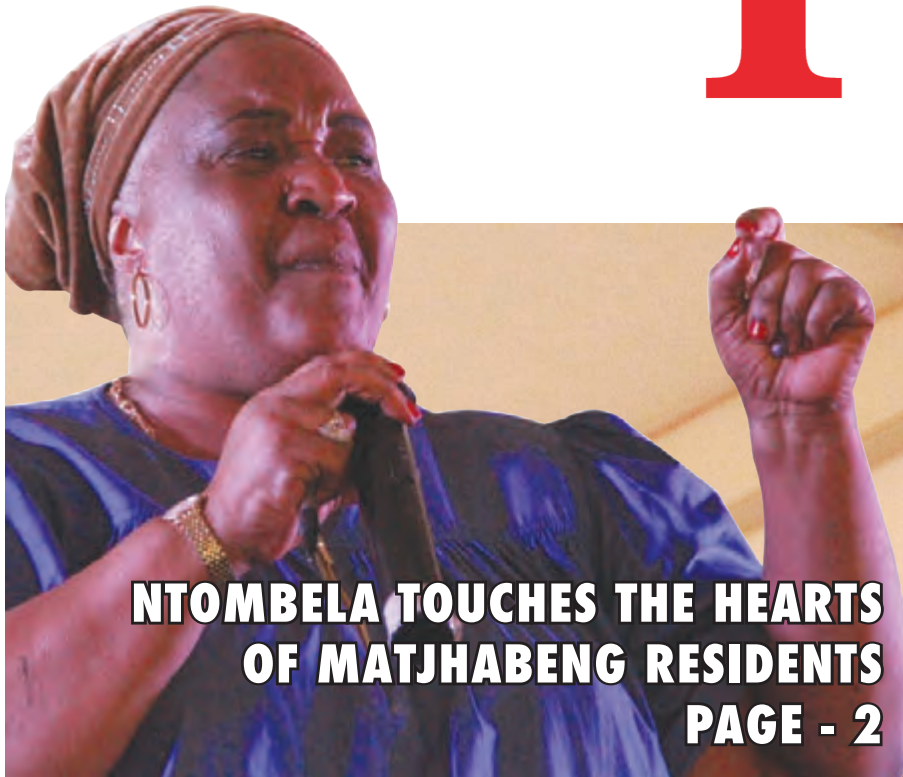




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Mashinini said also standing to benefit from the exposure given by Macufe are local artists who have been billed to perform during most of the events this year.

Local artists often struggle to get the exposure that they needed for their talents and abilities to flourish, hence Macufe does this for them on their very own doorsteps.

"We are calling on all the participants in this year's festivities to 'switch on' and take the process forward, help reduce unemployment and create the much-needed job opportunities," he noted.

Macufe this year coincides with the launch of the Transport Month just a week ago, aimed at taking stock of the increased volumes of vehicles set to be on the province's roads beginning with the event leading up to the festive season.

"With the launch of the Transport Month and taking note that the festive season is just two months away from us, we also wish our motorists to be aware that officers deployed on our roads are there to ensure nice time for them, not the other way round. All they have to do is respect the rules of the road and the country," Mashinini cautioned.

On the national general elections taking place next year, Mashinini said the ruling ANC in the Free State wishes to win them overwhelmingly.

He noted the oldest liberation movement on the continent would be criss-crossing the province in the coming weeks visiting branches of the party to further instil a sense of unity and renewal as espoused by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

"That is the message that we are taking to our people, as carried by our President in all gatherings, because it is a united and strong ANC that can deliver the overwhelming victory we aspire and not a divided and weak one," he added.

## More ATM pharmacies coming: Tsiu

By: Martin Makoni

The Free State health department is set to roll-out more Pharmacy Dispensing Units (PDUs) which are ATM-like machines for dispensing medication for people with chronic conditions, across the province to ease congestion at public healthcare facilities.

Health MEC Montseng Tsiu yesterday said the PDU recently unveiled at the Twin City Mall in Heidedal as a pilot project had been well received by the community and they are now looking at extending the project to other parts of the province.

Tsiu said the provincial health department is currently considering the possible sites where the other automated medicine dispensers will be located.

"This is a very innovative way of dispensing

medicines which will save people a lot of time as they will not need to queue up at healthcare facilities," noted Tsiu.

"Presently, people with chronic conditions are forced to travel long distances to health centres to collect their medication and they often spend long hours waiting in queues before they can be assisted. That could soon be a thing of the past as the PDUs allow a lot of flexibility; people can collect their medications on time, unlike at clinics where services are time bound," she added.

The MEC said that possible sites being considered for the PDUs are shopping malls. The provincial health has partnered with the Global Fund, Right to Care and Right ePharmacy to implement the PDUs, a South African innovation. In this scheme of things, the Free State is the second such site to have a PDU, the

first being a site in Centurion in the Gauteng.

The technology was developed with the intention of abating some of the challenges compromising medicine access in the public healthcare environment.

In light of the National Policy on Universal Health Coverage through National Health Insurance (NHI), the PDU pilot supports the National Department of Health's Strategy for Improving Medicine Availability (SIMA), adherence and decanting through implementation of the Central Chronic Medicine Dispensing and Distribution Programme (CCMDD).

In addition to decongesting and creating capacity at burdened healthcare facilities where medicine collection visits will be reduced, the PDUs are aimed at increasing patient convenience and flexibility in patient medicine access brought

about by extended operating hours which include weekends and public holidays

Other benefits include:

- Improving the patient experience and satisfaction by providing quality clinical care while decreasing the patient load at health facilities.
- Eliminating wastage which may arise from uncollected pre-dispensed medicine parcels.
- Improved medicine stock management and space efficiency through use of the PDU's backend compact medicine storage unit.
- The value and application of easily retrievable demographic, dispensing and product data captured and stored in the cloud-based electronic system.

According to the provincial health department, further innovation considered to address these challenges is the Parcel Collection Units where patients can collect their medication at convenient service sites. Maximisation of such innovations is required to rapidly reform the quality and efficiency of medicine dispensing.



**Trying new technology... A patient being assisted by a pharmacist to get her medication from the PDU**



# Ntombela touches the hearts of Matjhabeng residents



**To the rescue. . . Free State Premier Sisi Ntombela comforts 17-year-old Lerato Khitsane in Welkom Orange Groove yesterday**

By: Neo Ntsele

Tears, laughter, joy and sadness punctuated the Operation Hlasela outreach programme in Matjhabeng Local Municipality yesterday where Premier Sisi Ntombela attended to the needs of the orphaned, the elderly, disabled and destitute.

Ntombela took the Free State government initiative into overdrive, dishing out food parcels and blankets to disadvantaged families in the area, as well as pledging to assist with paying school fees for some local children.

Flanked by the executive mayor of the area Nkosinjani Speelman, Ntombela said government was determined to continue working hard to alleviate problems confronting residents under the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, including poverty and unemployment.

She announced her government would hire about 250 young people to work on a sewer project in the Chris Hani section, estimated to cost about R139 million.

The Premier's programme started with a visit to Odendaalsrus where she met with Thambo Square residents to discuss new developments which will soon take place in the area.

Ntombela pledged to improve infrastructure and introduce a flushing toilet system in the newly set up area. This has been one of the residents' main concerns.

Some of the residents touched by the Premier's visit include Relebohile Khitsane 21 and her younger sister Lerato Khitsane 17, from Welkom Orange Groove.

The two have been living by the grace of God ever since their grandmother died in 2010. Their situation got worse when Relebohile had a child and had drop out of school to look after her.

Ntombela came to their rescue and built a shack fully furnished at the back of the house and also donated food parcels.

Relebohile broke in to tears as she expressed how their new home will change their lives for the better.

"We have been living in dire conditions for years and our new home will not only improve our lives, but it will also restore our dignity," she said.

The premier also visited a crèche in the area which had been operating for years while covered with sewage, making it difficult for the children to fully enjoy their time there.

Ntombela prioritised their plight and urged the municipality to attend to the matter urgently to safeguard the good health of the children.

"Children are the future of our country and have to be protected by all means. The sewage will not only affect their health but also ruins their happy moments of being in crèche hence this should take priority and be dealt with today," she said.

Their next stop was More Park, where Mariah Twala and her two sons were left shattered after their house was destroyed by the heavy winds some years ago. They had to relocate after helplessly watching her house fall into pieces. Ntombela presented Twala with a new fully

furnished house and gave her keys during a touch ceremony.

Twala bust in tears as she thanked the Premier and her delegates for coming to her rescue and restoring her life.

"Mme Ntombela, you have made me feel like a woman again as I will regain my pride and provide for my children without worrying about renovating my house. May the Lord bless you and give you strength to help others like me," she said.

The Premier later focused her attention on the whole community and donated blankets to old people residing in Hani Park.

The elderly were blessed with more from the priest of Victorious Faith Ministries church Dr November, who donated a cheque of R50 000 to help families that are most needy.

November said R10 000 would be used to assist the community of Hani Park while the rest would be divided in other areas around Matjhabeng.

"As a church we realised that the Premier could not be able to reach everyone at the same time and we believe that working together we can achieve more," he noted.

Ntombela assured the residents that jobs would be created for about 250 youth through a project to install flushing toilets in the area.

The day ended on a high note when Ntombela officially opened Hani Park primary school, which was recently built for the community.

"Our job is far from being over and this is only the beginning of better things to come to our communities. This shows the ANC government will never neglect its people. Those who were not reached today it's only a matter of time before their wishes are granted and become reality," concluded Ntombela.

"This is only the beginning of better things to come in our municipality and to prove that patience is a virtue, the school is a testimony of such since it started in dire conditions", said Mayor Speelman.

The R53 million school started in 2012 with 720 learners and a few classes and today it has 1670 learners using 33 classes. It now consists of a computer lab and library for students to improve their learning skills.

## YCLSA public spat condemned



Edgar Legoale

Thuso Bokwa

By: Ramosidi Matekane

Gloves are off between the Free State provincial organiser of the Young Communist League of SA (YCLSA), Thuso Bokwa, and his comrade, secretary Mamiki Setabela over social media attacks.

The bad vibes between the two come after a Face Book posting by Bokwa where he publicised an open letter attacking Setabela and the league national secretary, Mluleki Dlelanga, accusing them of purging the movement of and failing to take it forward.

Reacting to the developments, the SACP's youth, the YCL in the Free State moved speedily to close with Setabela and Dlelanga, dismissing

He said the Fezile Dabi region of the YCL is both 'concerned and disgusted' by Bokwa's attacks, adding they come at a time when the YCLSA is preparing to participate in the December elective congress of the structure.

"We have noted with the greatest concern and disgust the social media attacks aimed at the YCLSA national secretary and the Free State provincial secretary. These attacks come at a time when the organisation is looking forward to its fifth national congress scheduled to take place in December," noted Legoale.

He pointed out that the YCLSA has already asked its provincial and national leaders to intervene in reining Bokwa in. A provincial committee should sit speedily to engage on the public attacks on the league's leaders.

Even though the YCLSA understands that leadership positions are a highly contested terrain, it is still taken aback by what Legoale termed sacrilegious, derogatory and denigrating attacks against the two top leaders in the national and provincial structures of the organisation.

He further noted the YCLSA is disturbed by the social media postings since they are being made by members serving in high positions of the SA Communist Party (SACP)'s youth formation.

In his open letter Bokwa accused Dlelanga of allegedly "purging and liquidating" the organisation.

He further blamed accuse Dlelanga of being party to 'fighting capable comrades' instead of sharpening class contradictions and taking the fight to "relevant enemies".

Lekgoale said: "As the district we are mostly disappointed by the level of ignorance of Ntate Thuso as well as the fact that he would go to the extent of exposing his intellectual deficiency just to make a point."

He added: "We find it appalling that Thuso (Bokwa) would resort to this repulsive of political approach, using gender and personal relations of the provincial secretary to justify his disturbing, odoriferous hatred and disregard

of the provincial congress that elected comrade Mamiki as the secretary."

Lekgoale added the league felt undermined by Bokwa, adding the movement made a blunder in including him as a member of the YCLSA's provincial structure.

He said: "These foreign tendencies of attacking the leadership of the league in public and irrelevant platforms are of no use to the political development and growth of our organisation."

He added Bokwa masquerade as a politically matured individual whilst he's not, calling him a 'political infant' that does not understand the virtues of democratic centralism.

The deputy secretary of the YCL in the same region, Jabulani Dlamini, said the behaviour of their provincial organiser Bokwa in attacking the elected leaders of the movement should be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

"We are awaiting a response from our national and provincial leaders to get the ball rolling and intervene in this situation, due internal disciplinary processes must be instituted against this comrade (Bokwa)," said Dlamini.

For her part, Setabela said she viewed the attacks as part of an orchestrated campaign aimed at influencing the outcomes of the upcoming YCLSA congress in December where new leaders are expected to be elected.

"It is all about the upcoming congress that much I can say about the whole situation" said Setabela, adding the YCL is dismayed and disappointed at this trait.

"We wish to take it upon ourselves as an organisation to condemn this behaviour by senior comrades to publicly label each other. This conduct is not only foreign in our ranks but equally un-organisational."

Setabela urged her comrades from 'knowingly' putting the name of the YCLSA into disrepute. "The YCLSA has always taken pride of its culture of rigorous and robust discussions. We view differences as a necessary source of development, however, will not tolerate name calling and shaming behind our banner."

Attempts to get Bokwa and Dlelanga to comment on the developments proved unsuccessful at the time of going to press.



. . . ANC deputy secretary-general Jessie Duarte

## 'ANC partners consulted on Mboweni appointment'

ANC deputy secretary-general Jessie Duarte says the ANC's alliance partners were consulted about appointing Tito Mboweni as the finance minister following Nhlanelhla Nene's resignation.

Duarte told the media at a briefing following President Cyril Ramaphosa's announcement regarding Nene's resignation, that the SACP and Cosatu had been consulted about the decision surrounding Mboweni's appointment.

She said Nene had made a decision that sits well with him and the party appreciates his decision.

Nene resigned on Tuesday following pressure for him to resign regarding his testimony at the Zondo commission.

The former minister told the inquiry that he had visited the Gupta family's Sahara Computer offices and their Saxonwold residence after he was invited to do so by Ajay Gupta. Several visits took place between 2010 and 2014 when he was deputy minister and after he was first appointed as finance minister.

This was contrary to his statements on eNCA, shortly after his removal in 2015, that he had only met the Guptas at government functions.

Duarte said Nene had not spoken to the party on whether he will resign as an ANC member of Parliament.

She said the party welcomes Mboweni's appointment as he had played a crucial role in the party's economic transformation.

Duarte also said she was willing to appear at the state capture inquiry to discuss the ANC's role in the establishment of the Gupta-owned ANN7 and The New Age newspaper.

The party has been mentioned various times at the inquiry, including in the testimony of the country's big four banks who detailed how ANC officials, including Duarte, attempted to convince the banks to reverse their decision to close Gupta related bank accounts in 2016. - IOL

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Reaching for the sky ... Jesse Suntele

# Bloem's Suntele launches music career

By: Thina Tuwane

Bloemfontein born Jesse Suntele's star continues to shine across the country, but he says his biggest achievement is being able to inspire others to reach their dreams.

From the moment he won season two of BET reality competition called Top Actor Africa series in 2016, the actor, presenter and model has not stopped making waves.

The 25 year-old is currently receiving praise for his bars on songstress Kelly Khumalo's hit single Jehovah, and his role on popular soapie Rhythm City as Mzi.

Suntele told the Weekly in an interview that he studied at the Academy of Sound Engineering and shortly after changed his profession to acting

as he could not continue to ignore his passion.

"I have always known since I was in high school that I wanted to be in entertainment and after matric I started pursuing my dreams," he recounted.

He beamed at the question of his music career that kicked off this year and said he would be focusing on releasing his own music next year.

"Being featured on Kelly khumalo's single showed me that I could achieve even greater things, and in the process inspire others to reach their dreams. I studied at CBC and Brebner in Bloemfontein just like other kids. When I hear people that I inspire them it makes me want to achieve even more," said Suntele.

He noted he was glad that he never gave up on his dreams, despite his father not being

supportive of his career when he first announced that he wanted to be in the entertainment industry.

"I had a hard time with my dad when I said I wanted to be an entertainer; however this is contrary to my mother who supports everything we do as her children, but I understood where he was coming from as a parent. I continued to pursue my dreams till I arrived where I am today and now he sees the direction I am heading."

Suntele added it was important for everyone to reach their dreams because in the end they won't be able to blame anyone for not living the life they wanted to live

"Keep doing your thing because you love it and are passionate about it; all the other things will follow afterwards," he urged.



The winner . . . Mahle Mathiba

# Free State stylist snips to the top

By: Thina Tuwane

Naval Hill Planterium buzzed with energy on Tuesday as top hair stylists from the Free State rolled up their sleeves and snipped hair in the hope of becoming the winner of the Sofnfree Hair Xperts challenge 2018.

The contest was hosted by Bloemfontein-born Mzansi's Sexiest 2018 finalist, and Rhythm City actor Jesse Suntele.

While entertaining the audience the stylists battled it out on stage with their hair masterpieces.

The hair stylists faced each other in the regional styling competition which started in other provinces. The contestants entered with photo entries and the judges selected stylists to compete in the regionals.

After a jaw-dropping exhibition of skill and artistry, and rounds of cutting and styling, the contestants ascended the stage and the winners were finally announced.

Mahle Mathiba from Kimberly was announced the winner of the challenge and will progress to the final round with two other finalists to compete for the grand prize.

The contestants from the Free State where judged on technical excellence, defying the norm, and creativity.

Mathiba couldn't contain his excitement when his name was called out as the Free State regional winner.

The confident Mathiba who started styling hair more than sixteen years ago said, "What usually works for me is to look at several pictures and I draw inspiration from that. We were given the word 'space' as a theme and that is what inspired my winning hairstyle."

Mathiba said he has been taking part in the competition for two years and is happy to be going to the finals this time around. He runs his own salon back home.

The finals will be held in Johannesburg where the contestants will be battling for the whopping grand prize of R250 000.

Trevor Mokoaleli who walked away with the top prize in last year's competition said it was an incredible platform to be recognised and win the competition.

"I have went from employee to employer; I opened my own salon, Vision Hair and Beauty Spa which is doing very well and I hope to expand in the near future and run a school of styling," noted Mokoaleli.

The Sofnfree Hair Xperts Masters Challenge started in 2014 with the aim of discovering extraordinary talent in the South African black hair industry.



Pebetse Matlaila

# Pebetse won't give up on her radio dream

Pebetse Matlaila first cut her teeth in the entertainment industry as a radio presenter on Capricorn FM but after finding fame on Skeem Saam she is preparing to launch a massive radio comeback, if only Metro FM would give her a call back.

The star, who plays the role of Mokgadi Matloga on the popular SABC 1 soapie, said told TshisaLIVE how the role of Mokgadi was created for her while on radio and she decided to throw herself into acting fully.

But she never gave up on her radio career and joked that she's sent a demo to Metro FM every year.

"Radio chose me. It started when someone came to me and said they loved my voice and asked if they could train me into presenting. I have been putting my energy in Skeem Saam but I am not even ashamed to say, every year I send my demo's to Metro," she said.

"She's dedicated the next year to finding a radio home and said she was confident it could be achieved.

"I really want to return to radio. I had the opportunity to work on Alex FM earlier this year but I am trying. I guess it will work out according to God's timing. At the right time I will go back," she noted.

Pebeste said she couldn't wait for her fans to hear her on a different platform, if only they could forget about Mokgadi.

