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South African democracy has placed Fetakgomo Local Municipality on the coalface for the realisation of the vision for a better life for all as conceptualised in the Freedom Charter by ensuring the delivery of basic services. The aspirations of all South

Africans are embodied in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa which effectuated the precepts of the Freedom Charter. This vision of better life for all finds its expression in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Service Delivery Budget and Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2015/16 financial year.

The National Development Plan (NDP) - vision 2030 and the Limpopo Development Plan (LDP) also identified challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality to be addressed by the ANC led government. As Fetakgomo Municipality we are also committed to contribute cooperative governance to address these challenges. In order to achieve the objectives of eliminating poverty and reducing inequality, there is a need for a faster progress, more action and more effective implementation.

Now South Africa is on the doorstep of the third decade since the advent of democracy. As most of us may very well know, major achievements have been recorded in the past 20 years. A cursory look at available data from Statistics South Africa confirms that indeed post 1994 the quality of life for millions of South Africans has improved. At the time of printing this 2nd newsletter Fetakgomo Municipality celebrated 15 years of its existence since 2000 and also celebrated achievements recoded therein. But we must do so mindful that a lot of work still lies ahead. As we speak about what we have achieved we must not speak as if we have been working alone. We must recognise the contribution of all those who made an effort to bring us to where we are. Whatever the work we have done or not done as Fetakgomo Municipal Council we take credit, blame and accountability for it.

Section 40 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996) explicitly states that government is constituted as national, provincial and local sphere which are distinctive, interdependent and interrelated. Therefore, as Fetakgomo we have just concluded the first quarter of the financial year 2015/16 in which we reported institutional performance for that first quarter. Out of 130 targets of the first quarter, 115 were achieved which constitutes 88%. The Draft LED (Local Economic Development) Strategy Review for 2016/17-2018/19 has been adopted by the Council for public participation. The review of the current Strategy is an integral component of the municipal integrated development plan for 2011/2016 and a mechanism for ensuring an informed integrated strategic framework in which to undertake and implement local economic development in the jurisdiction and/or precinct of Fetakgomo.

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EDITOR'S NOTE P AD



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It is almost unbelievable that it has been nearly 15 years since the Modiredi Newsletter has been distributed to all corners of the Fetakgomo Municipality. We are now printing 5 000 copies per quarter and the 2nd ordinary council meeting held on the 29th October 2015 has since

adopted Modiredi Newsletter Distribution Strategy/Manual. The aim of this manual is to make sure that information is delivered to all corners of the municipality and relevant stakeholders on time and reaches large number of people.

It now makes sense what one wise man meant when he said **“Nothing is as far away as one minute ago”** **Time really does fly.** Since the current Council entered into social contract with the people, one of its goals has been that of serving as representatives of the community-working side by side with the community in building a better life for all. In doing that the Council committed itself to listen to the views and aspirations of its people by holding Mayoral Imbizos on monthly basis.

The Public Participation is designed to create a platform for municipal public representatives to

interface with communities to speed up change and accelerate service delivery matters. Imbizo programme is an interactive platform for communities to raise service delivery challenges with the municipal leadership as part of strengthening implementation of Back to Basic Strategy. At the time of printing this 2nd quarter newsletter, the Mayor accompanied by members of the Council have already visited Rostock, Tau Mankotsane, Mashilabela, Mphanama, Ga Nkwana, Mohlaletse, Ga Nchabeleng and Ga Phaahla. A comprehensive report on issues raised is being prepared for Council's consideration.

The Modiredi newsletter has been one of the tools used to report back to the community on progress made in terms of service delivery and other matters/activities of the Council. The focus has been on strengthening the Council's activities by mobilising and strengthening partnership with its communities and all its stakeholders through proper dissemination of information and the promotion of access to information to ensure that our citizens are well informed of the government's programme of action.

Feel free to add comments on how we can make improvements on the newsletter and also on service delivery as a whole.

Till the next edition. Keep well, keep safe and stay blessed!

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Whatever your hands find to do, do it all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning, nor knowledge, nor wisdom.

