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LEFAPHA LE ABELANA KA DITLHAKO.



Segologolo sa re ngwana sejo wa tlhakanelwa. Seno se raya gore kgodiso ya ngwana le go ditlhokego tsa bona ga se maikarabelo a lelapa la bona fela, mme ke maikarabelo a setshaba ka kakaretso gonne ngwana yo a ka tsoga e le motho setshabeng.

Ka ntlha ya seno, Mokhuduthamaga wa Matlotlo mo Bokone Bophirima mme Motlalepula Rosho mmogo le batsamaisi ba setlamo sa ditirelo tsa dipolokego, First National Bank go tswa mo Mahikeng le Mmabatho ba ile ba etela sekolo potlana sa Uitschot kwa lefelong le le itsegeng ka Vermaas e yone e fitlhelwang mo masepal-

eng wa selegae kwa Tswaing.

Uitschot, ke sekolo se se nang le ditlhokego le dikgwetlho tse dintsi jaaka dikolo tse dintse tsa dipolase, mme le fa seno se na le seabe mo thutong ka tsela nngwe, bana ba sekolo seno ba nyoretswa thuto mo go itumedisang.

Fa ba ne ba etetse sekolo se mo malobeng, go abelana ka ditlhalako go baithuti ba ba tswang kwa malapeng a sa itsholelang sentle, mokhuduthamaga o ikuetse go baithuti go tsaya thuto tsia thata ka ntlha ya fa e le ka thuto fela ngwana wa mmala wa sebito a ka nnang motho setshabeng.

“Ke kopa gore le tseye dithuto tsa lona tsia thata mme lo reetse barutabana ba lona gonne ba le ruta go lo dira batho setshabeng le gore le nne bokamoso bo bo botoka jaaka lo le baetapele ba setshaba ba ka moso,” ga rialo Mokhuduthamaga Rosho.

Motsamaisi wa kwa polokelong le ena o ne a ikuela go baithuti go semella mo dithutong tsa bona mme ba se kgathliwe ke sepe se se tla ba lebatsang botlhokwa jwa thuto.

“Jaaka setheo sa polokego, re

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itumele thata fa re nna le seabe le mo go tseyeng karolo mo go buseng seriti sa ngwana wa mma- la o sebilo. Re tsaya karolo thata mo mananeong a tsa thuto le mo go tse dintsi go thusa mo set- shabeng, ke ka ntlha ya seo mo moonoo wa rona e leng “What can we do for you” e e rayang gore re ka go thusa jang,” ga rialo Tshep- iso.

Mmatoropo wa masepala wa sel- egae wa Tswaing Mme?? Le ene o ne a tletse boitumelo go bona dithuso tse di neng di tlišitswe ke mokhuduthamaga le ba setheo sa dipolokego A tihalosa gore jaaka masepala ba dira ka natla le bat- saya karolo ba le bantsi mo go tsa thuto tota le lona lefapha la thuto go bona gore ngwana mongwe le mongwe yo monnye ebile a le mo dingwageng tsa goya sekolong go diragala jalo.

Fela jaaka baithuti ba ba abetsw- eng ditlhako, mmatoropo le ene o ne a tletse boitumelo jo bontsi tota. Ene o ne a patilwe magareng ga bangwe ke motsamaiši wa se- kete yo ikarabelang kwa tswaing le mokhanselara wa lefelo. Mo bo- emong jwa baithuti ka ena, mon- gwe wa baithuti o ne a tihalosa fa ba itumeletse dikatso thata mme a lebogela matsapa a lefapha le batsaya karolo botlhe go gopola sekolo sa bona.

Fela jaaka mopresidente wa malo- ba wa ntlha wa temokerasi a kile a bua ka thuto, fa a ne a re” Thuto ke yone fela sebetsa se re tla se diri- sang go fetola lefatshe” tsholofelo ke gore baithuti ba sekolo seno ba tla tswelala go ithuta le go fetola seemo sa kwa malapeneg a bona, lefelo la bona, naga ya rona tota le lefatshe ka kakaretso. Boka- maoso jwa rona bo itshetlegile mo maruding a bone.