"I think the biggest misconception is that Mokgadi and Pebetse are the same person. We couldn't be more different. I get into a different space when I play her. I mean I know that people says that she cries a lot and I'm only hired to cry but it is a skill I have had to learn and master. I want to be the best, not a one hit wonder." -Timeslive

## Soapbox

### THE QUEEN

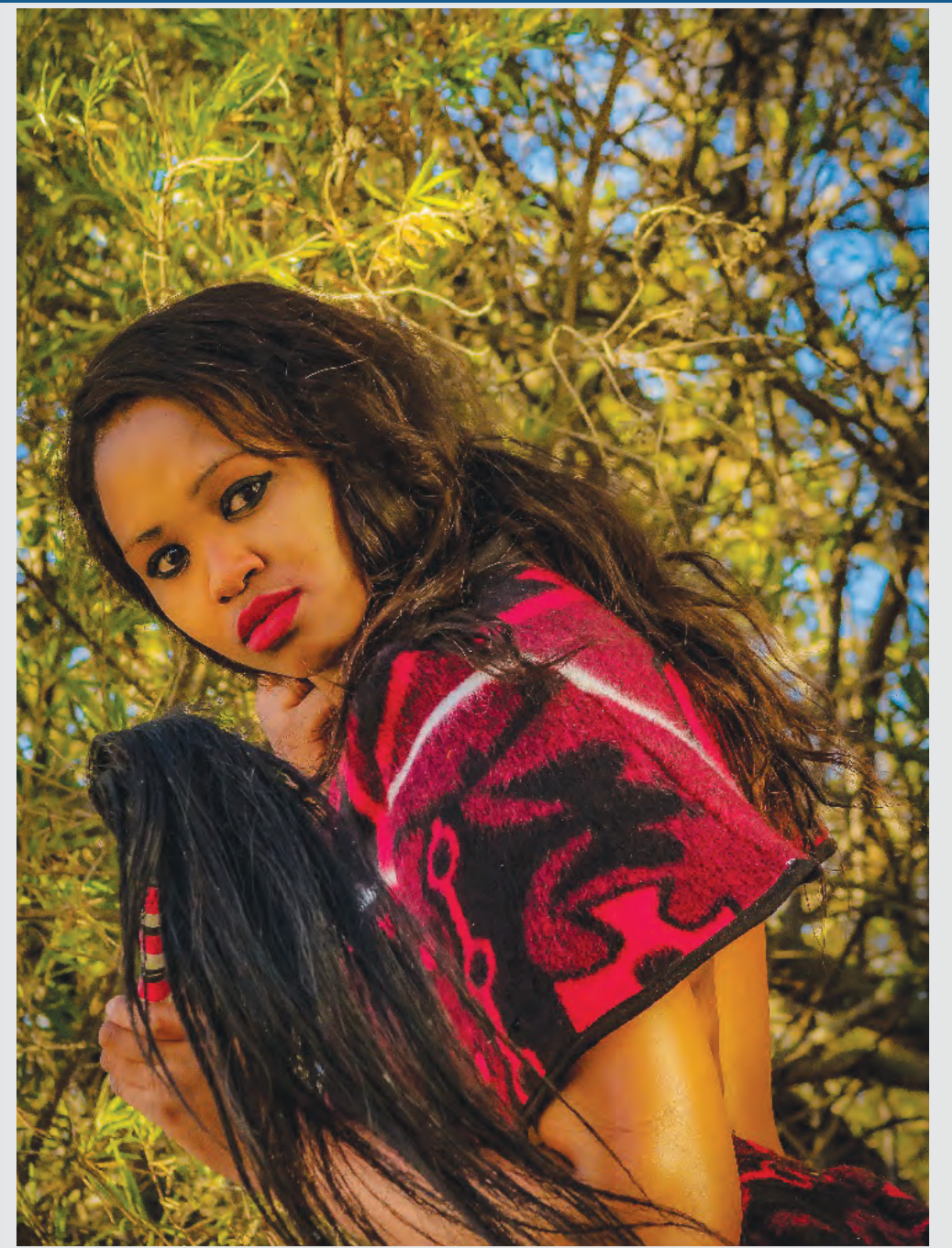
Kea opens up to Trevor. Adelaide ends things with Sthembiso. Has Kamina managed to win over the Khozas? Kagiso battles to get Kamina her papers. Kea takes a bold step with Trevor. Meanwhile, Sthembiso Radebe and Adelaide can't keep away from each other. Kagiso is amazed by Harriet's grand gesture. Kea and Trevor test the levels of their relationship. Sthembiso is sure that he has everything under control. Kagiso has a massive surprise for Kamina, while Thato comes across information that he wasn't expecting. Thato discovers a big secret that someone's been hiding, while a big revelation about someone in bed with a Khoza is also uncovered.

### RHYTHM CITY

Rene admits she is falling for Mzi. Friction brews in the office between David and Bong. Mampfo is moved by Mapula's essay. Mapula confronts her English teacher over her essay. Rene invites Mzi to move in with her. David tries to get rid of Bong. Lungile decides to investigate Onthatile's death. Pearl discovers that Mzi and Rene have moved in together. Mapula realizes that her teacher is racist.

### GENERATIONS

Lerato decides to put Bong and Lungile behind her until Bong comes to disturb her peace. Pearl makes a confession to Mzi. Mapula goes to the school principal about her teacher. Lungile wonders what Lerato is hiding. Mzi comes to talk to Pearl about what she declared last night. Mr Murray denies Mapula's allegations. Cosmo advises his sister to fight for her man. Sasha wants proof that Jack arranged Dmitry's murder. Wandile agrees to babysit Rori for the night.



Vote for our Free State finalist for Miss heritage South Africa 2018, twenty-seven year old Thobile Manka is a social sciences garduate who is passionate about modelling.



Realities of fame . . . Anele Mdoda

# Anele Mdoda talks celeb beef

The entertainment industry is like a small town where everyone knows everyone and that makes space for a lot of fake love and conflict, which often results in celebrity beef but for Anele Mdoda picking sides is her last resort.

The radio personality, who has been in the industry for over a decade shared on her Insta Stories that people often forget that celebrities are real human beings with real issues, hence they are able to have beefs.

However Anele made it clear that for her, she always gives the situation time and that she'll only choose sides when it was absolutely necessary.

"Celebrities are normal people with real insecurities and issues like less known people. I give it time and try not to pick sides until there is no other choice," she said.

The former Real Talk host has never been one

to get involved in other people's beefs, except for the one time when her sister Thembisa Mdoda went through a very public break and Anele's allegiance was clear from the get go!

As far as her own beefs go... although this was never confirmed there was huge speculation of a feud between her and Bonang Matheba on the social media streets earlier this year when it was alleged in a Sunday paper that Anele refused to do an interview with Queen B on her afternoon talk show.

Anele squashed the reports saying she had extended several invites, which Queen B never honoured. However her beef with former colleague Flo Letoaba was definitely real back in 2017, as the pair have taken jabs at each other. -Timeslive



**MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY  
SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT,  
2013 (ACT NO. 16 OF 2013)**

The application, relevant plans, documents and information will be available for inspection during office hours (08:30 – 15:00) at the office of the Administrator of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Room 1002, 10thFloor, Bram Fischer Building, Corner Nelson Mandela Drive and Markgraaf Street, Bloemfontein for a period of 30 days from the date of publication hereof.

Any person who has an interest in the matter or wishes to object to the granting of the application or who desires to be heard, or wants to make representations concerning the matter, must communicate in writing with the Town and Regional Planning Sub Directorate at the above-mentioned address, or e-mail: [patricia.maasdorp@mangaung.co.za](mailto:patricia.maasdorp@mangaung.co.za) or post at P.O. Box 3704, Bloemfontein, within a period of 30 days from the date of publication hereof, quoting your name, address, contact details, interest in the application and reasons for your comments. Any person who cannot write will be assisted by a Municipal official by transcribing their comments.

**NOTICE**

**a) Park West: Erf 2355, Bloemfontein, District Bloemfontein.**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of section 47 of Land Use Management By-law that an application has been made to remove restrictions and rezone the property. The site is located in Donald Murray Avenue, Park West, Bloemfontein.

**b) Universitas: Erf 12871, Bloemfontein, District Bloemfontein.**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of section 47 of Land Use Management By-law that an application has been made for special consent use as student dwelling on the property. The site is located in Jacobs Street, Universitas, Bloemfontein.

**c) Universitas: Erf 9109, Bloemfontein, District Bloemfontein.**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of section 47 of Land Use Management By-law that an application has been made to remove restrictions and special consent use for student dwelling on the property. The site is located in Pres Paul Kruger Avenue, Universitas, Bloemfontein.

**d) Universitas: Erf 8499, Bloemfontein, District Bloemfontein.**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of section 47 of Land Use Management By-law that an application has been made to remove restrictions and special consent use for student dwelling on the property. The site is located in Pres Paul Kruger Avenue, Universitas, Bloemfontein.

**e) Dan Pienaar: Erf 5065, Bloemfontein, District Bloemfontein.**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of section 47 of Land Use Management By-law that an application has been made to remove restrictions and rezone the property. The site is located in Louw Wepener Street, Dan Pienaar, Bloemfontein.

**f) Botshabe: Erf H2618, Botshabelo, District Thaba Nchu.**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of section 47 of Land Use Management By-law that an application has been made to subdivide and rezone the property. The site is located in Section H, Botshabelo.

# Police officer who ‘plotted’ aunt’s killing to apply for bail

**By: Martin Makoni**

A police officer based in Welkom and his three accomplices facing two counts of murder and robbery are expected back at the Kroonstad Magistrates Court on Thursday next week for a possible bail application after they made another appearance yesterday.

Diphapang Glen Mokoena, 31, who is attached to Welkom Flying Squad is believed to have hatched a sinister plan to get his aunt from Kroonstad killed by his accomplices Lebohlang Martin Pule, 37, Petrus Mareka Sehlabaka, 38, and Thabiso Makha, 33, so that he could claim money from the life policy he took out for her, in order to settle his mounting debts.

But the plan, which reads like a script from a horror movie, went horribly wrong and literally exploded in their own faces after the aunt and her son were killed, leading to their arrest within hours

Mohono, who initially played innocent until he cracked under intense interrogation on Sunday, September 30, was arrested at Kroonstad while his three accomplices were arrested near Winburg in the early hours of Monday.

According to the police, on that Sunday, Mohono was supposed to start his duty from 6pm until 6am the following day. But on arrival at work he asked for permission from his commander to go and join his wife who he said was her way to hospital with a child that wasn't feeling well.

He was allowed to leave and he took his private vehicle and left. He went on to pick up way his accomplices and instead drove to his aunt's house in Kroonstad. On arrival he left the other men a few meters away from his aunt's house. After exchanging some pleasantries with his 66-year old aunt, he asked his nephew, 32, to accompany him to the shops and buy

electricity for the house.

Mohono did this at his own volition as the aunt, who is the elder sister to his late mother, had not asked him to do so.

It is further alleged that while they were away, the suspects went to the house and pounced upon the aunt who was alone at that point.

“They strangled the aunt with a rope until they thought she had died,” said the police in a statement.

And when Mohono came back with the nephew, he dropped him off on the street and left. But when the nephew entered the house, he found his mother lying on the floor after the attack, badly injured. He immediately called the neighbours who in turn called an ambulance.

“The son then told the paramedics that he suspected his cousin was behind the attack as he is the one who took him to the shop and when they came back his mother was strangled. The paramedics phoned Mohono and told him about the situation at his aunt's house and that he must come back,” added the statement.

But because he was still driving with the other suspects, he told the paramedics that he had had a tyre puncture and he would come back soon after fixing it.

And unbeknown to everyone, they had just alerted Mohono and his accomplices that their plan had failed, allowing them to scheme another wicked plan.

When got back to the station, Mohono spun another lie to his boss saying he was still in hospital and was eventually off the rest of the night.

He headed back to Kroonstad with his accomplices, but this time on a mission to eliminate both the aunt and the son as they feared he may sell them out.

Upon arrival at his aunt's house Mohono is said to have knocked on the door with his accomplices on tow.

Two of the accomplices are believed to have strangled the son with a rope while the other one went for the aunt who was in her bedroom.

“When they were done, they stabbed both of them with knives before fleeing the scene. The motive of the killing is still to be investigated but it is alleged that the constable owed his accomplices money. It is further alleged that he insured his aunt and after the funeral he was going to claim from insurance and pay his

accomplice,” according to the police statement.

The bodies of the two were only discovered on Monday morning when a friend of the son came through as usual to fetch his friend to go and look for temporary work. .

Preliminary investigations pointed to Mohono who was then arrested at his aunt's house in Kroonstad and led police to the other suspects in Winburg.

The accomplices were found in possession of two cellphones belonging to the victims, two mink blankets, a Plasma TV and a DVD player.

This is however not the first time that Mohono has been found on the wrong side of the law. He was arrested in 2015 on allegations of armed robbery at the shop of an Ethiopian citizen. The case however never saw the light of day as it was withdrawn following the fatal shooting of the Ethiopian shop owner few days before the commencing of trial at Theunissen Magistrates Court.

Acting provincial police commissioner Major General Solly Lesia said in another statement that police won't hesitate to arrest officers breaking the law as they were tarnishing the image of the force.

“We will not hesitate to arrest some of our own implicated in committing crime. We will leave no stone unturned in dealing with conduct that defeats the objectives of the SAPS as outlined in the Constitution and SAPS Code of Conduct. Our employees are expected at all times to uphold high values” said Lesia.

The acting provincial police boss noted there only a few bad apples in the SAPS and that there were many other hardworking, honest, and committed officers who are working in line with what is expected of them.

Meanwhile, another suspect aged 39 years old was arrested in connection with the murder of Louis Siemens, who was managing director of CityMed Day Hospital. Siemens was fatally shot at Preller Square in May.

The suspect, believed to be the shooter was traced to Silver City hostel in Phahameng on Wednesday where he was arrested at about 5:30pm.

The other three suspects, including two police officers who were arrested earlier, will appear again on November 9. The police are still looking for another suspect.



## MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

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**Competitive bidding process**

BID No	Bid description	User Department	Contact person	Contact numbers	Non-refundable document fee	Document availability date	Closing Date and Time	Briefing session
RFP01/2018/19	Proposal for a service provider to unblock and desludge reticulation network, ponds, pump stations and waste water treatment works on an ad-hoc basis	Infrastructure Services	Mr. Beaven Masvoure	083 738 5909	n/a	n/a	31/10/2018	n/a

**Enquiries to be directed to Mr A Mgcina 058 813 9757**

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Valid original tax clearance certificates must be attached or pin supplied
- Company registration
- Municipal rates and taxes clearance certificates not older than 30 days or lease agreement must be attached
- CSD registration is compulsory
- BBBEE certificate or sworn affidavit

**Please note:**

- Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa requires an organ of state to contract for goods and services in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective. 2. No bid (s) will be accepted from a person in the service of the state. 3. No telegraphic, telex and late bids will be accepted. 4. The lowest bid/proposal will not be accepted and the Municipality reserves the right to accept where applicable a part of portion of any bid or where possible accepts bids or proposal from multiple bidders. 5. Municipal Supply Chain Management policy and Preferential Procurement policy Framework Act No 5 of 2000 and its regulations (2017) will be applied.

	Points
Price	80
BBBEE status of contribution	20

All completed Bid documents to be submitted at: Mafube Local Municipality, Tender Box; 64 JJ Hadebe Street; Frankfort; 9830

Evaluation criteria:  
Price  
Preference point system applicable to this bid



## FREE STATE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

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### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**Directions to applicants:** Applications must be submitted on Form Z83, obtainable from any Public Service Department and must be accompanied by certified copies of qualifications, driver's license, identity document and a C.V. (Separate application for every vacancy). Applicants are requested to complete the Z83 form properly and in full. Qualification certificates must not be copies of certified copies. Applicants received after the closing date and those that do not comply with these instructions will not be considered. The onus is on the applicants to ensure that their applications are posted or hand delivered timeously. Candidates who possess foreign qualifications and/or short courses certificates must take it upon themselves to have their qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), and must please attach proof of the level of their qualifications after evaluation on all applications. No e-mailed or faxed applications will be considered. Applicants are respectfully informed that if no notification of appointment is received within 4 months of the closing date, they must accept that their application was unsuccessful.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO:** Head: Public Works and Infrastructure, P.O. Box 7551, Bloemfontein, 9300 or Applications that are hand delivered must be brought to the Foyer of OR Tambo House where they must be placed in the appropriately marked box at: Security Ground Floor, OR Tambo House, St. Andrews Street, Bloemfontein.

**OFFICE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY STAFF IN OFFICES IN THE BUILDING.**

**CLOSING DATE:** 2 November 2018

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
REFERENCE NO: **PWI 18/02**

**SALARY:** SMS Level 14 – An all-inclusive package of R1 189 338,00 per annum. The remuneration package consists of a basic salary (70%), the Employer contribution to the Government Employee Pension Fund and flexible portion, which may be structured in terms of the rules for the structuring of the flexible portion and which may include a 13th cheque, motor car allowance, home owner's allowance and medical aid assistance.

**CENTRE/S:** BLOEMFONTEIN

**REQUIREMENTS:** An appropriate postgraduate tertiary qualification in Accounting or Financial Management with proven managerial experience; Extensive knowledge of and experience in Public Service financial management; Excellent written and verbal communication skills; Driver license (code B); Appointment is subject to the following: Performance Agreement, Vetting, SMS Contract, Competency Assessment, and Financial Disclosure. NB: Shortlisted candidates will be subjected to a technical exercise that intends to test relevant technical elements of the job, the logistics of which will be communicated.

**KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:** Develop, implement and maintain appropriate mechanisms to timeously respond to the changing needs for financial information, the interpretation thereof and the rendering of technical advice to the Accounting Officer; Ensuring that the financial resources and assets of the Department are utilized effectively and economically to realize the objectives of the Strategic Plan; Ensuring that all conditional grants and donor funds where appropriate are properly managed and financial reports prepared; Provide technical advice to Line Managers to ensure the equitable allocation, maintenance and effective utilization of resources in line with the Strategic Objectives of the Department, legislative imperatives and good governance arrangements; Meet the reporting requirements and standards under the PFMA, Division of Revenue Act and financial statements; Ensure adequate internal financial control arrangements and systems for the accountable delegation of financial powers, asset security, monitoring, evaluation, early warning and timely corrective action; Assist the Accounting Officer by applying cost benefit analysis principles assuring value for money; Oversee the budgetary process within the Department, exercise budgetary control and provide at a strategic level early warning arrangements; Develop and facilitate the implementation of the Supply Chain Management System arrangements; Develop and facilitate the implementation of the Supply Chain Management System consistent with legislative and other good governance arrangements; Oversee the preparation and submission of the annual financial statements and liaison with the Auditor-General in this regard; Assist with the implementation of the Division of Revenue Act; Liaise with the relevant role-players within the three spheres of government in the financial environment regard transversal financial and related corporate governance matters.

**ENQUIRIES:** Ms G. Brown, Head of Department (Telephone number: 051-492 3909)

**POST: CHIEF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER GRADE A (PROFESSIONAL) 2 POSTS PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT (PMU)**  
REFERENCE NO: **PWI 18/16**

**SALARY:** OSD Grade A – An all-inclusive package of R991 281 – R1 133 427 per annum. The remuneration package consists of the basic salary, the Government's Employee Pension Fund and flexible portion, which may be structured in terms of the rules for the structuring of the flexible portion and which may include a 13th cheque, motor car allowance, home owner's allowance and medical aid assistance.

**CENTRE/S:** BLOEMFONTEIN

**REQUIREMENTS:** Undergraduate NQF level 6 qualification in the Built Environment and a minimum of 6 years' experience in the construction environment. Compulsory Registration with the SACPPM as a Professional Construction Project Manager. A valid driver's license.

**Competencies:** Programme and project management, Project management skills, principles and methodologies, Project and professional judgment, Computer-aided engineering and project applications, Project design and analysis knowledge, Project operational communication, Process knowledge and skills, Maintenance skills and knowledge, Mobile equipment operating skills, Legal and operational compliance, Research and development, Creating high performance culture, Technical consulting, Strategic capability and leadership, Problem solving and analysis, Decision making, Team leadership, Creativity, Financial management, Customer focus and responsiveness Communication, Computer skills, People management, Planning and organizing, Conflict management, Negotiation skills, Change management.

**DUTIES:** Oversee the implementation of projects. Project Design and analysis effectiveness. Planning and Maintain project operational effectiveness. Planning and execution of in-house planned projects and manage the planning and execution of projects where consultants are appointed. Evaluate construction activities to ensure that consultant designs are executed and performed to acceptable standards and investigate cause on non-compliance. Approve fee accounts of consultants and payments of final accounts of consultants and payments of final accounts to contractors of engineering services. Check tender documents for inviting tenders recommended contractors or professional engineers on the roster of consultants and perform other admin work. Oversee that legal and environmental requirements are adhered to and provide advice guidance to personnel, consultants and contractors regarding the implementation of all relevant acts, working procedures and construction methods. Attend meetings with client departments of projects in a planning stage and site meetings during the execution of projects. Train and oversee candidate construction project managers to ensure their registration as professional.

**ENQUIRIES:** Mr Stan Diakos Telephone no. 051-492 3811

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### MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 16 OF 2013)

The application, relevant plans, documents and information will be available for inspection during office hours (08h00 – 15h00) at the office of the Town and Regional Planning Sub-directorate of the **Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Room 802, 8th Floor, Bram Fischer Building, Corner Nelson Mandela Drive and Markgraaf Street, Bloemfontein** for a period of 30 days from the date of publication hereof, namely Friday 12 October 2018.

Any person who has an interest in the matter or who wishes to object to the granting of the application or who desires to be heard, or wants to make representations concerning the matter, must communicate in writing with the Town and Regional Planning Sub-directorate of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality at the above-mentioned address, or e-mail: [patricia.maasdorp@mangaung.co.za](mailto:patricia.maasdorp@mangaung.co.za), or post to P.O. Box 3704, Bloemfontein, 9301 within a period of 30 days from the date of publication hereof, namely 12 October 2018 – 12 November 2018, quoting your name, address, contact details, interest in the application and reasons for your comments. The Municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Any person who cannot write will be assisted by a Municipal official by transcribing their comments.

**NOTICE**

**a) Bloemfontein: Erven 298, 2743 and 2744, Westdene, Bloemfontein**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of Section 47 and Section 50 (1) (a) & (g) and 50 (5) of the Mangaung Metro Municipality Municipal Land Use Planning By-laws (2015) that an application has been submitted for the removal of restrictive Title Deed conditions A. (a) and (b) in Deed of Transfer T9251/2006 pertaining to Erf 298, conditions 1.: 1. and 2. in Deed of Transfer T1646/2015 pertaining to Erf 2743 and conditions 2. (a) and (b) in Deed of Transfer T1646/2015 pertaining to Erf 2744 AND rezoning of Erven 298, 2743 and 2744 from “Single Residential 2” to “Restricted Business 2” AND consolidation of Erven 2743 and 2744 to establish an office development on the properties AND Erf 298 and the Proposed Consolidated Property (Erven 2743 and 2744) will be notationally tied in order to make provision for adequate parking. The sites are located at 57 Brill Street, Westdene, Bloemfontein.

