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Provincial budget increased to R51.634 billion during 2022/23 adjustment



MEC for Finance Motlalepula Rosho has tabled the 2022/23 provincial adjustment budget on 22 November at the North West Provincial Legislature. Rosho said the adjustment budget proposed an upward revision of R1.922 billion which implies that the provincial budget will increase from R48 billion to R51.634 billion.

The MEC stated that the budget considered the service delivery needs of the North West community especially towards the provision of education, health services, water and sanitation as well as

the provinces' roads network.

"This additional allocation comprises of R111.1 million for Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant, R714.563 million in relation to improvement on condition of service public servants. R726.132 million for rollovers and the rest from own financing", said MEC.

MEC Rosho however noted with concern the slow spending on infrastructure conditional and grants and said departments are compelled to implement expenditure improvement plans in order to maximise spending throughout the financial year with a positive impact on service delivery.

She urged provincial departments to absorb the current infrastructure allocations including rollovers and additional funding provided to mitigate flood damages on the provincial roads and completion of delayed water and sanitation projects.

The MEC concluded by saying that governance and oversight on implementation planning and should be enhanced by all the departments.

Economic Cluster budget geared towards stimulating economic growth

The economic cluster consists of the departments of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism, Agriculture and Rural Development and Public Works and Roads focuses on stimulating economic growth, job creation, providing sustainable food security, provision of quality provincial infrastructure, development of new roads, reconstruction, upgrading, rehabilitation and maintenance of roads infrastructure.

The Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism receives additional R16.854 million. Of this amount, R10 million is for Golden Leopard Resorts and R6.854 million for Compensation of Employees (COE). The budget of

the Department of Public Works and Roads is increased by R406.027 million. Inclusive in this amount is addition of R111.1 million for Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant. The allocation will be used to restore provincial roads that were damaged by the floods of April 2022.

The R222.246 million conditional grand is mostly for ongoing projects for upgrading from gravel to surface projects, three of which are in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality; two (2) in Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and one (1) in Bojanala Platinum District Municipality.

It has been reported that in Kagisano-Molopo, over 90 hectares of

farmland was destroyed by veld fire. This has threatened food security in that municipal area.

Due to heavy rains that led to high vegetation growth and increase in the fuel load veld fires, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will therefore receive an additional R10 million as a response from provincial government to address the challenges brought by the disaster.

The total upward adjustment for the department is R53.6 million which comprises of conditional grant rollovers of R26.768 million, equitable share rollovers of R1.736 million, R15.096 million for ICS as well as the above-mentioned R10 million.



Province to strengthen its coordination role on water and sanitation

MEC Motlalepula Rosho during the tabling of 2022/23 adjustment budgte speech emphasized that the province needs to strengthen its coordination role on water and sanitation and assist to resolve challenges experienced by municipalities in provision of water.

She however explained that water and sanitation is a national competency but the province will ensure that more is done to ensure that this area is strengthened.

Rosho said there are allocations that are specifically ring-fenced at national level to deal with water and sanitation in the province. "In

most cases, those allocations are not fully utilised and as result, the much-needed resources revert back to the National Revenue Fund".

She said as an interim measure, and as a caring government, an amount of R10 million has been added to deal with issues of water in the province.

This is over and above R2.263 million rolled over from the previous financial year as well as R37 million availed by the department through internal reprioritisation.

The amount will be used to complete projects in Agisanang bulk sewer line, Rooigrond water treatment plant and Mazista/Kgetleng bulk pipeline. Coligny sewer reticulation and Tlhabologang water augmentation in the Ditsobotla Local Municipality receive R6.5 million through reprioritisation and are expected to be completed by the end of this financial year.

The budget of the Department of Cooperative Governance Traditional Affairs is therefore increased by R22.745 million which is inclusive of R3.631 million for equitable share rollovers, R9.114 million for ICS and the abovementioned R10 million for water. These proposals will result in an upward adjustment of the departmental budget from R600.092 million R622.837 million.