Provincial Treasury assists Moretele municipality with revenue challenges

In an effort to support and strengthen the capacity of municipalities to manage their affairs, to exercise their powers and perform their functions, the Provincial Treasury as part Accelerated Service Delivery Programme Thuntsha Lerole, had a fruitful discussion with Moretele Local Municipality's Chief Financial Officer, officials from the Budget and Treasury Office and Members of Mayoral Committee for Finance to unpack and address identified challenges relating to revenue management.

"We dealt with revenue challenges, we know that Moretele Local Municipality is a grant dependant municipality and we wanted to work with the municipality in terms of increasing their revenue. We took an overall assessment of the state of finance of the municipality relating to budget, revenue and implementation of Municipal Standard Chart of Account (MS-CoA) and we have agreed on the programme of action with the municipality in terms of the areas of improvement," said Mr Kunene. Provincial Treasury will further enhance the municipality's effort to enhance registration of indigent in their indigent register to allow them to pick up speed in terms of subsidies.

"We have also received reports that more than five hundred beneficiaries were registered as indigent and we will be sustaining this programme going forward," added Mr Kunene.



The department further assisted small businesses with registration, updating and amending their companies details on the Centralised Suppliers Database and assisting those whose invoices have not been paid after 30 days as stipulated by the PFMA.

Phase 2 of the Accelerated Service Delivery Programme – Thuntsha Lerole is currently being

rolled-out to local municipalities across the province, where intervention on service delivery challenges is prioritised.

Meanwhile the department is intensifying its support initiatives to all municipalities by training municipal officials on the revenue value chain through the revenue master class programme that is currently being conducted.

R1.8 BILLION ADDED TO PROVINCE'S KITTY.



Delivering the 2023 provincial adjustment budget, the MEC for Finance, Motlalepula Rosho told provincial legislature that the budget has been adjusted upwards by R1.860 billion from R50.856 billion to R52.716 billion to address the ever-evolving needs and challenges facing the province.

MEC Rosho said the budget proposals resonate with the understanding of the service delivery obligations of government alongside the development impetus of active citizenship.

“The financial constraints we face compel us to reassess our spending priorities and eliminate inefficiencies. In these challenging times, cost containment becomes a necessary intervention, not because it is our desire, but because it is the responsible path forward.

Resources need to be directed where they are needed most without compromising the well-being of our people and jeopardizing our ability to deliver on our commitments to the citizens of the North West,”

She said this calls for greater spending efficiency and stringent financial management measures. She added the tabling of the budget happened under constrained economic climate characterized by slow economic growth, energy disruption and tax revenue which has been negatively affected and all these factors exert more pressure on an already tight fiscal position within which the government finds itself.

“This adjustment budget is being

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economic times. It is our collective responsibility to maintain financial stability by ensuring that we spend within the allocated budgets. In so doing, government will ensure that all service delivery programmes aimed at improving the lives of our communities are sustained," stated MEC Rosho.

"We are reminded to never despair regardless of the adversities and challenges we face. We will continue to work with our communities to overcome these challenges and bring about positive change for the people of our province," she said.

On revenue enhancement, MEC Rosho reminded parliamentarians that during the main budget appropriation, the provincial own revenue target was set at R1,279 billion and is adjusted to R1.298 billion which is an increase of R18.371 million or 1.44 per cent growth. Due to the tight fiscus and the continuous reduction in equitable share, provincial departments are encouraged to invest in resources and strategies that will ensure maximum collection of the

identified revenue sources.

She said several reductions have been made to the provincial conditional grants for 2023/24 amounting to R581.327 million due to the fiscal challenges faced by Government. Furthermore, National Treasury has approved Conditional grant rollovers from the previous financial year amounting to R574.879 million.

In addition to the approved conditional grants rollover, the equitable share rollovers amounting to R150.587 million have been made available across six provincial departments namely Arts, Culture,

Sports and Recreation, Community Safety and Transport Management, Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism, Education, Agriculture and Rural Development, Human Settlements and Education which is the main beneficiary of rollover funds.

"As we implement this adjustment budget, let us remember that the challenges we face do not define us, but our response to the challenges does. Let us stand together, work together and move forward with the common purpose of creating a brighter and more equitable future for all," she concluded.