**b) Bloemfontein: Erf 2364, Park West, Bloemfontein**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of Section 47 and Section 50 (1) (a) & (g) and 50 (5) of the Mangaung Metro Municipality Municipal Land Use Planning By-laws (2015) that an application has been submitted for the removal of restrictive Title Deed conditions 1. and 2. in Title Deed T10788/2017, amendment of the Bloemfontein Town Planning Scheme No. 1 of 1954 by the insertion of the new zoning “Special Use” and rezoning of Erf 2364 from “Single Residential 2” to “Special Use” to allow for a motor dealership with showroom(s) and administrative offices and amenities incidental to the running of a motor dealership. The Gross Leasable Area (GLA) is restricted to 573m². The site is located at 86 Donald Murray Avenue (corner of Parfitt Avenue, Victoria Road and Donald Murray Avenue), Park West, Bloemfontein.

**c) Bloemfontein: The Farm Rossdale 2105, Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein District**

It is hereby notified for general information in terms of the provisions of Section 47 and Section 50 (1) (a) & (g) and 50 (5) of the Mangaung Metro Municipality Municipal Land Use Planning By-laws (2015) that an application has been submitted for the amendment of the Bainsvlei Town Planning Scheme No. 1 of 1984 by the insertion of the new zoning “Special Use” and rezoning of The Farm Rossdale 2105, Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein from “Holdings” to “Special Use” in order to allow for the following uses with their restricted maximum allowable floor area: Conference facilities 1 225m², Chapel 285m², Restaurant and coffee shop 81m², Overnight accommodation restricted to 45 rooms and Ancillary offices and “Curios” 560m² as well as Residential and Agricultural [provided that not more than 2 dwellings may be erected on the property (excluding dwellings for labourers who are in service of the owner and employed on the property)]. The site is located at 6 Maluti Avenue (turns from the Kenilworth Road), Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein.





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**Demand reasonable . . . Cosatu provincial spokesman Monyatso Mahlatsi**

## Cosatu backs cash guards' salary hike demand

By: Ramosidi Matekane

Cosatu in the Free State has thrown its weight behind striking SBV cash-in-transit security officers affiliated to trade union SASBO who are demanding a salary increase similar to that of members of the Motor Traders Union of SA (MTUSA).

The strike action by the SASBO members emanates from a wage agreement that the union entered into with the employer on September 1 last year and will run until 2019.

SASBO contends in court papers that during the period of the agreement the employer entered into another wage deal with MTUSA, on more favourable terms than the ones it scored for its own members, resulting in prejudice against it and loss of membership.

Cosatu provincial spokesman Monyatso Mahlatsi said the demand for better and equal pay by the workers is both reasonable and within the reach of the employer.

Mahlatsi said Cosatu fully supports the strike by the SBV security officers on the grounds that the employer had consistently reneged on reaching an amicable solution for five months starting in April.

## Tourism product owners awarded

By: Neo Ntsele

About 20 excelling tourism product owners in the Free State were this week honoured at a glittering 2018 Lilizela Tourism Awards ceremony in Bloemfontein.

Held under the theme "Honouring the best of the best", this year's awards celebrated local tourism product owners and treated them like tourists in their own backyard.

The accolades are an initiative of the National Department of Tourism (NDT) led by South African Tourism and hosted by the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa.

The awards are aimed at recognising and celebrating tourism businesses for their contribution to South Africa's global competitiveness and growing the sector's contribution towards the country's gross domestic product (GDP) as well as job creation.

Acting department of tourism head Dr Mbulelo Nokwequ said recent research had shown a significant increase in the number of international arrivals to the Free State.

Nokwequ noted this was reason enough to work harder towards ensuring services offered are of high standard to attract even more tourists to the province.

He also emphasised the importance of transformation in the tourism sector. "The South African tourism industry is essential for transformation and development both economically and socially. These awards should also support the government's resolve for radical socio economic transformation."

The competition was divided into four categories; service excellence, entrepreneurship, sustainable development, and the MEC award.

Free State was represented by 63 tourism players and businesses with 37 making it to the finals. A total of 20 winners were bestowed with awards, giving them an opportunity to compete with winners from other provinces in the national competition taking place next month.

One of the winners, Satty Mdhuli, the founder of Thabile Tours and Shuttle services, praised the awards for the exposure they provide to tourism products owners and establishments.

"My business has grown tremendously because of such competitions. We do not only operate locally but we also transport tourists to countries such as Malawi, Botswana and Lesotho," she noted.

Monate Ntate of WA Phokeng Lodge in Mangaung metro municipality scooped the MEC award.

put security officers' lives at high risk.

He further warned that business outlets stand to be on the receiving end of the strike by the officers who are responsible for delivering and collecting cash to most establishments in the province.

"The SBV members handle bulk cash and make deliveries to stores and banks across the province and some impact may be felt during the strike," Mahlatsi adding the blame for any cash shortages in businesses during the strike should be placed at the door of the employers.

"We declare our unwavering support to our affiliate SASBO on this action and we understand fully that this was their last option after the employer showed no appetite to resolve these matters after more than five months since April 2018," he noted.

The labour court in Johannesburg issued a strike notice by the union on September 11, just a day after the union had withdrawn an earlier application for a strike at the same court.

SBV presently employs 6043 permanent employees; 1549 of whom are members of SASBO while the rest, 3098, belong to trade union Motor Transport Workers Union (MTWU).

One guard speaking on condition of anonymity said he is prepared to down tools and join the strike whether it is protected or not.

"It can't be right that there are double standards here; one company entering into two different set of salary deals with its employees belonging to different unions. If this is not discrimination then I do not know what it is," said the officer.

He noted the intransigence of the company in meeting their demands is an 'insult' to their loyalty when executing their duties, often at great risk of losing their lives.

The company was unreachable for comment at the time of going to press.

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NKETOANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



BID Number:	Description	Evaluation Criteria	Bid Fee	Closing date and time	Compulsory Briefing Meeting	Technical Contact Person
NKT183/2018	Request for suitable service provider to develop, design, host and maintaining the municipal website (including e-mail system).	80/20 The bids will be evaluated in terms of price and functionality.	R1000.00	09 November 2018 @ 12:00pm	Briefing and presentation will be held on 23 October 2018 Reitz Municipal Offices @ 10:00	Me J C Msibi 058 863 2811
NKT184/2018	Supply, installation, management and training of electronic access control system.	80/20 The bids will be evaluated in terms of price and functionality.	R1000.00	09 November 2018 @ 12:00pm	23 October 2018 Reitz Municipal Offices @ 12:00	Mr Kido Nhlapo 058 863 2811
NKT185/2018	Appointment of a panel of legal service providers for a period of 36 months.	80/20 The bids will be evaluated in terms of functionality.	R1000.00	09 November 2018 @ 12:00pm		Mr Kido Nhlapo 058 863 2811

**Bids terms and conditions:**

- Bids will be evaluated and adjudicated in accordance with the Supply Chain Management Policy of Nketoana Local Municipality
- The briefing meeting where indicated is compulsory, and no bids will be considered if the meeting was not attended by the bidder or representative thereof
- Bid documents will be available at the Nketoana Local Municipality, Cnr Church and Voortrekker street Reitz from 10:00 on Tuesday, 23 October 2018 or it can be downloaded on e-tender.
- A non-refundable bid document fee is payable in cash between 07:30 and 16:00 at the Cashiers
- The Municipality reserves the right to accept the bid in part
- Bids endorsed with their specific bid number must be placed in the bid box located at Nketoana Local Municipality
- Late bids will not be accepted
- Responding bidders must be registered on the Central Supplier Database
- Incomplete bids may be disqualified
- No faxed or e-mailed bids will be accepted
- An original valid Tax Clearance Certificate obtainable from SARS; and
- A BBBEE Certificate obtained from IRBA or a verification agency accredited by SANAS

- or Sworn affidavit
- Copy of CK/Company registration
- The current account of water, lights and Rates obtainable from any Local or Metropolitan Municipality not later than three months.
- The Municipality reserves the right to accept any bid price and not necessarily the lowest and to withdraw any bid before the award.
- Bidders must comply with the requirements as specified in a bid documents, failure to comply may lead to non-consideration (disqualification)
- According to the Supply Chain Management regulations issued by the Minister of Finance in terms of Section 168 of the MFMA, Act 56 of 2003 persons in the service of the State such as Councillors, and other elected representative (MPs, MPLs) public servants, national and provincial, municipal officials, directors of public and municipal entities are barred from engaging in business with the Municipality.
- Municipal Supply chain management policy and Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act No 5 of 2000 (80/20 or 90/10) preferential points allocation system in line with revised Procurement Regulations of 2017 by using the balance scorecard methodology) will be applied.

M P Manzi  
Municipal Manager

# Alleged gangsters deny killing rivals

By: Martin Makoni

A police officer who was among the first to arrive at the scene of crime following the brutal killing of three gang members by alleged rivals, has described what he saw as horrific and shocking.

Constable Daniel Khumalo, who is stationed at Heidedal Police Station told the Free State High Court at the beginning of the trial of the 14 alleged Born To Kill (BTK) gang members accused of robbing and killing three members of the Maroma Gang last year that three bodies with several stab wounds were lying in an open veld behind Lemo Mall when he attended to the scene.

"The bodies had several stab wounds and some had been covered by the other officers who had arrived earlier," Khumalo told court as he led evidence with senior prosecutor Antoinette Ferreira.

The youthful BTK members aged between 18 and 29 years old were arrested following the killing of rivals Lefa Soaisa, 19, Vuyani Jacob Makhapela, 16, and Mojafela Nathan France, 17, near Lemo Mall in Bloemside, Bloemfontein at the end of January last year.

All the accused who spoke through interpreter Jeremia Tollie pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The 14 are each facing seven charges including three of murder, three of robbery with aggravating circumstances and contravening a section of the Act against gang related offences.

The accused are Ditaba Petrus Mafahle, 21, Molefa Karel Shangane, 29, Kabelo Simon Senoge, 25, Teboho James Mokoai, 24, Lebohang George Teele, 24, Mosa Enerst Maharashtra, 23, Pogisho Paul Nathan's, 21, Zwelinlungile Nlathi, 20, Zamile Tyunthyutha, 27, Bongani Gift Pitso,

18, Vuyano Simon Mokgoadi, 20, Tseko Edward Sias, 20, Sefale John Molefe, 20 and Teboho Solomon Ntsheno, who is accused number 15.

Accused 14, Karabo Keneth Thitha, 18, is expected to stand trial alone after he failed to turn up for court this week and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

According to the state, between January 30 and 31, the accused are said to have unlawfully and intentionally participated in, or were members of a criminal gang and wilfully participated in the gruesome acts that led to the loss of life and property.

The accused are said to have pretended to be members of the Maroma Gang and told the three that they were in Namibia Square to look for members of the BTK Gang.

As they approached Lemo Mall, the accused are said to have told the deceased that they were in fact BTK gang members and that accused 15 was in fact, "Dimeche".

The accused allegedly encircled the trio and started stabbing them with knives after which they took some of their belongings, including a pair of Adidas takkies and a blue K-Way hat.

Also taking the witness stand when the trial started was Dimakatso Makate who bought the takkies from accused 5 for R150 but only paid R100 and promised to pay the balance in about a week's time.

The state has lined up about 36 witnesses but it's not clear how many witnesses the defence will call.

Advocate Pieter Nel is representing accused 1, 2, 3 and 6-15. Advocate Vasiliki Patrinos is representing accused 4 while Joseph Kgoelanya of Kgoelanya Attorneys is defending accused 5.

They are being instructed by Legal Aid. The trial continues.

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BID NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT	LOCAL CONTENT REQUIREMENT	EVALUATION CRITERIA	CIDB GRADING	PRICE (Non-refundable)	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	CONTACT PERSON (TECHNICAL)	SCM CONTACT PERSON	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
MMM/BID 483: 2018/2019	THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL INSPECTION, THICKNESS TESTING AND HYDRAULIC PRESSURE TESTING OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, ACT 85 OF 1993 AS AMENDED FOR THE PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> None	4ME/3ME PE or Higher	R 252.00	Date:23 October 2018  Venue: Bunga A, Bram Fischer building, corner Nelson Mandela road and Markgraaf Street, Bloemfontein, 9300  Time:10:00	Mvula Nhlapo @ 051 405 8262. Email:mvula.nhlapo@mangaung.co.za.  Tlhoriso Kome @ 051 405 8200. Email:tlhoriso.kome@mangaung.co.za	Mahlomola Makapane @051 411 32319. Email:mahlomola.makapane@mangaung.co.za  Ntombikayise Hlongwane @051 411 3234. Email:ntombikayise.hlongwane@mangaung.co.za	Date: 14 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 484: 2018/2019	RENDERING OF THE NECESSARY LABOUR, MATERIAL, SPARES AND REPAIR WORK IN RESPECT OF ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE WORK TO MANGAUNG METRO MUNICIPALITY FOR TWO YEARS	Only EME or QSE tenderers having Level 1 BBBEE status contributor will be allowed to bid.  <b>A tenderer that fails to meet the above mentioned pre-qualifying criteria stipulated in the tender document will be regarded as an unacceptable tender</b>	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	3EB/2EB PE or Higher	R 252.00	Date:23 October 2018  Venue: Bunga A, Bram Fischer building, corner Nelson Mandela road and Markgraaf Street, Bloemfontein, 9300  Time:10:30	Mvula Nhlapo @ 051 405 8262. Email:mvula.nhlapo@mangaung.co.za.  Tlhoriso Kome @ 051 405 8200. Email:tlhoriso.kome@mangaung.co.za	Mahlomola Makapane @051 411 32319. Email:mahlomola.makapane@mangaung.co.za  Portia Mollo @ 051 411 3234. Email:portia.mollo@mangaung.co.za	Date: 14 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 485: 2018/2019	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION OF WATER METERS TO MMM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.	Only tenderers having Level 1 BBBEE status contributor will be allowed to bid.  <b>A tenderer that fails to meet the above mentioned pre-qualifying criteria stipulated in the tender document will be regarded as an unacceptable tender</b>	Not Applicable	90-Price 10-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	None	R1 009.00	None	Betty Manyama @ 051 405 8145. Email:betty.manyama@mangaung.co.za	Beverley Scheepers @ 051 411 3219. Email:beverley.scheepers@mangaung.co.za  Lindiwe Ndebele @051 411 3234. Email:lindiwe.ndebele@mangaung.co.za	Date:15 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 486 : 2018/2019	BINDING OF LEGAL DEPOSIT MATERIAL FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	None	R 252.00	Date:24 October 2018  Venue: Bloemfontein Public Library c/o Charles & Westburger Streets  Time:10:00	Zodwa Sidlayi @ 051 405 8867. Email:zodwa.sidlayi@mangaung.co.za	Thabo Mkuzangwe @ 051 411 3219. Email:Thabo.mkuzangwe@mangaung.co.za.  Majalefa Thipe @ 051 411 3234. Email:Majalefa.thipe@mangaung.co.za	Date:16 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 487 : 2018/2019	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL : FORMULATION OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION STRATEGY FOR MANGAUNG	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	None	R 353.00	None	Dr Moekeetsi Sefika @ 051 405 8952. Email:moekeetsi.sefika@mangaung.co.za	Mahlomola Makapane @051 411 32319. Email:mahlomola.makapane@mangaung.co.za  Lindiwe Ndebele @051 411 3234. Email:lindiwe.ndebele@mangaung.co.za	Date:20 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 488 : 2018/2019	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL : FORMULATION OF THE MANGAUNG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	None	R 353.00	None	Dr Moekeetsi Sefika @ 051 405 8952. Email:moekeetsi.sefika@mangaung.co.za	Beverley Scheepers @ 051 411 3219. Email:beverley.scheepers@mangaung.co.za  Ntombikayise Hlongwane @051 411 3234. Email:ntombikayise.hlongwane@mangaung.co.za	Date:20 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 489: 2018/2019	SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRACKING DEVICES	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	None	R 353.00	None	Siphosethu Zumana @ 051 405 8099. Email:siphosethu.zumana@mangaung.co.za  Mompoti Thale @ 051 405 8791. Email:mompoti.thale@mangaung.co.za	Beverley Scheepers @ 051 411 3219. Email:beverley.scheepers@mangaung.co.za  Portia Mollo @ 051 411 3234. Email:portia.mollo@mangaung.co.za	Date:21 November 2018  Time:11:30
MMM/BID 490: 2018/2019	REFUSE COLLECTION FOR BUSINESSES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	80-Price 20-B-BBEE  <b>Functionality</b> Details in the document	None	R 353.00	Date:25 October 2018  Venue: Bunga A, Bram Fischer building, corner Nelson Mandela road and Markgraaf Street, Bloemfontein, 9300  Time:10:00	Neo Shapu @ 074 057 4229. Email:neo.shapu@mangaung.co.za	Thabo Mkuzangwe @ 051 411 3219 Email:Thabo.mkuzangwe@mangaung.co.za.  Majalefa Thipe @ 051 411 3234. Email:Majalefa.thipe@mangaung.co.za	Date:22 November 2018  Time:11:30

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# Tsiu takes Primary Health Care (PHC) to the People

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Free State MEC for Health:  
Honourable Montseng Tsiu

## Portfolio Committee lauds FS Health on good performance

She was brand new MEC of Health who landed on the ground running by providing leadership, building partnerships and inspiring the institution to perform at its peak to achieve great things.

She was hardly a month in office but she boldly and competently represented the department before the National Portfolio Committee on Health. This highly critical committee had previously visited the province and had roasted the Department in Parliament the previous year 2017.

The soft drizzling weather in Cape Town on the long afternoon of 13 June 2018 was different to the temperature inside the chambers of Parliament where a well-informed committee on health was critically receiving the presentation by a delegation ably led by MEC Tsiu. The storm was credibly weathered at this 2018 round of the Portfolio Committee Sitting.

This moment of accounting to parliament was described as comprehensive and delivered with flair. The committee was pleased that the department demonstrated that it had a plan for every area of weakness in the report of the Office on Health Standards Compliance.

The Department was congratulated for the improved audit outcomes 2016/2017 with Thabo Mofutsanyana named as the only district in the country to receive a Clean Audit on predetermined objectives.

The Free State MEC for Health acknowledged the kind remarks by the Committee. The committee by its own admission has never openly appreciated a presentation by any other province since it was

established in 2014.

"This is not a moment to be complacent but to acknowledge the hard work that went into preparing this report which reflects our work on the ground. We have heard what the Committee is advising; we accept the criticism in the areas where we were not clear at the beginning but we are committed to ensuring that we strengthen our plans to deliver quality health services to our people" said Tsiu.

"The onus is upon the Department to never look back but to ensure that it strengthens the pillars for quality health care provision, improve the environment in which health care is provided, and ensure that it curbs the scourge of quintuple burden of diseases for an increased life expectancy of the people that it serves" asserted a buoyant Tsiu after her maiden appearance at the Portfolio Committee.

The quintuple burden of diseases is made up of the most leading causes of death in the country namely; HIV/AIDS and TB, Mother and Child death, Trauma, Violence and Injury, Non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes etc and Mental Health.

After this spectacular performance, the Free State Department of Health has never looked back as it moved mountains to secure an unqualified Audit Opinion 2017/2018 for the second year running with fixed focus on the ultimate prize of a Clean Audit by 2018/2019.

This change of fortunes reflects the hard work and determination by a Department that had previously failed to attain good audit outcomes for 13 years.



By self-admission, the Department is committed to ensuring that the good financial position and outstanding performance is reflected in the patient experience of quality services in the hospitals and clinics.

An emotionally charged Head of Department, Dr. David Motau promised consequences for managers

who are not pulling their weight to improve patient experience of care.

A determined Dr. Motau has already assembled a formidable team to bolster the team's efforts that will focus on improving and adding impetus on the Service Delivery Outcomes and better Audit Outlook of the Department as we go towards Audit 2018/19.

## Media: A partner in development

The Free State Department of Health has embraced the media as a vital institution to facilitate a two-way exchange between itself and the citizens.

The department facilitates its media engagement through designated channels.

The MEC is the Communicator-in-Chief whilst the Head of Department is the Chief Information Officer. The Spokesperson is the frontline of enabling a professional relationship between the Department and the media.

MEC Tsiu has adopted an open relationship of mutual respect between the Department and the media.

She insists that the media must be treated with the utmost professionalism so that it can report accurately on service delivery achievements and also serve as a credible voice of the people.

"We take the role that is played by the media very seriously and we are of the opinion that the media must also recognize its developmental role in society. The media can help government to simplify things, so that our people can have easy access to the vital information about the services they need to survive and improve their lives. The media must also be credible, so that we can trust them when they report issues and when they report about things they can be believable to our people," said Tsiu.

The MEC noted her department was committed to sustaining a working relationship with the diverse media as partners in service delivery.