LEARNERS EXPOSED TO CAREERS IN MINING

Learners from local communities attended a career expo at Winterveld, Steelpoort Samancor mine on the 2nd October 2015. Accompanied by their teachers, learners had the opportunity to learn various fields that required mathematics and science. Only grade 9 learners were taken to the career expo and according to Morwamokgatla Madutlela, Bokoni's Human Resources Development Officer, the event offered learners the opportunity to make informed choices the following year when they choose streams in grade 10. The career expo also offered information regarding opportunities in the said fields.

About 130 learners were organised transport by Bokoni Platinum mine to attend the career expo. The high schools from Bokoni Platinum mine surrounding villages that were represented at the career expo were Potlake, Selebalo, Malengine, Tloupfuti, Lefakgomo, Monare, Phutitlou, Mohlotlwane, Serokolo, Morwaswi, and Nyaku.

The companies responsible for organising this event were Samancor Eastern Chrome mine, Bokoni Platinum mine, Modikwa Platinum mine, Glencore mine, Twickenham Mine and Khupuka.

Madutlela, on behalf of Bokoni stated that the mine still regarded local development as its priority and it is through initiatives like these that demonstrates the mine's commitment to the programme.

MECs HANDS OVER BICYCLES TO SEROLOCHIDI LEARNERS



Students with bicycles handed over by the MEC

The lives of 17 learners in Fetakgomo Local Municipality area were changed for the better on Monday 12th October 2015 when the MEC for Transport, Safety, Security and Liaison Mme Mapula Mokaba Phukwane accompanied by MEC for Education Ntate Mmaria Ishmael Khetjepe and the Mayor Cllr. Kukie Raesetja Sefala handed over bicycles to pupils who live 10 kilometres away to attend school at Selatole Secondary School. The distribution of bicycles is part of Shova kalula Bicycle Project which is a national initiative by the Department of Transport. Shova Kakula which means “push easily” is a Department of Transport's

project started in 2005. It is aimed at school children who walk more than 3kms to school especially prioritised those who come from child-headed families. Furthermore, the project's objective is maximising the use of non-motorised transport to enable communities to access social opportunities. Each bicycle has a helmet and a reflector. Speaking during the handover ceremony the Mayor of Fetakgomo Cllr. Sefala KRE said these bicycles will also help you to reduce absenteeism and keep you fit as peddling is a form of healthy life style and exercise. The high rate of drop-

outs in rural schools especially girls is partly attributed to the walking distance endured by the learners. All school children should be able to walk to school safely on time.

In receiving the bicycle on behalf on the learners MEC for Education urge learners to use this opportunity to work very hard and improve our matric pass rate. Limpopo Premier is looking forward for 80% pass rate from matric class of 2015. “Start now to prepare for your examination and be a better person in future” concluded the MEC. Out of 17 learners 16 learners are doing grade 12 while 01 leaner is in grade 08. These learners were relocated from Serolochidi to join Selatole Secondary School.



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The Department of Cooperative, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) has allocated a **total of one hundred and fifty (150) housing units** to the Fetakgomo Local Municipality for implementation in the 2015/16 financial year in pursuit of the reduction of the housing backlog and serving of the wards of which some were previously put on hold. Ward 11 and 09 as being those previously put on hold have been identified, among others, for purposes of benefiting from this allocation following series of engagements with CoGHSTA.

Furthermore the Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has allocated a total of **three thousand eight hundred and ninety five (3895) Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines** to be implemented in the Fetakgomo Local Municipality for the 2015/16 financial year.

At the time of issuance of this newsletter, progress regarding our 2015/16 Municipal Infrastructure Grant (commonly known as MIG) projects could be summarised in a broad outline as follows as at December 2015. The overall MIG spending stands at about **62.84%**, to date from the allocation of R22 109 000 and expenditure is R13 892 780.86

06 Cemeteries were upgraded with concrete palisade fence, ablution facilities, main and pedestrian gate. These cemeteries are 100% completed completed (*Makgalaneng (Ward 6); India (Ward 9); Matshidi (Ward10); Mosotsi (Ward11); Maribishi Mohlahlaneng (Ward12); Mooilyk-Lekgwareng (Cemetery Ward13).); ;

- ✍ Construction of Hoeraroep Portion Two-Sport Complex Internal Street stand at 100%;
- ✍ Construction of Nchabeleng Access Street and Culverts bridge is on construction stage of over 33% physical progress.