PROVINCIAL TREASURY CONDUCTS MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES

As part of supporting municipalities to ensure that they improve on their financial and non-financial performance with the view to improve their future audit outcomes, the Provincial Treasury is currently conducting mid-year budget and performance assessment with provincial municipalities.

This legislative exercise is in line with prescripts of Section 72 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, (2000).

This practice is one of the strategic engagements undertaken by Provincial Treasury to improve and strengthen the monitoring and oversight of municipal performance.

The assessments seek to review performance of municipalities over the past six months of the current financial year and zoomed into the following key discussion areas:

- Institutional arrangement

and how it impacts on service delivery

- Financial health which entails the review of financial positions for the previous audited financial year
- Financial governance
- Service delivery areas namely issues relating to service delivery performance,

The status of Supply Chain Management (SCM) implementation and challenges and root causes encountered thereof as well as remedial actions put in place to address areas of concern and to get a snapshot for the preparation for the tabling of funded adjustment budget. The implementation and current status of the Post Audit Action Plan was also reflected upon.

Through the engagements, the provincial treasury is trying to have a feel and sense of how

municipalities respond to the people's needs despite budget limitations. The role of management in developing effective internal control systems was also the subject of discussion.

Municipalities were requested to attend to all the gray areas identified to improve on their performance and to ensure that nothing falls through the cracks in the remaining six months.

Most municipalities appreciated the support and capacity building programmes from the provincial treasury and promised to work towards the improving sound financial management and reporting with the view to improve audit outcomes.

The outcome of the assessment will inform the adjustment budget as prescribed by Section 28 of the MFMA.

Municipalities welcome interventions from Provincial Treasury

With the introduction of Provincial Executive Representatives (PERs) to provincial municipalities, the Provincial Treasury has confidence that they have deployed men and women with proven track record, competence and skills that will assist the financially distressed municipality to resolve the myriad challenges they face.

The PERs were introduced to the following municipalities: Ditsobotla, Kgetlengrivier, Maquassie Hills, Matlosana, Tswaing, Mamusa, Ramotshere Moila, Naledi and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati. Whereas some municipalities such as Matlosana received PER's for the first time after requesting such voluntary intervention from Provincial Treasury, other municipalities saw their former PERs being deployed to other municipalities to assist where gaps had been identified.

The deployment of PERs is part of support initiatives and legislative obligation in terms of section 139 of the Constitution of Republic of South Africa and section by Provincial Treasury to intervene to financial quagmire and those who cannot adequately perform their mandate as anticipated.

The PERs were in terms of section 139 (5)© of the Constitution read together with section 146 (3) (b) of the MFMA.

The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) also places obligations on the national and provincial government to assist in resolving financial problems in municipalities.

The PERs terms of reference



were clearly spelt out to avoid any confusion between or blurring of lines of roles and responsibilities with the administrative leadership of municipalities.

Part of the terms of reference for PERs include amongst other the wholesale implementation of the Financial Recovery plan (FRP) as part of voluntary intervention, providing strategic leadership and guidance necessary to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of FRP.

“We are happy that the implementation of the FRP through the PER is a voluntary intervention and is not imposed on municipalities and we believe that working together, all role players can stabilize and improve the performance of municipalities.

Once we are satisfied with the progress registered and traction made, we will then recall the PER and leave the institution to run its affairs unhindered,” said MEC Motlalepula Rosho. She added that since the appointment of PERs last year, pockets of excellence have been achieved and that great strides have been made.

Both administrative and political leadership of municipalities of municipalities welcomed the interventions and have promised to give the PERs their unwavering support to ensure that they succeed in their endeavor to improve their performance in the four critical areas of sustainability viz; Financial Management, Governance, Institutional arrangement and Service delivery.

The PER is responsible to approve and ensure implementation of internal controls, procedures and systems got good governance, prudent financial management and effective service delivery in compliance with statutory prescripts.

In executing their responsibilities, the PER will consult with the speaker, Executive/Mayor and the municipal manager depending on the nature of the subject matter.

The successful implementation of an FRP relies on a hands-on approach by all parties involved as well as the stability of political and administrative structures. If implemented appropriately with full co-operation from all role players, the FRP can be used to improve municipal performance.