"We have mainstream and community media and we accord the same level of respect to all of them because they are our channels to dissemination of information to various sectors of our population," she pointed out.

The advent of social media and citizen journalism has widened the channels and speed of information dissemination. However, we have to be extra cautious about what is considered news because "fake news" is very harmful to the integrity of people and institutions.

The MEC urged citizens to create channels of closeness with the department so that they can easily verify any information about services rendered by

the department whenever they are uncertain about anything or find themselves confused.

Feel free to access the Department through the Toll Free Line 0800 53 55 54 for complaints and compliments. Social media pages are increasingly used as channels for information dissemination

Communities can talk to us about their experiences and we can widen access of dialogue through our social media pages on Facebook – Free State Department of Health. We are on Twitter at fs\_health and on Instagram as fshealth. We ask our communities to engage with us there under the hashtag of #phc4u.

## MEC visits health care facilities

In order to effect an objective service delivery improvement to the various health facilities of the Free State, Health MEC Montseng Tsiu embarked on unannounced and service delivery monitoring visits to ascertain the state of infrastructure, levels of staffing, availability and functionality of medical equipment and availability of medicines amongst others.

In doing so, the MEC took valuable time out of her demanding schedule and visited health facilities from May when she assumed office to date.

Among those facilities visited by the MEC are Pelonomi, National, Bongani, Manapo, Makeneng

Clinic, Phekolong, Dihlabeng, Boitumelo, Albert Nzula, Mafube Hospital and the two local clinics in Frankfort, Dr Pedro Clinic in Botshabelo, as well as Hani Park Clinic in Welkom.

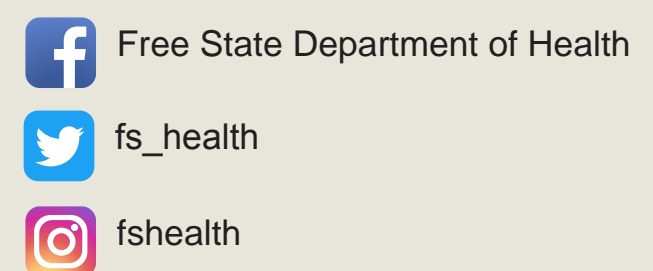
During these monitoring visits Tsiu underscored critical services delivery improvements. These led to better conditions of service for various categories of officials such as the employment of nurses at Pelonomi maternity ward, insourcing of workers at Free State Psychiatric Complex, acceleration of employment of doctors, nurses and other support services.

The MEC encountered pockets of excellence whilst

also being exposed to good health practices and innovations such as the open heart surgery conducted by Dr. SJ Moloi and Dr. A Garcia.

It was evident out of the visits that Dihlabeng Hospital is an overall achiever on many fronts from clinical governance, good financial and resource management as well as infrastructure maintenance.

"This is a model institution in the Free State from whom many others must come learn and benchmark for good health care practices. The hospital was in the news for wrong reasons not so long ago but it has turned the corner and has never looked back. It is our beacon of hope and we intend to use it as a standard for all other health facilities in the Free State," the MEC noted.





# Tsiu takes Primary Health Care (PHC) to the People

## Deepening commitment by action beyond words



Free State MEC for Health:  
Honourable Montseng Tsiu



## FS integrates Cuba-trained doctors into SA health system

The Department of Health welcomed back 117 fifth year South African students who trained as medical doctors in Cuba.

These students are being integrated into the SA health system as from August 1, 2018. During their 18-month training program, the 117 students will be placed at various higher institutions in the country. As an extension of their training platform, they will be placed at various hospitals in the province. In January 2020, the students will commence their two-year internship in South Africa.

To be consistent with the integration program the other 44 fourth year students and below were also taken through electives programs at various health facilities nearer to their homes whilst on holiday until end of September 2018. These students were not yet qualified to handle patients; their

electives provided for them to observe as patients were being treated by qualified health care practitioners as part of their training. The programs are making the students to be ready to serve their country whenever they are called to do so.

This program emanates from the bilateral agreement that was signed in 1996 between former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa and former Cuban President Fidel Castro. The visionary leadership of these iconic revolutionaries and statesmen gave birth to the programme of training of South African medical students in Cuba to become doctors.

The late former statesmen carefully crafted a mutually beneficial agreement that would see Cuba assisting a newly inaugurated South African government with doctors.

This was whilst the two countries were slowly building the capacity to train young South African doctors in Cuba that would meet the future primary health care needs of South Africans.

The programme constituted a tiny minute of the education and skills development programmes of the Free State Provincial Government. It was until the year 2012 that the Free State consciously took a decision to massively invest in education and skills development.

The Free State Provincial Government initially sent 210 students to Cuba since 2012 on a full scholarship. Currently there are 187 students in Cuba (23 students exited the programme due to various reasons such as academic exclusion, death, and ill-health).

The Department of Health was assigned from 2012 by the Provincial Government to look after the well-being of these students, provide academic and psychosocial support, as well as to help them with other coping mechanisms that would result in them completing the programme and making this a worthy investment for the province and the country.

The Nelson Mandela Fidel Castro Scholarship Programme is a significant intervention in curbing the scourge of scarcity of doctors and medical professionals. This would impact positively to the lowering and ultimate eradication of the increasing burden of diseases and strengthening the Primary Health Care perspective of government. This is about strengthening the capacity of a preventative health care system which capacitates the clinics to be able to provide prevention of

diseases as opposed to the more heavy reliance on the more expensive hospital based curative system of care. This coincides with the vision articulated by MEC Tsiu for strengthening of primary health care.

Cuba is the leading country on primary health care and was the first to be validated, in 2015, for having eliminated mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis. It was recently validated again for two more years.

Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Director-General, expressed his gratitude to Cuba for the example and role it has played in protecting others against diseases all over the world.

## Tsiu boosts morale of health professionals

"The job of a nurse is a handful of many things that are essential to the well-being of people from cradle to grave. Nurses are responsible for teaching communities preventive care so that people are not easily affected by different diseases. They are expected to be compassionate when dealing with someone who is sick by ensuring that the person receives good care. We expect them to be humble and give respect to the person they are treating," said MEC Montseng Tsiu on the occasion of International Nurses Day.

The celebration coincides with the birthday of Florence Nightingale, famously known as the Lady with the Lamp.

MEC Tsiu had just arrived, hardly a week in the Department but because of her previous public service responsibility as provincial director of nursing, she knew exactly what the nurses and other allied professionals needed to have their morale boosted

towards services excellence. She recounted how nursing was practiced in previous years when she was a young lady in the rural outpost of QwaQwa. "If I have to compare the time I started working as a nurse in the former homelands of QwaQwa, there is a lot of improvement. At that time, when working in the clinics, say over the weekends, only one professional nurse would be on duty. There would be no clerk, no cleaner, and no security. You will be the alone but you will be able to see 30-40 patients and still do quality work," recounted Tsiu.

Clear on what needed to be done, the MEC committed herself to ensure that conditions of services for nurses and allied professionals were improved.

She strongly emphasised the need for support services to play their role and avoid situations where nurses have to do their work but also be overburden by doing cleaning work.

## "Mission accomplished" that's what an overjoyed Premier can say when an MEC for Health is up to the task



## Grounded in Faith

It is gratifying to have a public office bearer who is also faith based. The Free State MEC for Health Mtseng Tsiu in her humble nature often makes time to attend church at Maranatha Reformed Church of Christ.

Accompanied by staff in her office, she identified needs in the church and facilitated contributions that would meet these needs and restore the dignity of the church.

This is the character of a good steward who takes care of the masters' goods.





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## CONVERSATIONS

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Single greatest obstacle . . . SA's education has been identified as the single greatest obstacle to the country's socio-economic advancement

# COLLABORATIVE MODEL CAN FIX SA SCHOOLS

**N**icola Vermooten  
A recent report published by the Centre for Risk Analysis at the Institute of Race Relations revealed that "education is the single greatest obstacle to socio-economic advancement in South Africa". As opposed to bolstering socio-economic advancement, the quality of education in many public schools exacerbates poverty and inequality. Consequently, countless South Africans remain caught in a poverty trap.

Skimming through scholarly and non-scholarly publications about the South African education system reveals that the finger is typically pointed at teachers. While of the rate of absenteeism, late coming and turnover among teachers show that there is some merit in allegations of mediocrity, blaming teachers for the quality of education in public schools has not offered a long-term, sustainable solution. In fact, it has led to the stigmatisation of the teaching occupation and, in turn, contributed to teacher attrition.

A number of factors determine the performance of an education system. One of these factors is teacher quality. I endorse research that demonstrates the salience of teacher quality. Even so, I recommend that it

is imperative to acknowledge the complexity associated with the task of improving the performance of an education system.

In a subsequent report that was also published by the Centre for Risk Analysis at the Institute of Race Relations, its CEO Frans Cronje, highlighted the salience of parental involvement and control in the education process, which directs attention to the need for collaboration among relevant stakeholders. In accordance with these recommendations, I propose that professionals, from different areas of specialisation, signify educational resources that should also be involved in the education process.

I performed a qualitative study among 37 teachers from fee public schools and no-fee public schools in the Cape Winelands Education District. The majority of participants stated that they are routinely expected to perform work tasks that exceed the level of responsibility that can be expected of teachers. This was especially noticeable among participants from no-fee public schools. To alleviate the burden of unreasonable work tasks among teachers, I propose that the Department of Education must involve professionals, from different areas of specialisation, in the education process through the introduction of a collaborative service delivery model

in public schools.

The collaborative service delivery model will provide a platform for professionals with diverse expertise and backgrounds to collaborate their efforts. This promises to alleviate the burden of unreasonable tasks among teachers and, in turn, allow them to concentrate on meeting standards for pedagogy. What is more, professionals will be able to generate innovative solutions to students' physical and emotional needs.

I recognise that some public schools already have access to selected professionals. However, I propose that all public schools must have regular access to a variety of professionals, including dietitians, medical doctors, occupational therapists, psychologists (ie clinical, counselling, educational or industrial), social workers and speech-language therapists.

Probably the first question that comes to mind regarding the introduction of a collaborative service delivery model in public schools concerns the cost involved in leveraging the expertise of the above-mentioned professionals. The majority of these professionals are expected to complete a compulsory internship before their registration with relevant professional councils (eg Health Professions Council of South Africa and South African Council

for Social Service Professions). Given the shortage of opportunities to complete such internships, I propose that professional councils must encourage graduates to complete part of their internship in public schools.

Earlier this year, Malusi Gigaba, the then minister of finance, emphasised the importance of "educating our youth, protecting the vulnerable and investing in enablers of inclusive growth" during the annual budget speech. In accordance with this, he proceeded to allocate R324-billion to higher education and training for the next three years. A large proportion of this amount is spent on university education. Encouraging graduates to complete part of their internship in public schools will help to demonstrate a return on this substantial investment.

The provision of quality education is essential for socio-economic advancement in any country. To improve the quality of education in public schools across South Africa, we must stop pointing the finger at teachers. We must rather seek long-term, sustainable solutions, such as the introduction of a collaborative service delivery model in public schools.

## Hope after HIV+ mother donates liver tissue to daughter

One year on from a world-first liver transplant between an HIV-positive woman and her HIV-negative infant, doctors are seeing results that support a review of transplant ethics policies and a call for deeper understanding of HIV transmission.

In a paper published in the journal AIDS on October 4 a multi-disciplinary team of doctors, scientists and ethicists from Wits University, have outlined how they came to the decision to undertake the ground-breaking transplant.

It began with an impossible choice: Watch a 13-month-old girl with the liver condition biliary atresia die, or say yes to allowing her HIV-positive mother to donate a portion of her liver to her child, but almost certainly expose the child to HIV infection.

"The mother kept pleading with us to consider her as a donor. Since 2013 the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre has had a living donor liver transplant programme, but our policy, that follows international guidelines, excluded HIV-positive living donation," says Professor Jean Botha, director of transplantation at the hospital. Because of the liver's ability to regrow,

living donors can donate a segment of their liver, usually to a child. The liver grows as the child grows and for the donor, their liver regrows completely within eight weeks.

However, for this young patient, her condition worsened every day and the window for a transplant was closing rapidly. The chronic shortage of organs from living or deceased donors in the country meant she had already been on the waiting list for three times longer than most patients.

"We were compelled to consider other options, including to transplant a portion of liver from the child's HIV-positive mother. Ultimately after consulting widely we got the approval from the Wits Medical Ethics Committee to go ahead," says Dr Harriet Etheredge, a medical bioethicist at the Donald Gordon and the Wits Department of Internal Medicine.

Etheredge and her colleagues believe that saving the child's life was the priority. Also they believe that should the child become HIV-positive, the success of South Africa's antiretroviral therapy programme to date means that HIV is no longer a death sentence with careful management.

About 4.2 million of the estimated 7.2 million South Africans infected with HIV receive treatment from the state.

Presently, the child's HIV clinician Dr Francesca Conradie says she's thriving and continues on antiretrovirals and anti-transplant rejection drugs. Her team continue to monitor her progress and has not taken a decision on if or when they will stop her antiretroviral therapy.

Professor Caroline Tiemessen, of the Wits School of Pathology and head of cell biology in the Centre for HIV and STIs at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases, says this case has shown some quite startling results for understanding HIV within the organ transplant scenario.

Tiemessen says the child received Nevirapine to prevent mother-to-child transmission in utero. She was HIV-negative at the time of her operation and went on to antiretroviral therapy the night before her operation. After the operation doctors could not detect any sign of the virus in her blood or blood cells with standard and ultrasensitive HIV detection testing. At day 43, though, the child tested

positive for HIV antibodies that the body produces to fight disease and infection. The presence of HIV antibodies is regarded as a sign of HIV infection. However, the child's HIV antibody count has steadily waned and is presently undetectable.

"We have to be cautious because we cannot say that the child does not have HIV. There are several possibilities — the child could be HIV-positive but we haven't been able to detect it in a transplant scenario and because of the drugs she's on. Another possibility is that what we are seeing is the child's liver clearing out the last of the HIV from her system. We could also be picking up the mother's antibody response from the segment of transplanted liver.

"We will be doing more transplants of this nature that will help us better understand these results. We will also be able to follow patients pre and post op more carefully and we will be able to set up best practices, because right now this is uncharted territory," says Tiemessen. -DM



# Things became too much for me: Emtee

He thought he had it all under control – the fame, the constant stream of people rocking up at his house wanting a good time, the weed and the codeine.

It was all part of the lifestyle, he told himself, stuff that went hand in hand with being a star.

Then came the day that would change everything: the day he collapsed on stage while he was performing in Lephalale, Limpopo.

Now Mthembeni “Emtee” Ndevu wants everyone to know he’s as “sober as a judge”. He made the decision to clean up his act and he’s a changed man. The 25-year-old musician arrives at the DRUM offices in Auckland Park, Joburg, with his manager, Gaba Sebege, girlfriend Nicole Kendall Chinsamy, 23, and eldest son, Avery, 2, in tow. Baby Logan (nine months) is at home with his grandmother.

The entourage listens quietly as Emtee tells his story, starting with the dramatic on-stage pass out that made him take stock of his life and realise he had to get his house in order.

“I am now sober from all narcotics,” he posted on Twitter a few months ago. “I don’t drink alcohol and I’m grateful for all my supporters. I’m back.” Emtee wants us to know he wasn’t high or drunk on the day he collapsed during his gig. In fact, he hasn’t touched a drop of alcohol “since high school” and hadn’t smoked any weed or had a codeine “sip” that night, he insists.

He was merely exhausted. He had travelled to the event by bus and had slept the whole way. “When we arrived in Limpopo I was woken up to go and perform.”

Emtee is still getting used to the life of a performer and sometimes has to do five shows a day. On that day things happened very fast: one minute he was sleeping and the next he was on stage performing.

“I was tired,” he says. “I lost concentration in the middle of the performance because I had just woken up and I was drained.”

“I lost consciousness for a second. When my mind came back I was being carried off stage. I couldn’t understand what was going on because I was not done with my set – that’s how gone I was.”

He was in another world of confusion and it gave him the fright of his life.

Although Emtee maintains he wasn’t high that day he admits he’s been smoking dagga since 2012. But weed has never made him collapse or act out of character, he says.

“I didn’t fall because of being high. I have collected awards, I have done interviews, written songs and performed while high on



New man . . . Emtee

weed and that was never a problem.”

A lot of people blamed his mistakes on weed, he says. “They say I’m slow because I smoke and that’s not the case.” To prove to people he can be clean and that “marijuana doesn’t control my life”, he checked into a wellness clinic in Bloemfontein.

“I can’t call it a rehab. It’s like a clinic. It’s an enclosed community for people with different issues – not just drugs but alcohol, behavioural issues, depression, anxiety, addiction and things like that.”

The Lephalale incident made him realise he hadn’t been taking good care of his health.

“Nam ndingumntu (I’m also human), I make mistakes just like everyone else,” he says.

“I wanted to clean myself up and to learn how to deal with my problems.” He was at the clinic for 21 days where he received counselling and spoke about some of the pressures affecting him.

“I learnt a lot about myself while I was there. I was given a couple of pills to help with my recovery process. I don’t even know what they were – I just wanted to be all right. I ate well and went for walks.”

“I had visits from my family and I got to reconnect with myself because I felt like I was

losing myself.”

With no cellphones or outside communication, Emtee says he enjoyed being away from all the noise. “Around the time of the fall things got too much for me. I went into some type of depression and I needed to get away,” he recounts.

The industry comes with a lot of pressure, says the artist, who was born in Matatiele. “I come from humble beginnings where I went for days without eating and I would go to school without shoes. I didn’t grow up with all this money, fancy cars, the clothes and house.”

Now he’s one of the busiest artists in the country, with back-to-back bookings and he’s constantly working on new music.

The amount of work and the fame sometimes gets to him, he notes. “It can be overwhelming. I had never been out of the country until I became famous. There’s a lot of pressure and people don’t understand it.”

Dagga wasn’t his only drug of choice. For the past three years Emtee has also been drinking about a litre of a codeine concoction a week. Codeine, a prescription pain medication, can become addictive.

It’s also an ingredient found in some cough syrups and users make a concoction of cough

medicine, ground up tablets and cool drink, drinking the liquid in a practice known as “drinking lean”, “sizzurp” or “sippin”.

“I’ve been sippin’ since 2014,” Emtee says. “It’s crazy, it’s the world we live in. I won’t lie, [American rapper] Lil Wayne influenced me badly in many ways.”

He first became aware of sippin’ when he noticed his icon, Lil Wayne, carrying cups everywhere he went and discovered he’d been drinking codeine to escape the pressures of the world.

“I can’t put it on anyone else. I still look up to him till this day.”

Codeine slowed down his heart rate and made him calm, he explains. “It was a luxury for me and I used it to celebrate.”

The rapper says he drank codeine two to three times a day. “If I had a long day or if I was stressed then I would end my day with a sip and it would put me to sleep.”

Although my girl was worried and sometimes asked me to slow down on the sippin’, I never listened. I still did it for myself.”

He read up on codeine before he started taking it, he adds, to make sure he knew what he was getting into.

“Everything I get into I always make sure I read up on it and educate myself. I knew the effects of drinking codeine.”

Walking around with a double cup – a plastic cup within a cup – filled with codeine was part of the trap culture and image.

Emtee admits to influencing some of his friends into drinking codeine. “I told them the side effects of drinking it. I feel a bit guilty but it was their choice.”

“What I feel most guilty about is influencing my younger followers because I am hearing that codeine has even hit the township. Now my responsibility is to get people out the same way I got them in – through my music,” he regrets.

Emtee is adamant he was never addicted to drugs or anything else. He quit smoking and booze “easily” so he doesn’t believe he has an addictive personality.

“I’ve learnt that addiction is a disease and I don’t have it. It’s easy for me to walk away from a lot of things but I won’t lie, it wasn’t easy for me to walk away from the cup – that’s why I went to Bloem.”

He had flulike symptoms for days when he gave up codeine, he adds. At the clinic he was told he could be addicted but he insisted he wasn’t.

“I had it under control. I never injured my kids, I just injured myself internally but I’m saved now from all those dangers,” he says.

Emtee says some of his friends are also trying to stop drinking codeine now. “I’ll never do it again. I missed the old sober Emtee who was hungry to succeed and could stand up for himself.”

At the clinic Emtee learnt he swept his problems aside and used marijuana and codeine to cope with his issues.

He made an example of the time he flashed his penis on Instagram “by mistake” last year. “My private parts were all over the internet and it’s not something I planned to do or was proud of.”

“It damaged me a lot and made me mad within. I couldn’t be mad at anyone because it was my mistake. The criticism was hurtful but I brushed it under the carpet and let it go. I just wanted good vibes, peace and harmony all the time and that’s not how life works.”

Being assertive and standing his ground is also one of the lessons he emerged with from the clinic.

This is especially important when dealing with his friends, he says. People walked in and out of his home at will but he’s put his foot down. “At times I would have eight or 10 cars parked outside my house and I realised this wasn’t normal.”

“People would buzz or knock up to 12 times a day and I’d wonder why the security guard let them in but it was my fault. I let it happen because I did not have order and discipline.”