Province to double its efforts through acceleration of infrastructure spending

When tabling the 2022/23 the medium term expenditure framework (MTEF) adjustment budget, MEC Motlalepula Rosho said the budget is in line with improving service delivery in the province and improving on the shortfalls experienced by some departments and entities in their spending of funds.

She highlighted that in an efforts to stimulate economic growth, the province should double its efforts through acceleration of infrastructure spending and investment in innovation and technological development. As a result the Adjustment Budget proposals are therefore geared towards investment in infrastructure and related

key service delivery programmes.

Rosho said it has been noted that more budget on Infrastructure is used on Human Settlements and roads infrastructure. The government needs to review the granting of tender process to a simplified and user friendly method to enable all departments to utilize their budgets on infrastructure effectively and efficiently.

She further alluded that the departmental Municipal Finance Support Unit needs to join hands with the Infrastructure section to visit all local and district municipalities and investigate their Infrastructure Development Plans (IDP's) and as a result assist with

revitalization of all decision making and allocation of funds/tenders for infrastructure service delivery. When this joint venture of municipalities comes into place, a well structured time frame should be set for delivery of these infrastructure projects to speedy service delivery.

Rosho further said that for the provincial departments to absorb the current infrastructure allocations including rollovers and additional funding provided to mitigate flood damages on our roads and completion of delayed water and sanitation projects, governance and oversight on planning and implementation should be enhanced by all departments.

Progress is registered on the development of call center



During the main Budget Speech of the Province MEC Rosho announced that Provincial Treasury will establish the Call Centre for outstanding invoices and supplier/creditor payment related complaints.

MEC reported at the tabling of the 2022/23 adjustment that the Provincial Supply Chain has registered progress on the development of call centre for outstanding invoices and supplier and creditor payment related complaints. The establishment of the call centre is approved for implementation and will commence with the operationalization of the centre in the last quarter of 2022/23 financial year.

Mokhuduthumaga Rosho o gwetlha badiredipuso go dirisa ledi le dithoto tsa puso ka kelotlhoko



Fa a ne a neelana ka tekanyetsokabo ya pakagareng ya ngwaga wa ditshelete wa 2022/23, Mokhuthuthamaga Motlalepula Rosho o gwetlhile badiredipuso go nna kelotlhoko fa ba dirisa madi le dithoto tsa puso ka gonne maemo a ikonomi a a lebaneng bagarona a thatafalela go ya pele.

"Re gwetlha mafapha le ditheo tsa puso gammogo le dipusoselegae go dirisa ledi le dithoto tsa puso ka kelotlhoko go samagana le go godisa moruo le go lwantsha botlhakatiro.

Re tlhoka go dira seno ka bogatlhamelamasisi, go lebisa moruo wa rona mo tseleng e e re fang tshepo ya gore fa re kopa mo Modimong ka boineelo le dipelo tse di boikobo bokamoso jwa moruo wa naga ya rona bo ka tokafala mme le baagi ba ka nna le tshepo mo pusong ya bone, ga rialo Rosho.

Departments urged to comply with PFMA prescripts which include prudent spending



The North West Provincial Administration continues to protect society's marginalized citizens and has done so by ensuring funding for vital social programmes that primarily assist these vulnerable groups of the society.

MEC Rosho stated that the executive committee of the province impresses upon Accounting Officers on the importance of all departments in the province to comply with PFMA prescripts which include prudent spending of their respective budgets as

well as functional SCM committees.

Rosho said non-expenditure of budgets and failures experienced with SCM committees and their inability to fulfil their mandates, has proved to be a serious impediment to provision of quality service delivery to our people and this culture has caused a breakdown in the trust relationship between government and the citizens.

"In order for us to bring an end to this lackluster behaviour of

officials in government, we have no choice but to act harshly on departments that continue to fail to spend their budgets and those that are unable to get their houses in order in connection with SCM committees' abilities to fulfil their mandates.

If this behaviour persists, Provincial Treasury will be left with no choice but to invoke Section 18 of the PFMA by withholding the transfers of quarterly tranches to departments", she said.



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