MEC asses state of School Readiness in DR Kenneth Kaunda

As the school year starts, MEC for Finance Motlalepula Rosho visited a number of schools in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda district to assess their state of readiness for 2024 school calendars.

The purpose of the initiative was also to check whether the schools were ready to welcome back their learners, effectiveness of learning and teaching environment, and whether all materials were available such as textbooks and the overall state of schools infrastructural facilities.

MEC Rosho assessed four schools namely Vuyanimawethu secondary, Nkululekweni primary, PA Theron primary and lastly Orkney secondary school.

Upon her arrival at Vuyanimawethu secondary school in khuma, MEC addressed the learners about the importance of education and appealed to learners in Grade 10 to Grade 12 to focus on their future also welcomed grade 8 learners who had just been enrolled at the school.

Most importantly, she cautioned learners about substance abuse and encouraged them to focus on their academic work and avoid gangsterism, which is a growing concern in many schools. She was informed of the challenges the school faces with learners and the late admissions the school has and indicated that the Department of Education will assist those respective learners in need of placement in schools.

In Orkney Secondary School, the Principal highlighted that they are



there are enough desks for learners and if there are not any roofs leaking .

Furthermore she was made aware of the challenges in neighbouring schools and that they struggle a lot during rainy season and that learners are unable to attend due to the roads that are impassable or not in good condition.

Social concerns that schools encounter include bullying, teenage pregnancy and gansterism which hinders the progress of learning and teaching. After the evaluation MEC further realised that there is a need for outreach activities such as career guidance to provide necessary support to learners.

After going through the monitoring tool, which included, learner and teacher support materials and year plan with the schools principals, despite the few challenges she is pleased with the state of readiness of the school schools she visited as they were ready to welcome back learners and to resume with their academic work.

a well-functioning school and have managed to provide placement for the late admitted learners in their school. However, the only social issue that they are encountering is teenage pregnancy and that disturbs the learning and teaching progress of learners.

Among the challenges ,MEC also noted infrastructure challenges faced by schools in Khuma township such as fence which needs to be fixed and minor challenges such as broken windows and doors in classrooms and whether

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THE MDDA FUNDS STATE OF THE ART COMMUNITY STUDIOS



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As community media continue to be a source of news and information to all, the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) continues to support the development and diversity of community and small commercial media across the country.

Recently, the Minister in the Presidency Khumbudzo Ntshavheni accompanied by the Deputy Minister in the Presidency Nomasonto Motaung and Kenneth Morolong, and MEC for Finance in the North West province, Motlalepula Roshu, the MDDA Board Chairperson Professor Hlengani Mathebula officially unveiled the state-of-the-art broadcast studios at Mmabatho FM and Mahikeng FM.

The Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema district Municipality, Mr Kgotso Khumalo and Mahikeng Local Municipality Mayor Mr Tshepiso Mphetlho also graced

the occasion. The unveiling signifies the MDDA's mission to support the development of a vibrant, innovative, and people-centred community media sector.

"A community radio station plays a critical role in our society, in a world often filled with noise and destruction," said Minister Ntshavheni. "Gospel community stations stand as a beacon of inspiration, unity, and spiritual nourishment. "First and foremost, the community radio stations serve as a spiritual guide, broadcasting messages of hope, love, and faith."

Mmabatho FM Station Manager, Pastor Mike Nzweni said the station has 25 staff members – three of them live with disabilities. Nzweni said that the station is grateful for the new studios, as it will help in the development of the youth. "This will help the youth in their journalism growth," Nzweni said. "The station also provides

spiritual upliftment to the listeners."

According to a joint statement from the Presidency and the MDDA, community media forms a vital part of any society, as it ensures that communities are represented and reflected as part of a diverse nation. "It engages people from different cultures and backgrounds, and through the use of indigenous languages advances dialogue and promotes participatory democracy," read the statement.

Community media also plays an important role in reminding citizens of their democratic right to vote, as this year is also an election year. "The media, and community media in particular, plays a crucial role in providing access to relevant, reliable and timely information upon which citizens can make informed choices," they said.



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