Not anymore. He now has rules he lives by and has distanced himself from a lot of people in the process. “I used to live with a lot of my friends because I have enough rooms at the crib.”

Now he helps them find alternative accommodation so he can have “a solid home” that’s not disruptive to his kids.

He’s taking his role as a father seriously and he wants a decent home that’s stable and where they can play – so if you want to see Emtee these days, well, you need to call to ask if you can visit.

“You can’t just buzz or knock.” Emtee spends a lot of his time with his children now. “I’m a hands-on dad. Whatever ridiculous kiddies’ games they have, I play.”

He also keeps a journal where he shares his thoughts and sometimes goes back to read some of the challenges he’s overcome.

“I believe at some point I need to write a book or a movie about my life.”

He’s now a changed man, says Emtee, who’s just finished recording his EP DIY2. “I’m ready to influence people positively through the best way I know how – music. People can bring all the breathalysers and tests: I’m super clean.

“I’m never going back to smoking weed or sippin’ again.” -*Drum*

# Ms. K Unrestricted

## Compromises you should never make

You need to pay attention to these certain bad signs.

All long-term relationships involve compromise. Merging two lives together, resolving big problems, and dealing with smaller ones, such as what to do on your vacation, which toothpaste to buy, and whether the dishwasher should be loaded this way or that, requires negotiations and concessions.

For some of us, the question of whether we’re “settling” or compromising too much is there from the very beginning. For others, it might come later on, after the blissful rush of new love begins to fade, and our partner’s faults or shortcomings become more apparent.

Being able to negotiate and find compromise is often a sign of a healthy relationship. However, some compromises are so significant that they should not be made lightly. The following three issues are often associated with relationship problems and dissatisfaction. They by no means spell doom for a relationship, but they do indicate that there could be rough waters ahead. Here’s what you can do about them:

### 1. Hiding key aspects of who we are.

We worry that our partner will feel threatened, turned off, or annoyed by significant aspects of our personality, aspirations, beliefs, activities, or friends, so we hide or minimize them. However, by doing so we are in essence cutting off parts of our «self.» While we might be able to manage doing so in the short term, over time we are likely to pay a price in our psychological health, our relationship satisfaction, or both.

What you can do: Gradually introduce these aspects of yourself through an ongoing dialogue with your partner about why they are valuable to you and how best the relationship can absorb them.

### 2. Tolerating disrespect.

One of the biggest predictors of relationship dissatisfaction and longevity is if your partner regards you with contempt (or you them) during arguments or disagreements. The disrespect, hostility, and lack of empathy such moments embody represent a crucial weakness that will impair any couple’s ability to manage stress and conflict productively.

What you can do: Talk together about setting ground rules for conflict, improving

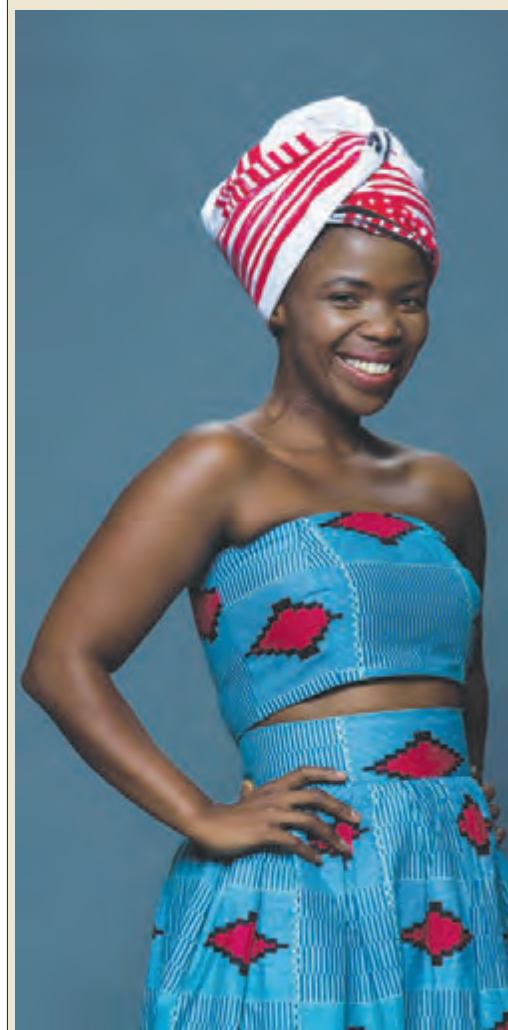
your conflict-resolution skills and making efforts to understand each other’s perspective to increase empathy.

### 3. Significant sexual incompatibility.

When we hide important and established aspects of our sexuality, such as sex drive, specific turn-ons, fetishes, preferences, or beliefs and practices regarding monogamy, we are setting ourselves up to potentially become frustrated and dissatisfied in a relationship. To be clear, plenty of relationships survive and even thrive with an unsatisfactory sex life; the concern this issue presents depends on the importance we place on having good sex with our partner.

What you can do: Since maintaining a good sex life requires work over the long term in almost any relationship, consider having a frank discussion and coming clean about the things that have been satisfying or exciting for you in the past. The likelihood is that your partner has not told you everything about their own preferences, either, even if their history is less “colorful.”

## Zolani’s R350k career dreams



Long way to go . . . Freshlyground lead singer Zolani

Freshlyground’s lead singer Zolani has a dream that will cost a little over R350,000 and with the aid of crowdfunding she might see it come to life.

The star launched a crowdfunding campaign recently to get herself overseas to work on her solo career. She’s only managed to raise R81,530 so far, so she still has a long way to go.

But the songstress has kept the faith and sharing the motivation behind the dream on Instagram recently, she thanked her fans for the support and asked that they continue to help her live her dream come end of October.

“As many of you know, I just started a crowdfunding campaign, to get me all the way from Cape Town to San Diego to record a killer track with Goldfish, one of my ultimate favourite bands. I have some really cool news, that is that we are one week into the campaign and already I’m a quarter of the way to my goal,” she announced.

The campaign will also see the star working with local-act-turned-global Goldfish. She said it was a lifelong goal and all the other things the fund would help her do, such as giving talks at schools, would be the absolute cherry on top.

Zolani and the group’s Dom and Dave met earlier this year at Dom’s Southern Suburbs apartment in Cape Town where they fleshed out the deets on the project and planned for how Zolani could travel to San Diego, to record the band’s next mega-hit.

This will be Zolani’s first track in her solo project but now the biggest issue is dololo coins.

The project will only be considered “funded” if at least R190,000 is pledged before October 29. -*Tshisalive*

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*Social Scenes*

# MACUFE GOSPEL MUSIC FIESTA . . .



**Heavenly duet . . .** Leading SA gospel artists Omega Khunou and Neyi Zimu who are famous for their energetic joint performances did not disappoint at the Macufe gospel music show on Sunday



**Shining star . . .** Songbird Thoko Nokabe showed why she is one of the leading female gospel artists in the country with her velvet voice and captivating songs



**Constant hitmaker . . .** Tshepiso Mpotle played songs from his large pool including Bokang Modimo, Tsholela, and many others.



**Multi-lingual . . .** Award-winning Lebo Segolela thrilled fans with her old and new hits. She had the crowd literally eating out of her palms when she belted out her monster hit Lion of Judah.



**Evergreen master . . .** Veteran Pastor Benjamin Dube proved he still has staying power by blessing fans with his uplifting music.



**Home grown . . .** Free State based gospel star Teboho Moloi effortlessly showed why he has continued to garner awards and fans across the country over the years. One should have been there to see the mood of the immersed fans when he churned out his all-time classic Bapa Le Nna.



**"This year we wish to appeal to all residents of this beautiful province to help make first time visitors become regulars. They must leave an impression that will be hard to erase in their minds with open hospitality and safety."**

ANC provincial chairman Sam Mashinini in an interview with *The Weekly* just before the final leg of the Mangaung African Cultural Festival (Macufe) this weekend



**"Children are the future of our country and have to be protected by all means. The sewage will not only affect their health but also ruins their happy moments of being in crèche . . ."**

Free State Premier Sisi Ntombela addressing residents under Matjhabeng Local Municipality during Operation Hlasela yesterday



**"We have noted with the greatest concern and disgust the social media attacks aimed at the YCLSA national secretary and the Free State provincial secretary ahead of our its fifth national congress . . ."**

YCL Josie Mpama district secretary Edgar Legaole commenting on tiff between two Free State YCLSA provincial leaders this week

## The Weekly

### Editorial

## Judgement triggers marijuana euphoria

The euphoria that followed the court ruling on the use of marijuana is reminiscent of the same that followed the unbanning of political parties and release of freedom fighters from South Africa's prisons.

The fighters, who were labelled terrorists by white controlled media in the country and elsewhere, were an instant hit.

Now with the decriminalisation of this 'holy herb,' as described in Rastafarian communities, all of a sudden even those who dumped their former lovers on the basis that they smoked suddenly wanted to appear progressive and all in full support of this landmark and historical ruling.

Many a commentators have in the past argued that the criminalisation of this plant is not only dumb but unconstitutional, is opposed to nature and tramples upon the rights of the indigenous knowledge systems where marijuana features prominently as a cure for many ailments as well as a source of food, energy, cloth, fuel and so on.

Though many successive attempts to lift the ban on the plant, including the stigma, advocacy groups have been arguing that decriminalisation would have far reaching and positive effects on the economy of the country and social re-engineering.

Those opposed to the plant's decriminalisation, on the other hand, were forever seized with flimsy hallucinatory effect arguments against the plant, arguing mainly that the first drug contact by addicts in most cases is marijuana.

They also lamented that users take it until they graduate to more hard substances. This being said, this argument fails to appreciate the fact that the plant itself is a natural product that was there at the beginning of times...

Just with everything under the sun it came to being when the creator of the universe said let there be plants of every kind.

Its origins are the same as the spinach, pumpkin, carrots and beetroots that get consumed with impunity without an ilk of objection by any group as to their effects on the human body and mind.

The question that arose from this is what makes the drug illegal, a multi-million dollar question which requires us to look back at the political developments of the Western world wherein economies became stagnant and poverty and hunger hang in the air until the discovery of the hazardous tobacco plant.

History teaches us that the Western powers in their pursuit to eliminate competition for their product had to come up with concocted excuses to stigmatise marijuana, using their self-appointed experts to fuel misinformation and propaganda against the plant.

Needless to say, anything that threatens the tobacco product on the market is met with antagonism by the West, primarily since the economies of those nations are heavily reliant on it for survival.

On a more spiritual level, marijuana is known to be used by both traditional healers and believers in Rastafarianism for meditation purposes and intercession with ancestors during consultations. It is revered as the same plant that is spoken off in the Biblical book of Revelations as the tree whose leaves will be for the healing of the nation.

Considering the level of addiction with man-made drugs such as nyaope and cocaine, especially by young people, it makes double sense that the government relaxes the draconian laws that prevented free use of marijuana in order to provide a healthier alternative, which has been proven to have many benefits than disadvantages.

While the ruling also gives users the right to plant marijuana in their private spaces for private use, it falls short of giving clear indications on the selling of the plant since the country still considers it criminal to sell.

With the much-anticipated land expropriation without compensation gaining momentum, it will be another boost in the bag for the formerly disenfranchised people if they are allocated land and allowed to plant on it, including marijuana.

Only time will tell if Mzansi will in the very near future become a world super-power through the manufacturing and processing of high quality marijuana products ranging from clothes made out of the plant, paper, petrol, food staples and other myriad of uses that this sacred plant can be used for.

Until then, users can rest assured that their day will not end up in jail just because they chose marijuana over tobacco, and can smoke up without feeling tense knowing they are committing no crime.

As for those who bear criminal record for possession of the plant when it was still considered illegal, is it not time that the courts clear their names, and by-gone be by-gones?



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## South Africa, we're okay

Watching the bitter fight over the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court and the vicious battle of Brexit taking place in the UK, one can't but marvel at the levels of toxicity in world politics.

You move to Brazil, where a leading presidential hopeful has been campaigning from a hospital bed after he was stabbed on the hustings.

In the Philippines, citizens are crossing their fingers that their president's widely publicised medical tests will indicate that he has advanced cancer.

In Uganda, toxicity has risen to ridiculous levels as security brought traffic to a standstill in downtown Kampala and screened people in preparation for the paranoid president's visit to the central business district, so afraid is he of his own people.

Hop around the world and you will find similar tales of political rivals who are unable to work together for the common good and who do not realise that being on opposite sides does not make you enemies.

You will find political elites who fuel hatred and revel in polarising society; you will find leaders who mete out cruelty at a whim.

Then you come to our 24-year-old republic, which schizophrenically swings from depression to exhilaration in a matter of seconds.

The stink and dysfunction of the Jacob Zuma years made us forget that, as young as we are as a nation, our maturity is greater than our years.

This week, at a Land Indaba co-hosted

by City Press and our sister newspaper Rapport, people from all walks of life came together to grapple with the contentious issue that has divided South Africa over the past 12 months.

There were people at the indaba who had nothing in common, as well as people you'd assume would not drink from the same tap.

Now, this lowly newspaperman is not the syrupy type who is given to giddy feelings.

We, the disciples of the annihilating and vanquishing force called Orlando Pirates Football Club, are not known for softness.

But there are moments that force us to let our guard down just a little. On Wednesday, I experienced one of those moments.

The land question is necessarily a difficult and divisive issue in our country.

The wars of dispossession – "the original sin" as President Cyril Ramaphosa calls it – left indelible scars on the souls of the people of this country.

The legislating of dispossession early last century made it worse. South Africa's struggle for liberation may not have centred on land, per se, as was the case in some other African countries, but the "return of the land" was all over the freedom songs.

In post-1994 South Africa, land restitution, land reform and land redistribution were ostensibly priorities for the new order. But, as we all know, very little has been done. This inaction has come back to haunt us.

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having made it their ideological trump card and with opportunists in the governing party using it to exploit people's emotions, the land question has dominated discourse this year.

And what ugly and coarse discourse it has been. This has been the single most divisive issue in the post-apartheid era, and one that has threatened to derail South Africa's nation-building project.

Wednesday was not a departure from this – the conversation was still hard and harsh, but it was practical and forward-looking. The visions and solutions were still widely divergent, but the ears were open.

Away from the historical, political and ideological divergences, there was a recognition of the common enemies – among them poverty, inequality, intolerable living conditions, apartheid-era spatial planning, climate change, stunted economic growth and social ills.

A civilised conversation was had by all, including the political parties that are usually at each other's throats.

As South Africans, we should give ourselves credit that, as robust and brawny as our national conversation can be, we do it better than many societies that consider themselves to be more settled and mature than us.

The land conversation has been the biggest test to common nationhood and cohesion; it has made us ask ourselves and

each other about the concept of belonging to South Africa and owning South Africa.

As mentioned earlier, this has not been a sweet conversation in which people's feelings have been protected.

It has been as hard as it can get. We have no idea what the outcome of this process will be.

Most likely, there will be no outright victors or losers in the end, but we will have begun to deal with the most difficult issue early on in the life of the republic.

It would have been better if this conversation had been conducted in a much more orderly way from the beginning, and if self-serving opportunists like Zuma had not been allowed to hijack it.

It would have been better if there had not been the level of defensiveness on the part of those who deny the past. It would have been better if the insults and invective were less biting.

But those are all wishes. We are here and we are having this conversation.

Wednesday was proof that, in the midst of all the swearing and accusations, South Africans can talk to each other and hear each other.

There is a lot wrong with our country – corruption, a culture of impunity, lawlessness, racism, poverty and moral decay.

But we are talking to each other. We'll be okay.



MONDLI MAKHANYA

## Social cohesion is a political issue

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LUKHONA MNGUNI

A lot of conversation around social cohesion tends to focus on how citizens can join hands and improve their interpersonal relationships.

This proposition defers the duty for a more cohesive society to citizens who really have limited powers in bringing about true social transformation. Calls for social cohesion are a product of a society that seems at pains with bringing about the existence of citizenship and common solidarity towards one another, partly as an exercise of patriotism.

A society without social cohesion or even some indicators of its existence is a dysfunctional society because sectarian interests prevail far above the citizens' collective interest.

The citizens do have a collective interest; it is encapsulated in the Constitution – our

social contract.

The people elect legislators to Parliament, provincial legislatures and municipal councils. These elected representatives are expected to exercise duly vested power and authority to act for the betterment of all citizens and the country as a whole.

This representative democracy then sees the legislators, among themselves, elect a government that functions across the three spheres. The South African Constitution proposes complex and robust systems of governance.

At times these have been undermined due to malfeasance by some of the elected public representatives. In this instance, the state gets compromised in fulfilling its obligations to society – mediating the appetites and interests of members of

society to foster greater social cohesion and inclusion in society.

Viewed this way, we can argue that the principal agent for social cohesion is government. You cannot separate governance from social cohesion. It is not a matter of individuals liking each other. We must hold the state accountable for failing to bring about social cohesion.

The state in minimalistic terms is formed of three arms; Parliament, the judiciary and the executive. The media is termed the fourth estate while civil society remains an intricate part of the make-up of the state.

Government, given its ability to collect revenue, propose laws and policies, disburse resources and enforce said measures is in a pristine position to drive social engineering. Not the citizens.

The responsibility that citizens have is to elect into positions of power visionary, decisive, accountable and responsive leaders. Once the said leaders have been elected, they have a duty to fulfill the social contract worded into the Constitution with the need to "heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and

fundamental human rights".

This is the core purpose of our Constitution, to bring together society by implementing redress through achieving social justice and respect for fundamental human rights. The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 states quite clearly that dignity is an inalienable right that should be enjoyed by all human beings.

Ensuring this realisation of people's dignity is only possible if there is a mediating force put in place to ensure that people's appetites and subjective interests are mediated.

The government exists to do this, ensuring that no one is left behind in society and that there is no undue concentration of resources within a particular class in society at the expense of the broader society. The rules and regulations put in place by government are intended to foster social cohesion.

Social cohesion is defined by some as "the willingness of members of a society to cooperate with each other in order to survive and prosper" (Stanley, 2003).

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**"It is our view that the demands of SASBO in relation to the salary increase for workers are reasonable and affordable by the employer."**

Cosatu provincial spokesman Monyatso Mahlatsi commenting on demands by SBV cash in transit security officers affiliated to trade union SASBO



**"We just have to remain humble. Yes, nice win, nice three points, a completely deserved result. Opportunities were created, and this time we succeeded to put two balls at the end of the net."**

Free State Stars head coach Luc Eymael speaking after Saturday's 2-0 derby win against Bloemfontein Celtic.



ZWELLI MKHIZE

# Fixing municipalities will solve half our problems

Municipalities are at the core of promoting economic growth. One of the most distinct areas of local government's competence with a direct and profound impact and influence over economic growth is the effective and efficient provision of core services. These services – reliable water and energy supply, road maintenance, refuse removal, maintenance of street lights to the satisfaction of its customers and cutting of grass at the verges of the road – are what we consider necessary services offered by a functional municipality. This is why the Department of Governance and Traditional Affairs' (CoGTA) Back to Basics programme is aimed at promoting functional municipalities that deliver these services seamlessly.

Collectively, these basic services are included in the total basket of what could be considered catalytic economic infrastructure. The totality of catalytic infrastructure goes beyond the basic needs to include ICT; power including generation, transmission and distribution; roads, railways, ports and airports; accommodation establishments; and other urban infrastructure.

Municipalities must also create an enabling environment for economic development through their ability to provide regulatory certainty and build public and market confidence in municipalities as places to live, work and invest.

In 2016 Cabinet adopted the Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF) which positions cities and towns as engines of economic growth in South Africa. Our vision, which is expressed through the IUDF and is premised on the National Development Plan, is to build liveable, safe, resource-efficient cities and towns that are socially integrated, economically inclusive and globally competitive, where residents actively participate in urban life.

Land, transport, housing, and jobs are key structuring elements critical for the attainment of the outcome.

The overall objective is to create efficient urban spaces by:

- Reducing travel costs and distances;
- Aligning land use, transport planning and housing;
- Preventing development of housing in marginal areas;

Increasing urban densities and reducing sprawl;

Shifting jobs and investment towards dense peripheral townships; and

Improving public transport and the coordination between transport modes.

These programmes will be successful if they improve the quality of life of those who live in townships and informal settlements. These interventions are also necessary because – while South Africa is rapidly urbanising – many townships and informal settlements are still poverty traps.

Townships require solid programmes to stimulate economic growth and the provision of adequate infrastructure, improvement of housing and transport networks and creation of job opportunities especially for the youth by boosting local procurement through Local Economic Development. CoGTA is in discussion with the Department of Trade and Industry towards this goal.

Municipalities should also adopt by-laws that support the stimulation and retention of the local economy. While we are mindful of the potential of municipalities to contribute meaningfully to the GDP, the reality is that all municipalities are not the same socially, economically or financially.

A number of perennial political, service delivery, financial management and governance challenges continue to remain an impediment to achieving a fully functional system of local government. Only 7% of municipalities are functional in the country while 31% are reasonably functional, 31% almost dysfunctional, 31 dysfunctional or distressed. We are working with provincial governments to support those and to implement a Municipal Recovery Programme which also includes National Treasury.

Since April this year, I have visited six provinces, meeting premiers, MECs and mayors to discuss the interventions and how we can work together to rebuild our municipalities.

The Municipal Recovery Plan is premised on, and takes forward, the Back to Basics principles and approach. Our interventions are based on the following priority areas: governance; financial management; infrastructure and services; fighting fraud and corruption; and

political interventions.

We have noted that municipalities that experience service delivery challenges and community protests are characterised by, among other things, the lack of capacity to plan, deliver, operate and maintain infrastructure. For example, the electricity infrastructure is old and needs rehabilitation and maintenance in some municipalities, while non-revenue water losses are costing municipalities almost R10-billion in revenue annually.

Many of our water schemes need refurbishment while water treatment plants were by 2014 already being defined as in high and critical risk categories with sewage being discharged into rivers or into homes.

Current challenges include sewage spillages in areas such as Ditsobohla, Madibeng and other areas in North West as well as Gert Sibande district in Mpumalanga province. Emfuleni municipality in Gauteng is also facing a serious situation with regards to sewage spillages into the Vaal River.

Poor road conditions and recurring potholes, poor road markings and signage and storm-water drainage problems are other infrastructure challenges that require attention, and that make people frustrated and angry.

A number of municipalities are struggling to spend their Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocations from the fiscus for infrastructure development or maintenance, in the main due to the lack of technical capacity.

We have initiated an intervention programme that is focussing on assisting distressed municipalities to build permanent capacity for the better delivery of infrastructure and services.

At least 55 municipalities have been selected to receive support through the deployment of district support teams by the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA), which is the implementing agent of CoGTA. MISA has also recruited professional engineers and planners to strengthen its internal capacity for effective execution of the agency's core mandate.

This process has culminated in the appointment of 36 civil engineers, 14 electrical engineers and 14 planners to date. We have since dispatched 80 engineers and town planners to distressed municipalities and we trust that those

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municipalities will have some capacity to spend their infrastructure budgets.

Further support to municipalities has included the training of 303 apprentices in technical fields, the training of 557 municipal officials in various aspects of municipal infrastructure delivery, and the placement of 102 qualified artisans and water process controllers in low capacity municipalities.

We have prioritised action in some municipalities including:

Eastern Cape: Buffalo City Metro (Duncan Village, informal settlements, sewers, water service, poor condition of roads) and Makana Local Municipality (general infrastructure collapse, National Arts Festival risk)

Free State: Matjhabeng Local Municipality (informal settlements, mining distress, water service)

Gauteng: City of Joburg Metro (backyard dwellers, informal settlements, inner city, sanitation, roads, spatial transformation and consolidation) and Emfuleni Municipality (focusing on the contamination of the Vaal River)

KwaZulu-Natal: Msunduzi local municipality (informal settlements, electricity and roads)

Limpopo: Thabazimbi local municipality (mining distress, informal settlements, bulk sewage, spatial transformation and consolidation)

Mpumalanga: Govan Mbeki local municipality (sewer spillage, housing, roads, spatial consolidation)

Northern Cape: Sol Plaatje (informal settlements, water service, electricity, roads)

North West: Madibeng local municipality (sewers and dams, informal settlements, mining distress, water services, roads, spatial transformation and consolidation)

Western Cape: George local municipality (informal settlements, sewers, electricity, spatial transformation and consolidation)

On the governance side, it is critical to appoint the right people with the right qualifications and expertise to lead municipalities. Some municipalities have high vacancy rates which is unacceptable, especially for the distressed municipalities.

Challenges in the financial management arena include unfunded budgets where the operating expenditure of municipalities is greater than their revenue. Other municipalities cannot generate revenue due to low collection rates as a result of high indigence rates and ineffective implementation of credit control and debt collection measures. Through the Municipal Recovery Programme we seek to correct this by insisting that financial management staff should be technically qualified and experienced.

We are also aware that some municipalities are seriously stuck in a debt trap and owe providers like Eskom more than R9-billion.

They also owe huge amounts to water boards. But these municipalities are also owed staggering amounts by government departments. As at March 2018, municipalities were owed R3.2-billion with National Public Works having a recorded debt of R2.8-billion to municipalities. Government has established an inter-ministerial committee chaired by CoGTA working to find solutions to this debt trap which is causing financial strain to Eskom and water boards.

To ensure that employees dismissed for misconduct, fraud and corruption are not recycled through the system, we are building a database for such employees and blacklisting them. Also critical is the implementation of Forensic Reports findings, consequence management and accountability by Municipal Councils so that we can rid municipalities of fraud and corruption. We are working with law enforcement and investigative agencies such as the Special Investigating Unit to probe the fraud and corruption within municipalities.

Our Municipal Recovery Plan also calls for action to deal with conflicts within political parties which negatively affect governance and delivery. The death threats and even killings of councillors and municipal officials are being prioritised by the police and other law enforcement agencies working closely with communities.

It must also be noted that some municipalities are non-viable for structural reasons. They have a non-existent rates base and inadequate fiscal allocations and distribution of powers and functions. Regardless of interventions, they will continue to struggle due to this historical structural challenge. This is one of the challenges we are looking at.

To further ensure successful interventions to resolve problems, we are working with other national departments to ensure integrated support and delivery, in the main through the Inter-Ministerial Task Team (IMTT) on Service Delivery. Members of the team include the ministry of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs as chair, and the ministries of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Basic Education; Energy; Environmental Affairs; National Treasury; Health; Home Affairs; Human Settlements; Performance Monitoring and Evaluation; Public Enterprises; Public Works; Rural Development and Land Reform; Sports and Recreation; Transport and Water and Sanitation.

As the IMTT we have identified a total of 57 municipalities with a potential to boost the economy upon addressing some of the service delivery challenges.

These 57 municipalities contain high levels of poverty, unemployment and inequality. Over 1340 projects totalling over R57-billion each financial year are presently being implemented in these municipalities.

We also need to get the community as a

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Before arriving at the stage of "willingness of members of a society" there has to be an effort to reset some of the asymmetric power relations in society that were inherited through the deformities produced by colonialism and apartheid.

These asymmetric relations run squarely along socioeconomic lines and are largely, in South Africa, along racial lines. We have become the most unequal society in the world, with high rates of unemployment that have driven up poverty levels in the country over the last five years.

Citizens cannot on their own reset these socioeconomic pressures that are heightening tensions among citizens as a minority holds the greatest wealth while the majority remains destitute.

There is no ability to foster a willingness among members of the South African society

for them to cooperate because the citizens of this country are in structural conflict.

There is a need for those who have to give up some of their wealth in a sensible manner that will transfer wealth and resources to those who do not have. It is government who should be a catalyst to the realisation of this noble aspiration. Until we deal with the high levels of inequality, it will be impossible to achieve social cohesion in South Africa.

Such can only be achieved through the state putting up various laws and policies to restructure the current wealth ownership patterns and creating opportunities for upward social mobility across society.

One person on Facebook stated, "As the dishonest politicians continue to abuse power, looting state resources non-stop, the people suffering increases... more than 15 babies die at a GP hospital, more than 300 people injured

as a result of train accident (sic) and millions continue to die in silence from preventable diseases and crime... hundreds of thousands of young graduates sit at home unemployed with no hope... the state is no longer fulfilling its role... the political elite and their friends are enjoying life in their Tsunami..."

The above quote sums up how the state remains a central role-player in fixing the issues that act as fissures that prevent our society from achieving social cohesion.

How can people who are in conflict, trying to reset the asymmetric power relations inherited from colonialism and apartheid and recently from a corrupt democratic government, be expected to achieve social cohesion?

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# Letters to the Editor

## Washing hands more important than we think

Most of us wash hands because our mother always nagged us to do it growing up. If it was up to some they would probably dig into their favourite meal without giving it a second thought. After all no one has ever died due to dirty hands or have they?

The 2014 General Household Survey (GHS), a nationally representative inquiry into the lives of South Africans, showed that there were about 60,000 cases of childhood diarrhoea per month, and approximately 9000 child diarrhoea deaths

in the same year.

Global Hand Washing Day is celebrated annually and is a campaign to motivate and mobilise millions around the world to wash their hands with soap at critical times amongst children, caregivers and the general public, to curb preventable life threatening infections related to poor hygiene, and poor water and sanitation such as diarrhoea. The date appointed by the United Nations as the official Global Handwashing Day is October 15.

This campaign can be credited with reduction of mortality rates related to diarrhoeal diseases, says Ms Ziyanda Xokozela, the Sanitation Manager in the Department of Water and Sanitation Office in the Free State.

Hand washing with soap has been proven as the single most effective way to prevent diarrhoea and other hygiene related diseases. "It always remains a challenge convincing communities to make washing hands with water and soap a habit in the

household," says Xokozela.

"Many people believe that washing their hands with just water is enough, but using soap can remove germs which are then rinsed away with running water."

Global hand washing day will this year be celebrated under the theme is "Make hand washing a habit".

Hands should be washed after visiting the toilet; after handling baby nappies and before handling food or feeding a child.

Hand washing from a common vessel should be discouraged at school and mass gatherings such as funerals and parties as this increases the

rate of infections. Running water is preferred instead of still water.

The Department of Water and Sanitation in partnership with the Department of Health, Mangaung Metro Municipality, South African National Defence Force, Netcare Hospital, Rosepark Hospital and Correctional Services will be embarking on a door to door awareness campaign to communities in Wepener on October 15, 2018.

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# One on One

with James Kambaki

World Mental Health Day was marked on Wednesday, October 10, amid growing concerns that youths in Africa are faced with a higher risk of mental health illness than those in other parts of the world. The day which was first celebrated in 1992, is aimed at promoting mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. **The Weekly's Martin Makoni spoke to Doctors Without Borders' Head of Field Human Resources, James Kambaki about the situation in Africa and what should be done about it. Makoni also asked Kambaki why African youths are so vulnerable and what they are doing to assist. Excerpts:**



**How would you describe the prevalence of mental health in Africa, particularly in Southern Africa?**

The situation in Africa is worse than in most parts of the world. Statistics indicate that about 450 million worldwide suffer from mental illness, of which 85 percent are said to be from low resource areas which include Africa. So, that alone shows the continent is faced with quite a significant challenge. The situation is even exacerbated by lack of information as well as other pressing priorities we are faced with in this region. For example, if there is a problem of malaria in an area, more resources are likely to be directed there within a short time compared to mental health. The region is also faced with the problem of lack of human resources to help in addressing the situation. It is estimated that in Africa, the psychologist-patient ratio is about one to a million people. That's a very high figure and it's not possible to effectively address the problem.

**What would you attribute this situation to?**

Several parts of Africa are not stable and that has a huge impact on the well-being of the people. Those living in conflict-torn areas are the most affected because the conditions they experience are usually quite harsh. This forces some of them to try and run away but in the process they may face more problems, including going without food for long periods of time. Lack of information on what exactly mental health is, makes the situation worse and this goes hand-in-hand with the lack of human resources because you need medical personnel and other skilled people to implement projects aimed at addressing mental health illness. The other challenge is that there is very limited information available on both what this illness is and how it's affecting people. That information is very important as it can be used to decide

which interventions are needed.

**The World Health Organisation says mental health illness begins at about 14 years of age, isn't that a bit too early in life and what are some of the major causes at that early stage?**

Children also experience mental health problems. It's not only adults. But unfortunately some of the early signs and symptoms are often ignored. Another problem is that children do not speak. However, you can see this from things like lack of sleep, reduced appetite, not wanting to play with other children and maybe wanting to be isolated and withdrawn. One may come up with a headache, for example, and it will be considered as just a headache and not a mental health related issue. So as Doctors Without Borders, we find it important for children to be supported when signs start showing. We don't see it as too early to start.

**It's believed that amongst adolescents depression is the third leading mental health illness, what's really depressing these young people?**

We cannot pinpoint one particular thing particularly here in Africa. The continent is big and there are different types of stresses experienced by people in particular regions. But if we look at the majority of cases, the displacement of people in conflict areas is a serious problem. You find people in such areas undergoing a lot of depression. But you cannot rule out also, in urban settings, the types of violence that some people are exposed to. So, speaking from our operational point of view, I can say man-made situations actually cause a lot of those difficult and painful situations which may lead to stress, depression and other mental health issues.

**How well is Africa able to deal with the problem of mental health illness?**

I think we still have a very long way to go given that Africa has the highest youth

population in the world. I think we have the bulk of the work to do. The situation actually becomes more complex because of that. But I can say that due to the lack of accurate data to measure the impact of mental health issues, it may never be taken seriously. As Doctors Without Borders, we are now integrating mental health in our operations. We don't just focus on emergency situations. We don't just go out there to save lives, we also try to alleviate suffering through mental health programmes where we also enhance the dignity of the people. So, there is a lot of work that still needs to be done, particularly in terms of increasing awareness about mental health issues, collecting more data and improving the human resource base so as to give mental health a fair share of medical attention. If left unattended, mental health can lead to lack of performance in the workplace or school and it may also lead to death.

**From your experiences in the field, how much do cultural beliefs impact on efforts to address mental health issues in Africa?**

Unfortunately, we don't have enough scientific evidence to confirm the extent of the cultural aspects to the matter. But what we continue to do is to involve cultural people, including traditional healers, leaders of traditional churches and other cultural groupings. So, we try to include them in the provision of health services. We don't leave them out. We may point out certain practices which we feel may do more harm than good and find ways of addressing such issues. We want them to bring as much benefit as possible to the communities.

**What sort of assistance does MSF offer to try and address the problem of mental health illness and how many people are you currently helping?**

We are basically a medical organisation. So, when we go out there, offering medical assistance is our first priority. We do medical activations such as running hospitals, serving lives, alleviating suffering and restoring human dignity. We also have surgical programmes, nutrition programmes, vaccination programmes, outpatient services, and within that, we also include mental health programmes. Initially, we only used to intervene through life saving operations, but now we have realised that it goes hand-in-hand. So, right from the first stages of any of our interventions, we now include mental health programmes.

**How much does displacement as a result of political or economic strife impact on people's mental health and what are some of the worst cases that MSF has dealt with?**

I cannot really talk of any elaborate fighters to indicate what's happening in the areas we



work. But I can tell you one story of a young person who was trying to flee conflict in Eritrea going to Ethiopia. He was only 14 years old. Unfortunately, he was caught and taken back to Eritrea where he was detained for several months and this affected him mentally. He was not able to eat and his condition deteriorated. His mother was eventually called and he was taken home. But he still had that urge to leave and he later escaped. He is now getting medical help at one of our facilities in Ethiopia. So, here in Africa, we have political and economic conditions badly affecting people resulting in some very painful conditions that people have to go through. That contributes to the mental health situation on the continent.

**Is it really possible to prevent mental health illness and what measures can people take to ensure this?**

Of course, mental health illness can be prevented but the whole issue is tied to the problem of lack of qualified people to assist communities. It is important to identify any sign and symptoms at an early stage. However, the lack of qualified staff remains a major problem. It's also important to have more people helping in disseminating information on the condition.

**Is there anyone who is particularly at risk with the condition or it can affect anyone?**

Essentially, it depends on the circumstances at hand. Young people are generally at risk, of course. And when you are coming from a country where there is conflict, you are more at risk, obviously. If you are in an area where there is a lot of violence, you can be affected too.

So, if one looks at Africa, you will find that we are exposed to a lot of those situations, thereby making us more vulnerable. Of course we are more resilient, but every liquid has a boiling point. We also reach that limit but quite often, we don't know when we have reached that limit so that we can seek medical help.

**Africa has the youngest population in the world and the highest level of youth displacements, will it be fair to conclude that the situation of African youths is more precarious compared to other parts of the world and therefore, what should be done about it?**

Yes, African youths are certainly in a more dire situation. In most of the conflict situations, children are often forced to assume the role of adults because they might be left alone with their younger siblings. So, you're pushed to take more responsibilities at a younger age and that's what's happening many young people in conflict areas.

**Overall, what would you like to see communities, governments and the private sector on the continent doing to address the problem of mental health illness?**

I think we should put more resources in mental health so that we can collect more data on the condition, hire more human resources to assist from the preventive stage as well as spend more money on the actual treatment. As Doctors Without Borders, we also want to support the notion that there should be mental health awareness.

## Wrongfully convicted men struggle to get compensation

"The state arrested me unlawfully and now release me and they don't care about how my life is affected by this," says Marcus Mulaudzi. "I lost everything I had. I was a breadwinner. I used to make sure that everybody had what they needed."

Mulaudzi was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in 2006 at the age of 32. He was cleared of all charges in 2016 after a lengthy and costly appeal process but since his release he has struggled to get by. He now does piecemeal installing aluminium doors and windows in houses.

Samuel Ndwambi, one of Mulaudzi's co-accused, was also sentenced to life imprisonment and served 12 years in prison before being released on appeal in June 2018.

"It's difficult now because I am not working. Everything that I had - my working materials, my tools - are gone. I am struggling now. My child supports me financially," says Ndwambi. Department of Justice and Correctional Services spokesperson Mukoni Ratshitanga says, "The law provides for those who believe they were wrongfully detained or incarcerated to pursue legal remedies through the courts and the state complies with orders by the courts, including compensation."

However, suing the state requires legal

representation and unless one can secure pro bono assistance from Legal Aid or willing private lawyers, there are legal fees to pay. Fortunately, Mulaudzi and Ndwambi are being assisted free of charge by Sigwavhulimu Attorneys, the same lawyers that secured Ndwambi's successful appeal.

"We are busy with a civil claim for malicious prosecution for both men," says Agnes Ramanyimi of Sigwavhulimu Attorneys. "We are looking for compensation and are suing the Minister of Justice and the NPA. We had pretrial conference with the lawyers of the NPA earlier this year." She says they are currently arranging a date for the trial at the Thohoyandou High Court.

Ramanyimi strongly believes the men were treated unjustly. "They were making a life. They were making a living. Mulaudzi had his own taxi. They had children and a family. Well settled. Next thing you get frustrated by the justice system. You go to jail for 12 years. And then you come back and you are unemployed. They've been treated roughly in prison. You don't have money ... When you left you were just a gentleman of thirty-something years. Now you are forty-something (Ndwambi is now 51). Where do you start to adjust with this life?"

Ramanyimi says getting compensation cases for malicious prosecution are very difficult. "We can't guarantee, it's a touch and go."

"One slight mistake and you will lose the whole case," says Ramanyimi. "Such as forgetting to lead the judge on something technical, or if I happen to omit something important, the lawyers for the respondent will note it and inform the judge and your case is blown. And remember, the loser in a civil case pays the costs."

Mulaudzi says he had nothing when he was released. "Not even clothes, I had to start from scratch," he says. "I had to ask my mother for money to travel to town (central Thohoyandou). When you come from being a taxi owner earning good money, a provider for your family, and then now you come out of prison and you don't have anything, you have to ask your mother." He says it was humiliating for him.

"No amount of money can restore them to the life they had before," says Ramanyimi. "In my view, what would be fair ... would be an amount of about R2-million each. But the idea is to compensate, not enrich."

Criminal law expert William Booth says: "In general people who sue the state for compensation struggle to get payment from the state. Literally each case where a person institutes a civil claim for damages, the state will oppose."

Booth says that civil claims can be made against a number of persons, such as "the police, the NPA, a judge or a magistrate... This will all depend on whether any of (them) are possibly personally liable for a claim of compensation."

Willie Hofmeyr, head of legal affairs at the NPA, explains that malicious prosecution is "where the court rules that the prosecutor at the time did not have sufficient evidence to institute a prosecution". In its judgment for both men's appeals the Supreme Court of Appeal ruled that there was insufficient evidence to convict.

Hofmeyr says that "almost all" claims against the NPA are for malicious prosecution. "Generally, we win about 65% of cases. In other words, no money is paid," he says.

According to the NPA's 2017/18 annual report, the number of civil claims against the state entity has trebled during the last five years and doubled in the last three years. The number of claims increased from 509 in 2012/13 to 1,732 in 2017/18. The previous years' report states that "it is likely that significant increases will continue for the foreseeable future". These are not only malicious prosecution cases.

"A significant part of the increased trend is from a few attorneys firms that go looking for work," says Hofmeyr. "They go to communities to collect a large number of cases, mostly without merit. Essentially they try to make money by bringing a large volume of claims and exploiting the inefficiencies in the state by getting cost orders."

"The majority of prisoners who are released after serving a sentence have great difficulty reintegrating into society," says Booth.

"They are usually not assisted by the state but by NGOs and community organisations," he notes.

"My whole life has changed and you can't do anything about it. I am worse off than someone

who left prison on parole because when they leave they are assisted with reintegration," insists Mulaudzi.

"Offenders released on parole still fall within the Department of Correctional Services monitoring and interventions programme, through Community Corrections," says Vanessa Padayachee, manager of advocacy and lobbying at The National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders (NICRO).

NICRO's reintegration programme is the same for people like Mulaudzi who have been exonerated, and offenders released on parole or after serving their full sentence. "Each former inmate has an individual psycho-social assessment and interventions are planned accordingly," says Padayachee.

Mulaudzi says his cousin Sam Mulaudzi, who paid for the legal fees for his appeal, has also arranged a psychologist for him. Sam is a construction entrepreneur and says he paid "about R500,000 assisting Marcus over a period of about 10 years".

Padayachee says that improved investigation by police can help to prevent malicious prosecution and wrongful conviction. She says that organisations should work together with government departments to create employment opportunities for former inmates as part of a comprehensive national reintegration strategy.

Mulaudzi says he only knew Ndwambi as a customer of his taxi service before they were convicted. "We have become close friends since he was released," says Mulaudzi, who has been helping Ndwambi get reacquainted with the world. -DM



# Public policy should be responsive to changing realities



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## OPINION

Poor public policy and democracy education is the reason why there is sometimes confusion about changes to public policy. The extent of public participation in policy making matters as much.

Two recent unrelated events prompted this reflection. First: the debate about government changing visa and travel regulations in an attempt to ease the movement of people, import critical skills and boost tourism numbers.

Many people welcomed this policy shift arguing that the 2015 regulations were ill-considered and responsible for negative growth in the tourism sector. The implementing minister, Malusi Gigaba, received the short end of the stick. In social media he became a mascot of poor public policy making, blamed for allegedly ignoring evidence when introducing the 2015 regulations. It didn't matter even to the erudite (who ought to know something about how the state functions) that the policy provision was a Cabinet decision, not Gigaba's invention.

What is certain from the visa saga is that the 2015 regulations had mixed results and therefore required amendment. The sentiment was clear from industry stakeholders, economists and ordinary members of the public.

Although public policy purists might argue against relying on social media to make

conclusive decisions about the performance of public policy, negative sentiments there can't be ignored. After all, this is a form of media, albeit unmediated by the tyranny of newsroom editorial structures.

Let's hasten to state that a fair number of people received the policy adjustment news with caution. They warn of unintended consequences of potential terrorists gaining access to our country (using visa exempted countries) and the risk of child trafficking if the new regulations tampered with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Children's Act. The chapter has straightforward provisions requiring evidence of consent from anyone who moves children in and out of the republic. In that connection, child protection activists will be watching the space to pick up a battle should regulatory changes be perceived to be threatening the security of children in a polity already facing alarming levels of child abuse.

The second incidence involves government's response to public violence in the Johannesburg township of Westbury. The unrest sparked by the murder of the mother caught in the alleged gang violence crossfire. Her niece, also reportedly shot by a stray bullet is now out of hospital and is stable.

The community of Westbury mobilised street protests expressing their anger at rampant gang

violence in the area which they attribute to high unemployment, poor delivery of municipal services and inadequate policing.

Police minister Bheki Cele immediately visited the area and held public meetings. He has since returned there twice and announced a number of measures such as increasing the number of police officers and prioritising the detection and arrest of suspected gang members who terrorize the community. Cele's responsiveness is being widely acknowledged.

A colleague in the senior management service of the Gauteng Provincial Government, Yoliswa Makhasi, shared chilling observations of Westbury after visiting the area as part of Bheki Cele's intervention. Makhasi wrote that the area has:

Many (illegal) dumping sites throughout the community, wondering when garbage was last removed by the municipality. Crime and grime goes together, she wrote.

Poor street lighting and uncut grass, fertile conditions for crime.

Alcohol and drug abuse is prevalent. Serious and violent crime, inadequate policing, alleged police corruption and collusion with criminals as well as gangsterism.

High levels of poverty and unemployment.

In addition to these poor public policy outcomes, the community of Westbury has lamented constant water and electricity cuts, deteriorating public infrastructure and limited access to public transport. Schools in the area are not helping children break the cycle of inter-generational poverty.

Makhasi concluded her observation by quoting a community member who said to his fellow protesters "...it cannot be business

as usual, hence we have to make our voices heard by marching on Friday, 5 October, 2018. We have to shake up this complacency and fight for our people who continue to suffer under such terrible and deteriorating conditions. We cannot be silent about this."

What is the point of this recitation of what many have already encountered in the past fortnight?

We recall these to make a point that it is important for public policy to be responsive to changing realities and the needs of the people. We learn from literature that public policy should be reviewed every three to five years. Such reviews may result in sustaining policy direction or making necessary amendments. This has been the case with the travel regulations. The 2015 policy has been implemented, feedback received and empirical evidence has prompted changes. The worst case of governing is sticking to policies that are not working even as outcomes are evidently pitiable.

Public policy is an art of making choices, an adage goes. Sometimes, with the best of intentions, these choices result in unfavourable outcomes occasioned by a confluence of factors such as weak policy design, poor implementation capacity, limited resources or some other exogenous factors.

Poor public policy and democracy education is the reason why there is sometimes confusion about changes to public policy. The extent of public participation in policy making matters as much.

The state should take responsibility for increasing public awareness on policy making processes, especially on how decisions are taken (including decision-making structures, enforcement mechanisms, feedback loops etc).

For example, some in the public don't know that ministers have no sole authority to determine public policy. All decisions are taken by Cabinet which can approve, veto or amended a departmental proposal. That is a constitutional provision. Predominantly these departmental submissions are influenced by ruling party mandates.

At the same time a minister responsible for implementing policy takes the flak or credit for the performance of policy that his or her department is a custodian of. That is generally how ministers are judged – apart from the flair and personality they add into their portfolios.

In the case of Westbury, it is clear from both official feedback and public commentary that our brothers and sisters in that locale are victims of poor policy implementation and democratic indifference or political neglect.

Policies designed to address spatial injustice have not worked for the people of Westbury as much as they have not worked for the people in the hostels, in Alex, Diepsloot and many other peri-urban neighbourhoods.

Further, social cohesion interventions have not worked hence the sentiment of racial exclusion. And, as the story goes for many poor and working class communities, local government dehumanises people by failing to provide quality and consistent basic services, as described by Makhasi above. Consequently, social policy failures become policing issues, putting pressure on the overstretched police department.

Perhaps, as we move towards marking 25 years of democracy, we should pause and think of creative and effective ways of raising awareness about public policy-making processes, including the role of the citizens in shaping policy direction.

Equally, policy makers need to recognise the dehumanising conditions of citizens and take proactive steps to change these. Meeting the basic needs of citizens, like regular refuse removal, teachers being in class on time teaching, are building blocks towards restoring the dignity of the people, stripped away by decades of racial oppression and post-apartheid structural unemployment which reproduces poverty and inequality.

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## The Shivambu Brothers and the Great VBS Heist3

The EFF and its deputy president Floyd Shivambu have benefited financially from the VBS Mutual Bank scandal, sources claim.

Shivambu, who is said to have received about 10 million VBS-rand through his younger brother Brian, has for months tried to suppress the investigation into VBS by casting shadows over the integrity of officials in National Treasury and the Reserve Bank.

Since the VBS report, titled 'The Great Bank Heist', was released on Wednesday, the EFF has retracted into a stony silence. A tame media statement on Wednesday evening, released just before 21:00, reiterated the party's position 'that all who are responsible and illegally benefited from the fraud must be criminally prosecuted immediately'. While details are still somewhat sketchy, this is what we know so far:

The EFF has allegedly received R1.3-million illegally flowing from VBS Mutual Bank into the party's bank account, three sources told Scorpio.

Floyd's younger brother, Brian, allegedly funneled around R10-million through a company called Sgameka Projects into Floyd's personal bank account, the same sources said. Brian is the sole director of Sgameka Projects.

The damning investigative report into VBS, commissioned by the Reserve Bank and released on Wednesday, found that Brian received R16,148,569 in "gratuitous payments" emanating from the bank. The evidence detailing the Shivambu brothers' nefarious activities consists of bank statements of the relevant entities – it was not included in the report to SARB because the investigators' mandate related specifically to VBS.

The evidence is however kept under "lockdown", sources said. It is now up to law enforcement to initiate and investigate criminal charges.

"We don't exclude the fact that there were more money flows from VBS through other fronts to the EFF and Shivambu," a well informed source said.

The VBS Mutual Bank report, titled "The Great Bank Heist" and investigated by Adv. Terry Motau SC and law firm Werksmans, is a tale of the elderly, the poor and several municipalities duped into banking with what started off in the late '80s as the Venda Building Society.

Motau and Werksmans' damning report into fraud, probable money laundering and reckless business practices found that around 53 people unjustifiably and illegally received R1.89-billion between 2015 and 2018.

It is against the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) for municipalities to bank with VBS. The Reserve Bank got wind

of these contraventions of the MFMA as well as serious allegations of corruption at VBS and put the bank under curatorship amid a liquidity crisis in March 2018. (More about the liquidity crisis later.)

The MFMA was written by Treasury official Ismail Momoniat – the longest serving Deputy Director General at National Treasury. Momoniat was a driving force behind finding out what was happening behind the opaque veil at VBS. As part of his portfolio, Momoniat often reported to Parliament on the matter. The Shivambu brothers' secret involvement in the VBS scandal pitted Floyd, in his role as Member of Parliament and deputy president of the EFF, against Momoniat, National Treasury and SARB. Shivambu's panicky and vitriolic reaction to the probe culminated into racist remarks about Momoniat's non-Africanness; a debacle that left the EFF smarting from an unexpected public retaliation in June 2018.

Shivambu, Malema and the EFF have since maintained that the party is only concerned for the black-owned bank's clients. On Wednesday night, just before 21:00, party spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi released a tame press release devoid of its usual punchiness. (He was unreachable after news of Brian Shivambu's VBS windfall broke, and after releasing his press release, Ndlozi remained unattainable.) Where Ndlozi's Tuesday press release – relating to Nhlhlanhla Nene's resignation as minister of finance – referred to Nene being "party to the most unpatriotic state capture by a family of foreign nationals", his Wednesday press release had no such resolute colour.

Said Ndlozi: "The EFF reiterates its position that all who are responsible and illegally benefited from the fraud must be criminally prosecuted immediately."

Ndlozi did not answer Scorpio's specific emailed questions, nor did he respond to a tweet sent to him about the emailed questions.

Attempts to reach the Shivambu brothers directly were unsuccessful.

Ndlozi's press release continued:

"The law enforcement agency must do all they can to ensure that all the money that can be recovered must be paid back in full including attaching properties of the individuals who benefited from the defrauding of VBS. The EFF is concerned by the findings that the bank cannot be saved. Shutting down the bank will not help efforts to increase black participation in the financial sector... it is concerning that such looting has been

allowed to happen since 2015..."

VBS' money problems  
The liquidity crisis is, in simple terms, blamed on the fact that VBS managers, politicians and tenderpreneurs – like the Shivambu brothers and EFF – gutted the bank into implosion. To avert a crisis of skeletons spilling out of the closet, the bank managers tried to solicit big payments from state entities such as the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa). General Manager of Treasury at VBS Phophi Mukhobwane, a key witness in the investigation, testified that VBS had attempted to solicit R1-billion from Prasa in late 2017.

Mukhobwane testified that a "commission" – read "bribe" – of R1.5-million was paid to a group of union officials from Satawu (South African Transport and Allied Workers Union) who claimed to be able to facilitate such a large deposit from Prasa, the report found.

Motau and Werksmans continue, stating: "VBS paid that amount to the Satawu officials, through a front, in anticipation of the deposit being made. According to Mukhobwane's understanding, the successful facilitation of the deposit from Prasa would be dependent upon 'NDZ' succeeding to the Presidency of the ANC at the party's elective conference held in December 2017. Mukhobwane testified that after the 'unexpected' outcome of the ANC elective conference, a renewed attempt was made... to solicit the R1-billion from Prasa. The plan was stymied thanks to an unrelated (yet connected) investigation into Prasa.

Mukhobwane himself stole R30-million from the bank, Motau and Werksmans found.

## Fixing municipalities will solve half our problems

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whole to play a role in building better and cleaner neighbourhoods and living spaces. The President's Coordinating Council meeting in Pretoria on 18 September adopted the Thuma Mina Green Deeds campaign which was being championed by the late Minister Edna Molewa.

Partnerships with non-state stakeholders are necessary to optimise local government's impact on economic growth. We welcome the progressive activism that we have seen from the private sector. These partnerships – like the Business Adopt-a-Municipality Project – offer options and solutions to identified challenges.

CoGTA through MISA is also partnering with Business Leadership South Africa in

nine municipalities to create a common understanding on how the challenges can be addressed. This effort and support from the BLSA is much appreciated.

During visits that we have undertaken around the country we have also been impressed by the willingness of business to work with us to turn municipalities around – in Makana, Mahikeng, Emfuleni and Gert Sibande and other areas. The captains of industry say let us work together to resolve these challenges and build functional municipalities.

It is also encouraging as well that despite all the performance and structural challenges in local government, we still have many

dedicated and hard-working councillors and senior managers who perform their jobs diligently. They remain committed to building functional municipalities.

Since everything happens in a municipality or a ward specifically, once we fix municipalities, half of the country's problems would be solved, if not all. We will be able to turn our municipalities into key centres of economic growth and development.

Local government is everybody's business. Let us make it work.

*Dr Zweli Mkhize is Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs*





New finance minister . . . Tito Mboweni

## Mboweni new finance minister as Nene resigns

Former reserve bank governor Tito Mboweni has been appointed finance minister after President Cyril Ramaphosa accepted Nhlhlanhla Nene's letter of resignation.

On Monday, Business Day reported that Nene had asked Ramaphosa to relieve him of his duties following public pressure over his testimony at the state capture inquiry, at which he admitted to meeting the Gupta family on numerous occasions and at their private Saxonwold home.

The request came after some political parties rejected his apology for the previously undisclosed meetings with the family when he served as deputy minister and minister of finance, respectively.

Speaking on Tuesday afternoon at Tuynhuys, Ramaphosa said Mboweni would provide the strong leadership needed at this time.

"As former governor of the reserve bank, Mr Mboweni brings to this position vast experience in areas of finance, economic policy as well as in governance," he said.

"Mr Mboweni takes on this responsibility at a critical time for our economy, as we intensify co-operation among all social partners to increase investment, accelerate growth and create jobs on a substantial scale."

"This moment calls for strong, capable and steady leadership that will unlock new opportunities as we grow and transform our economy," he added.

Mboweni was sworn in immediately.

Born in 1959, Mboweni was a leader of the exiled ANC. He was appointed labour minister in 1994 and oversaw sweeping reforms to the labour market. He became the first black governor of the SA Reserve Bank in August

1999 and served for just more than 10 years until November 2009.

Mboweni has since served as an adviser to investment banking firm Goldman Sachs and has been a director at the New Development Bank established by Brics. He is a founding member of Mboweni Brothers Investment Holdings.

Commenting on the state capture inquiry, Ramaphosa said it was critical that the commission had the means and opportunity to effectively fulfil its mandate.

He said no person should be above scrutiny and all relevant and credible accusations of wrongdoing should be thoroughly investigated.

"It is incumbent upon any person who may have knowledge of any of the matters within the commission's mandate to provide that information to the commission, to do so honestly and to do so fully. For the country to move forward, we need to establish the full extent of state capture, identify those responsible for facilitating it, and take decisive steps to prevent it happening again," Ramaphosa said.

Earlier on Tuesday, presidency spokesperson Khusela Diko said Ramaphosa had been engaging with Nene following his testimony at the state capture inquiry.

Diko said Ramaphosa was concerned about the uncertainty the matter had created in financial markets, and reaffirmed his commitment to the project of economic stability and economic recovery.

Nene's departure from the finance portfolio comes as Treasury officials prepare to attend the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) annual meeting in Bali and credit ratings agency Moody's was expected to do its next review

of the country on Friday.

Nene served as deputy finance minister and finance minister under former president Jacob Zuma. In December 2015, Zuma fired Nene and replaced him with little known ANC MP Des van Rooyen. Four days later after pressure, Zuma had to backtrack on his decision and appoint Pravin Gordhan as minister.

Nene was widely criticised for revealing to the Zondo commission of inquiry into state capture that he had met the Gupta's at their Saxonwold, Johannesburg, home on several occasions. He had previously said he had only encountered them at social events.

Last Friday the Mail & Guardian reported that Nene's son, Siyabonga Nene, had asked the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) to fund part of a deal to fund a refinery in Mozambique. This occurred while Nene was deputy minister of finance and government's leading representative on the PIC board.

Nene issued a public letter of apology to the nation on Friday, saying he had been wrong to meet the Guptas at their residence.

"I say this being mindful of the fact that it is quite common practice, not only in SA but globally, for public office-bearers to attend gatherings, including dinners, at residences of business people, fellow politicians and other stakeholders."

But, he added, "context matters". Nene disclosed to the Zondo commission that he had been fired after rebuffing an instruction from Zuma to sign off on a nuclear deal with Russia, among other deals that he believed were unaffordable. **-BusinessDay**

## UK expresses faith in SA economy

The United Kingdom's trade commissioner for Africa Emma Wade-Smith said on Tuesday that the UK had full confidence in South Africa's "stimulus package" and was more likely to continue to invest in South Africa despite the country's troubled economy going through a technical recession.

President Cyril Ramaphosa last month announced wide-ranging economic recovery measures, including the creation of a R400 billion infrastructure fund, in a bid to attract investment from the private sector and create much-needed jobs.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Infrastructure Africa Business Investment Forum, Wade-Smith said that the recent state visit to South Africa by UK Prime Minister Theresa May demonstrated that economic ties between the UK and South Africa had endured for a long time because the country was moving in the "right direction".

Wade-Smith noted: "I have very strong faith in this and I think what we are seeing is that the fundamentals of South Africa's economy are broadly strong and we have huge amounts of UK's investment here in South Africa. We are the largest foreign investor here and have been for many years. That is because we do have strong faith and belief in South Africa. It's an extraordinary economy, diverse, mature, and has so much going for it."

She continued, "Governments have a really crucial role to play in creating a right environment to enable business to happen. I think this stimulus package and the strong messages we are hearing from the president and his ministers is a confidence boost for the

international business community.

"And because we've already got such a strong business and personal relationship between the UK and South Africa, I am confident that we will see continued investment here. South Africa and many other economies in the continent are moving in the right direction and are absolutely the place for our companies to do business and invest."

The UK is currently the second largest investor in Africa with at around £45 billion a year while the value of the trading relationship between the UK and Africa stood at more than £31 billion.

Wade-Smith said that the UK wanted to renew its trade and investment partnership with Africa to be built around shared prosperity and shared security.

Asked about negative or positive perceptions to UK investors created by South Africa's proposed land reform policy to expropriate land without compensation, Wade-Smith reiterated May's position that the UK supports land reform in the country and has had a good and open conversation between government and business about some of the challenges that companies find.

"We have long said as the UK government that we support land reform in South Africa and we think it is the right thing to do in a way that is open, that is clear, and that is transparent. UK businesses support an open and inclusive economy and economic growth. We want to be part of South Africa's future economic growth," Wade-Smith said.

**-Citizen**

## Government foresees 825,000 new jobs

In two years' time, the South African economy will create 825,000 direct and indirect jobs annually, by government projections.

Trade and industry minister Rob Davies said the estimates were based on interventions devised by labour, business and government in the agreement at the jobs summit last week.

President Cyril Ramaphosa also announced that the impact of the sectoral interventions for job creation and economic enablers for sector growth would lead to 275,000 direct new jobs in addition to the targeted 300,000 a year.

The summit announced more than 70 interventions focused on local procurement, industrial finance and growth of SA exports in a bid to create jobs as the country's unemployment crisis deepens.

About 9.6-million people are without jobs. In a presentation on sectoral interventions creating employment at the summit, Davies said: "Based on a very conservative multiplier of two indirect jobs for every one direct job, we calculate that 550,000 indirect jobs will be created."

But Davies conceded these numbers were still below that of new entrants to the labour market, which is why

unemployment remained stubborn.

He said estimates were based on the number of jobs that would be created by each intervention contained in the agreement.

"Its technical work. I trust it has been done with sufficient vigour for it to be realistic, but it's a target, gives us a basis to measure progress and lack thereof."

"In some cases, there are big dividends where we put the right things where there was wrong, getting policy tools working, we were knocked off course by state capture and corruption," Davies told Business Day at the summit last Friday.

Interventions emanating from the summit include repackaged agreements on financing for black industrialists, farmers and agribusiness.

Meanwhile, the government has also committed itself to continuing support for its distressed firm fund run by the Industrial Development Corporation in an effort to retain existing jobs.

Davies noted they also intended to "tilt the balance" in favour of more labour-intensive sectors of manufacturing while equally considering the impact of the fourth industrial revolution on the industry. **-BusinessLive**

## SARB wants more banks audit committees

The South African Reserve Bank's deputy governor, Kuben Naidoo, has said that more is expected from banks' audit committees and that at least one bank's audited financial statements have been questioned recently.

Delivering the keynote address at a banking summit hosted by the South African Banking Association in the north of Johannesburg on Monday, Naidoo said the bar had been raised for audit committees in banks, and that even the chairperson is now expected to submit a report on what additional steps their bank is taking to ensure audit independence.

"We now expect more from the audit committees and expect the chair of committees to ensure there's audit quality and there's audit independence. So that the auditors are not just singing praises of the bank to get the large fees," he said.

Speaking to City Press, Naidoo said audit results are still looked at with a bit of suspicion in light of the environment of distrust among some of the audit firms.

"We have to look at it with a bit of suspicion. We don't rely on it fully, we have to corroborate it with other pieces of information. Getting a good audit committee - and getting one that takes its job seriously - is half the job done," he noted.

Naidoo pointed out that the SARB has decided to try and increase competition in the banking sector with new banking licences being issued, but it is done with caution.

"Banking by definition has barriers to entry. If those barriers are too high then you get no new entrants. If those barriers are too low then



Now expects more . . . SARB deputy governor Kuben Naidoo

we are not able to protect depositors' funds. You have to try to steer a balance through that," he said, adding that the country has done fairly well in keeping that balance.

Traditional banks, in his opinion, would not die because of their capacity to innovate. Although banking regulators have taken a harsh stance in making banking more difficult, the upside was that it was safer.

"Banks still have to play an important role between savers and lenders," he said, emphasising that a banks role, in the reallocation of capital, remains a very important one.

Before the Basel III accord, South African banks had an average return of earnings (ROE) of between 18% and 20%. After Basel III, the

average ROE is now between 15% and 17%.

"Banking is in one sense less profitable because they can't take certain risks and those are being pushed outside banking," the deputy governor said.

He added a decade ago the big four banks had 93% market share, while today that share has decreased to 85%, predicting that in another decade the number might be even lower, at 75% market share.

Basel III is an international regulatory accord that introduced a set of reforms designed to improve the regulation, supervision and risk management within the banking sector. **-CityPress**

## Consumers in tight corner

With more than 40% of South African consumers being technically over-indebted, the reality is that most of them are no longer able to make any further adjustments to their budgets, Neil Roets, CEO of Debt Rescue, told Fin24 on Monday.

He said average SA consumers were already struggling to make ends meet, and prioritising fuel in line with the rest of their budget is placing them under increased pressure.

Both grades of petrol, 93 and 95 (ULP & LRP), increased by 99 cents and 100 cents a litre (c/l) respectively just under a week ago. This brings the overall retail price of 95 ULP for motorists in Gauteng to R17.08 c/l and R16.49 c/l at the Coast.

"Fuel is a priority item along with items such as rent and food. Consumers are continuously urged to review and revise their budget to make cuts where necessary, so the reality is that most of them are no longer in a position to make any further adjustments," said Roets.

He noted it appeared that fuel prices would continue to increase over the foreseeable short-term future.

"Consumers are strongly urged not to incur unnecessary debt - especially on luxury items - live within their budgets and seek professional help if they cannot make ends meet," he cautioned.

Dave Mohr, chief investment strategist and Izak Odendaal, investment strategist, at Old Mutual Multi-Managers, commented that

there was not much to be done about the local petrol price.

About half of the R17 per litre petrol price is a simple function of global petroleum prices and the rand-dollar exchange rate. About 15% is margins earned by various players in the value chain, and the remainder consists of various levies. The Road Accident Fund levy is R1.93 per litre and the fuel levy R3.37.

They said the government could, in theory, cut those levies, but would then need to raise taxes elsewhere. The fuel levy is expected to raise R70bn in the current fiscal year.

Mohr and Odendaal said the impact of the fuel price on the SA economy would depend on a number of factors, such as the extent to which motorists can avoid unnecessary trips and companies absorb costs rather than pass them on to consumers.

"The bottom line is that it is not good news for the local economy, and talk of \$100 oil, premature as it may be, is a dim prospect," they cautioned.

"Higher fuel costs eat into households' income and businesses' margins while increasing the trade deficit and potentially increasing inflation."

While last week's Jobs Summit and the recently announced stimulus-package are steps in the right direction, they are very unlikely to impact economic growth rates in the short-term, in their view. **-Fin24**



## It's Pitso v Steve as Sundowns draw Celtic in TKO last-16



**Final before final... Pitso Mosimane to face Steve Komphela in the Telkom Knockout last 16**

By: Thapelo Molebatsi

Soweto giants Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates will both be at home, while defending champions Wits face a tricky away fixture against Free State Stars in the Telkom Knockout last-16.

The draw was conducted at the SuperSport studios in Randburg on Monday night.

The high-riding Clever Boys – who top the Absa Premiership log with 17 points in nine games – will have to travel to Goble Park in Bethlehem to take on Luc Eymael's outfit, who are currently ninth on the league standings after recording three wins in 10 matches.

Giovanni Solinas will be relatively pleased with Chiefs' home draw, as they will take on Black Leopards, while Pirates boss Milutin Sredojevic will face what could be a highly motivated Chippa United team, as the Buccaneers signed quite a few of their players in the off-season.

Perennial favourites Mamelodi Sundowns will have an intriguing battle against Bloemfontein Celtic, with the respective coaches, Pitso Mosimane and Steve Komphela, good friends in the football world.

Benni McCarthy's Cape Town City will have to fly to Durban, as they were drawn against AmaZulu.

Dates, kickoff times and venues for each match will still be confirmed in due course, but the tournament will start on the weekend of October 20-21.

Fans have marvelled over the unpredictable draw, with the main focus on Sundowns/Celtic draw being the talk of the town. Over the years, Celtic has proven to be a serious headache of the Matsatsantsa a Petori.

In a telephonic interview with The Weekly on Tuesday, Mosimane referred to the encounter as final before final. "Look, this is like final before the final. Everyone knows Celtic is on form now, despite their recent lose, they are still consistent team in the league now and you can be certain they are taking that in the cup tournament."

"We've just recently played them in the league and they put up a hell of a show and we are not going to take them lightly. We now know what to look for and we are hoping to exploit their weaknesses to our use heading in this match," he added.

On the other hand, Celtic head coach Steve Komphela, who recently suffered 2-0 against Free State Stars, was rather reluctant to speak ahead of the encounter, saying, "It's a tough one. A very tough one. We're gonna have to get certain things right before the match and once we get that's sorted, other things will follow."

### Telkom Knockout Draw

AmaZulu v Cape Town City  
Mamelodi Sundowns v Bloemfontein Celtic  
Polokwane City v SuperSport United  
Free State Stars v Wits  
Orlando Pirates v Chippa United  
Kaizer Chiefs v Black Leopards  
Maritzburg United v Highlands Park  
Baroka FC v Golden Arrows



**Another one.... ANC deputy secretary Mamiki Qabathe, left, hands out the Special Community Award to Karate South Africa senior national coach Shine Banyane**

## Another nod for Black Cheetah

By: Thapelo Molebatsi

Ward 27 in Botshabelo last weekend hosted the Thuma Mina Fidel Castro Branch Community Awards to honour members of the community who have sacrificed their time and resources to better the lives of others in the area.

The ceremony was held at Uniting Reformed Church where accolades were given in six categories - Heritage and Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Arts and Culture, Education and Development, Sport and Leisure, and Special Award.

Present at the ceremony was Mangaung Metro Municipality Chief Whip Zolile Mangcotywa and Free State ANC provincial deputy secretary Mamiki Qabathe.

The two senior leaders handed out certificates to the families of the fallen heroes and heroines that have positively contributed to improving the lives of ordinary people in ward 27 during apartheid. These included ordinary members regarded as role models by the community.

The three-day ceremony was concluded

on Sunday with sports activities were the community of Fidel Castro Branch participated in a 5km fun run, aerobics, netball, chess, indigenous games, and soccer.

Karate South Africa (KSA) national head coach Shine "The Black Cheetah" Banyane was given the Special Award together with ANC provincial secretary Paseka Nompondo, Ntho Mofokeng and Khedamile Kholomba.

Reciting Banyane's achievements, Apostle Neo Kabi said the role played by the Botshabelo born national coach went beyond just Karate or sport, having being an active member of the community from a young age.

"Banyane has been more than a sports figure. His contribution in the community of Botshabelo, specifically in the youth has been amazing. His changed the lives and motivated our young people to move away from life of crime to becoming responsible citizens and no one is more deserving of the recognition than he is," said Apostle Kabi.

Apart from his role as national coach, Banyane is currently the chairperson of LoveLife Provincial Advisor Board.

Banyane is the only qualified karate coach in the country with Africa and international coaching licences. He represented South Africa from 1998-2011 as an athlete. In 2013 he was appointed national coach for KSA junior team. Currently he is KSA senior national team coach.

"I feel so honoured and special to receive this award from the people. I am so delighted to see that people see what we are doing out there. This is my third recognition from Botshabelo and I appreciate it more than anything," Banyane said when accepting the award.

Previously, the Black Cheetah was honoured by the sports community of Botshabelo back in 2011, by establishing an organisation in his name.

In 2017, a similar award was bestowed upon him by Ward 29 also in Botshabelo for his achievements in the sporting code dominated by white males and defying the odds by becoming the first KSA black coach.

Banyane said his focus was to ensure the national team qualifies for the Olympic World Cup in Spain from November 2 to November 11.

## Luc still chuffed with derby triumph

By: Thapelo Molebatsi

Free State Stars head coach Luc Eymael says his charges will have to remain humble after Saturday's 2-0 derby win against Bloemfontein Celtic.

Goals from Harris Tchilimbou and Sinethemba Jantjie at Goble Park saw the Bethlehem-based side move to ninth on the table with 11 points from 10 games.

Ea Lla Koto have lined up a friendly during the FIFA break, and will seek to rise up the standings when they resume their league campaign against visiting Golden Arrows on October 24.

"We just have to remain humble. Yes, nice win, nice three points, a completely deserved result," Eymael said.

"Opportunities were created, and this time we succeeded to put two balls at the end of the net. We could have put three or four in but again with two I'm happy.

"We also kept again a clean sheet. You know in the last four games we only conceded one goal and on the deflection against Chippa United. If not it could have been four clean sheets in a row, but it's okay," he noted.

"The boys did really well. I'm very proud of my players, they fought a lot, reacted very well against a very good Celtic, who had a very good start to the season.

He added: "Yeah, it was a good boost just before the FIFA break. We have to play again tomorrow against the national team of Lesotho. We play a friendly tomorrow, then I will give players some days free.

"For the rest, like I said, we scored some nice goals, nice combinations of play. And also to avoid Celtic to create some big chances because we defended very well and we applied very well the plan of play you know.

"My players have shown to everyone that when they apply everything altogether we still remain a dangerous team. But when everybody is not playing at 100% then it becomes a big problem. It's not only for us, it's also for other teams you know.

"Our strength is the collective you know, it's unity in the team, it's the discipline and the fighting spirit ... because we don't have our own Ronaldo or Messi in the team huh? For us it is more about the collective," Eymael concluded.

## Wayde relishes brand ambassador job

By: Thapelo Molebatsi



Known for his extraordinary achievements and prevailing despite the hurdles thrown his way, 26-year-old Wayde Van Niekerk has more than enough energy left in his tank to run with Openview's mission.

Together, Wayde and Openview aim to ensure that satellite television entertainment is free for all South Africans, in spite of seemingly insurmountable odds.

"Television has the power to bring the entire world to our living rooms, which is so important for inspiring our dreams and celebrating who we are," Wayde said.

"Openview has such a wide variety of free channels that thrill, entertain and educate. I am excited to team up with them as they try to give free world-class entertainment to as many South Africans as possible – we're going for gold," he noted.

The dreamer from Kraaifontein in Cape Town kicked off his athletic career in 2005 when he moved to Bloemfontein with his family. There he attended Grey College and later the University of Free State, where his talents were

honed under the guidance of renowned athletics coach Ans Botha.

Wayde debuted his international career in 2010 at the World Junior Championships in Athletics, where he recorded a personal best in the 200m men's event. There was no doubt he was born to run. However, the next couple of years weren't without their ups and downs; winning an event on one day and then failing to make the finals the next. Frustration, heartbreak, triumph and relief became constant themes in camp Wayde.

However, being the epitome of hard work, Wayde continued to develop another strength – the 400m. 2013 marked the birth of South Africa's champion as he started racking up the personal bests year after year. All of it culminated in that unforgettable moment at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where he crushed the world record time by 0.15 of a second, bringing gold, hope and new dreams back to the shores of South Africa.

Openview and Wayde hope to build on this winning momentum as they roll out even more free television over the next few months.



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## Match made in heaven

The football romantic in me, which worships at the altar of the beautiful game and loves a good story even more, is over the moon with how Bloemfontein Celtic have started this season.

You don't have to be a football fanatic to have a soft spot for Sivelele – the heart that keeps Phunya Sele Sele's beating.

Celtic fans are still the best in the country in terms of how they support their team, backing it through thick and thin by showering their players with love and encouraging them with their singing.

Sivelele made the drab final match of the league last season between Celtic and Sundowns entertaining by schooling the Brazilians supporters, who challenged the side from the City of Roses in the singing department at the stadium.

For a number of years, Sivelele haven't had much to sing about. Against the Brazilians, Celtic were fighting for a place in the top eight.

Now, in Steve Komphela, Celtic have a coach who is cut from the same cloth as Sivelele – a gracious gentleman who loves the game, and isn't shy to acknowledge a better man in a contest.

Komphela's marriage with Sivelele is a match made in football heaven. The two need each other in their quest to improve their image.

Komphela's name was tarnished in his three trophyless seasons at Kaizer Chiefs. He faced numerous missiles and insults from Amakhosi fans, who invaded the pitch and almost beat one security guard to death.

The veteran coach had no choice but to resign.

He won't experience such challenges at Celtic. He will consistently get love, which should help him succeed.

He has already shown what a great manager he is by leading Celtic to a bright start despite the problems they had off the field.

Celtic were almost liquidated, and players threatened to boycott their opening matches as they hadn't been paid.

But you don't see that in how they have started the season. Celtic are unbeaten in four games.

Komphela's time at Chiefs showed he isn't cut out to manage a team whose drive is to win everything on offer. His best trait is being a teacher and refining rough diamonds.

Teams like Chiefs don't have time for that, they want trophies – trophies which Komphela couldn't bring.

He has no choice but to polish rough diamonds at Celtic and be a teacher, as they can't exactly solve their problems with a chequebook.

This is perfect for Komphela because that's what he does best.

I interviewed Komphela in 2013, when he was still at Free State Stars, on how he feels about having never won a trophy, even though he refined a number of stars, including Siphwe Tshabalala, Mpho Makola, Edward Manqele and Thabo Matlaba.

"The day we assume selflessness in our lives, we will progress," Komphela.

"There comes a stage where a coach takes a decision to work in an environment where he will win trophies. He doesn't care about anything else. It is about him. That's selfish.

"I am at a stage where I want to develop other players. It is selflessness. But on the other hand, it kills you as a coach, because after two years they ask you: 'What have you won?'

"And then you say: 'I haven't won anything.'

"They don't count the number of players you have pushed in the PSL."

Sivelele will count every victory he gives them, no matter how small it may seem.





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# BATTLE LINES DRAWN AHEAD OF MACUFE CUP

We are not taking this Trophy likely nor are we going to underestimate Bloemfontein Celtic, says Chiefs lethal man, Bennett Parker ahead of showdown at Vodacom Park Stadium, Sunday.



Bring it on ... Kaizer Chiefs Bernard Parker and Bloemfontein Celtic number goalkeeper during Macufe Cup press conference in Bloemfontein.

By: Thapelo Molebatsi

It's that time of the year again and fans of both Kaizer Chiefs and Bloemfontein Celtic are guaranteed a mouth-watering encounter.

With the host on top form despite their loss to Free State Stars over the weekend, the defending champions will have to be in fine form if they are to retain their trophy, an aspect that looks highly unlikely.

Chiefs have convincingly won the trophy in the past two years (4-1) in 2016 and (4-2) in 2017 under leadership of the now Celtic head coach Steve Komphela.

Addressing the press conference ahead of the Sunday clash, Celtic number goalkeeper, Patrick Tignyemb in no uncertain terms made it clear that the aim was to keep the cup at home.

Tignyemb currently the club's longest serving players with over 300 games said the focus was extremely high, with the players keen to retain the trophy they last won in 2015.

"We are ready to take part of what is rightfully ours. The focus and determination is there and we are ready to give the champions a run for their money," said Tignyemb.

Unfazed by the off-pitch issues, Tignyemb said the club would use the cup to get back to their winning ways which will serve as moral boosters ahead of league games.

"We're not gunning for anything less than victory. This has been our approach since the arrival of the new coach and we are taking into the cup and hope for positive results," he added.

While Steve Komphela, former Kaizer Chiefs coach might have inside and low down on his former club which proved useful during their league match which saw Celtic come for 2-0 down to share the spoils, Chiefs lethal man Bennett Parker is adamant that history will not repeat itself.

Speaking to the media, Bernard Parker conceded the impressive form Celtic was in, saying they would not be taking anything lightly contrary to media reports that Chiefs would bring second team to do battle.

"We're actually bringing a fully flashed team on the day. This is because we take the competition seriously and we are determined to leave Mangaung as champions again," said Parker.

He added that Celtic was not a team to be taken lightly on level, vowing that the glamour boys would not be drawn into committing that mistake.

With both teams hungry for victory, Macufe Cup which takes place at Vodacom Park Stadium on Sunday, the encounter promises sparks for football fans.

## SABC committed to engaging Safa on fair terms to broadcast Bafana games

The SABC say they "remain committed to engaging Safa on fair terms", but added that it was unfortunate that a legal dispute is in the public domain with regards to broadcasting national football team matches.

The SA Football Association (Safa) issued a strong-worded statement earlier on Thursday, stating that "as things stand", the SABC won't be allowed to broadcast Bafana Bafana's Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Seychelles at the FNB Stadium on Saturday (3pm kickoff).

Safa feel that the public broadcaster made a "discourteous offer" to broadcast games involving Bafana, Banyana Banyana and other age-group teams and national competitions.

The national governing body was upset by the fact that while the SABC had told them that "it is in no position to conclude a contract/contracts whilst it is in a financial state of disarray", the SABC had still finalised deals to broadcast an English Premier League game on a Saturday, as well as signing on as the broadcast partner with Cricket South Africa for the new T20 league.

"However, it is now patently clear that the SABC actions over the past few weeks in signing deals with EPL and CSA (Cricket South Africa) is calculated towards engineering the financial downfall of Safa, which the Association will not stand for," Safa said.

They added that they were going to write

a letter to the Sports and Communications Ministries to "relieve the SABC of its obligations towards sports of national interest (football in particular)" and engage with another broadcaster.

But with less than 48 hours to kickoff at the FNB Stadium, it remains unclear if there will be a "black-out" on the SABC platforms.

The SABC insisted in their statement on Thursday night that they had made a "commercially viable offer" to Safa to broadcast national team matches, which was rejected.

"On the previous contract, there were obligations and milestones which the SABC has met, including the payment milestones of that contract, albeit late, given the SABC's dire financial situation. In this regard, the SABC made full and final payment on the agreement as agreed with Safa," the SABC said.

"The outstanding Safa obligations due to SABC from the previous contract are the two remaining 2019 Afcon qualifier matches which are, the Bafana Bafana vs Seychelles match on 13 October 2018, and the Bafana Bafana vs Nigeria match on 17 November 2018."

One thing that is clear is that the SABC will broadcast the away match against Seychelles next Tuesday (2.30pm SA time), with the broadcaster stating that it "will be broadcast by the SABC since these rights do not reside with Safa". -IOL

## Kovsie crowned champions



2018 Champions... UFS Kovsie crowned champs at 2018 Varsity Cup

By: Thapelo Molebatsi

In a thrilling final in Bloemfontein on Monday night, home side UFS Kovsie stunned and outplayed defending champions UP Tukkies to win the 2018 Varsity Netball tournament 63-59.

The final got off to an exhilarating start with newlywed Tanya von Berg (formerly Mostert) taking the first centre pass which was converted by none other than superstar Lefébre Rademan.

This was followed by another two consecutive goals by the home side thanks to an interception by Khomotso Mamburu (2017 Player of the Tournament).

This was shortly followed by an interception

by the Tuks captain, Tshina Mda.

The Kovsie shooters, Rademan and Alicia Puren, and their attacking players, Khanyisa Chawane (WA) and Von Berg (C), did well to not force the ball to the goal post.

Needless to say, their patience and the exceptional athleticism shown by Chawane paid off.

The visitors played just as well with interceptions coming from Jeanette Vermeulen and Akosua Mensah, with the rest of the team working well to capitalise on the Kovsies' mistakes and the shooters converting the team's effort.

The home side, however, were on fire in terms of defence with multiple interceptions coming from Mamburu and Sne Mdletshe, ending the first quarter 19 goals to 15.

Tuks immediately placed Kovsies under pressure in the second quarter, leading to a three-second held ball call, which was converted by Ine-Mari Venter and it was then the visitors turn to score a few consecutive goals levelling the scores at 19 all.

In this quarter, interceptions came from Mdletshe and Ané Retief, as well as Puren.

In the meantime, Tuks did well to convert their centre passes with well flowing play.

Venter got the crowd on the edge of their seats with a fancy basketball shot, which she unfortunately was not able to convert to a goal.

However, Captain Fantastic, Alicia Puren, perfectly executed a similar shot shortly after. By the end of the first half, Tuks managed to close the gap slightly trailing by 28 goals to the Kovsies' 30.

The start of the second half saw some changes on both sides as Rieze Straeuli came on at wing attack, moving Chawane to centre.

For the Tuks side, Venter was moved to goal attack making place for Venetia Grobler at goal shooter.

Kovsies drew first blood, but Tuks came back strong evening out the scores and taking the lead for the first time in the game with two goals.

Five minutes into the half the first power play was called in which both sides scored a double pointer each.

With an interception from Mamburu, Kovsies managed to even the scores.

This was shortly followed by changes in the Kovsies camp.