Worth reporting is that the FTM has obtained an improved audit opinion from a disclaimer of opinion in 2013/14 to a qualified opinion in 2014/15 financial year. The audit process was undertaken by the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA) in line with legal and regulatory requirements as prescribed by the Public Audit Act. The FTM Mayor Cllr Sefala Kukie Raesetja credited and attributed the achievement to the management, councillors, officials, stakeholders and the community as an indication of commitment, hardwork and cooperation. This improvement is a building block towards the vision of a responsive, accountable, effective and efficient local government administration - a reality espoused in the National Development Plan (NDP) -2030 vision. **Let us go Back to Basics - Walking the Talk together through Effective Governance. Make your life matter. Be of use. Serve as many people as possible. This is how each of us can shift from the ordinary into extra-ordinary and walk amongst the best who ever lived - Robin Sharma**

Enjoy reading till the next edition!!!!

LET US BE OPEN ABOUT HIV/AIDS



An attitude of openness towards HIV/AIDS sheds light on the reality of the pandemic and ensures that those infected or affected by it are given the support they need. This was the key message delivered by the Mayor of Fetakgomo Municipality Cllr Kukie Raesetja Sefala at the Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Event. The event was attended by youth across the municipality, Councillors, Department of Health locally and in the Sekhukhune District, HIV/AIDS ambassadors on the 04th December 2015 at Mohlaletse Community Hall under the theme: "Towards a HIV Free Generation-Rise-Act and Protect".

The Mayor encouraged an open dialogue on the HIV/AIDS pandemic calling for friends, colleagues and families to talk about HIV/AIDS in their workplace and elsewhere, homes and communities and to take appropriate action to care for those infected and affected. This massive campaign will assist us to address the stigma and discrimination against people living with the disease and to create a society that brings our Constitution to life. Users of the newly-approved HIV preventative drug, Truvada must be educated about its use and in addition the public needs to get as much information as possible prior to using the drug.

We have begun a series of community dialogue through Ward Aids Council on quarterly basis aimed at engaging communities to better understand their needs and challenges of HIV/AIDS. These targets focus on creating awareness on preventing new infections and providing care and support to the overwhelming majority of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Bokoni Platinum Mine Proudly confers 400 graduates in one session



Mayor with graduate of Bokoni Platinum Mine

It is only through the power of God that today we are able to celebrate the success of the graduate. God has given us the power to realize our potential so that we can assist others, so today it is not by mistake that we are here, said Rev Mashabane, he was addressing over 400 graduates from Bokoni Platinum Mine at Atokia Village on the 2nd of September 2015 during a graduation ceremony organized by the mine. These trainings are offered and conducted at the mine, accredited by external sources like the Mining Qualifications Authority (MQA), and varies from Adult Education and Training (AET) to Further Education and Training (FET) related courses.

Speaking on behalf of Fetakgomo Local Municipality's Mayor Cllr. Mashabela said he was delighted to witness the graduation ceremony of the mine. He said the Municipality was leading the proceedings because Bokoni is

within the Municipality's precinct. As government we are making a plea to graduates to use the skills to change the lives of other community members. It is only fair that the contribution they will make must be sustainable. He also appealed for a lasting relationship between the Bokoni Platinum Mine and the community. In attendance to grace the event was Kgošikgolo Sekhukhune, Fetakgomo Local Municipality Mayor, Raesetša Elizabeth Sefala, Chief Executive Officer of Atlatša Harold Motaung as well as the Mine's Heads of Departments.

Graduates completed the following training: Rock Breakers (Level 2 and 3), Artisans, Mineral Resource Management (MRM) Chamber of Mines Certificates, Further Education and Training (FET) N3 Certificates, Adult Education and Training (AET) Certificates, Skills Program (Construction) Community Trackless Mobile Machinery (TMM) Certificate, Skills Program – Metallurgy, Chamber of Mines Safety Officers

Certificate (COMSOC), Education Training and Development (ETD) Practitioners. Bokoni Platinum Mine also partnered with Capricorn FET College to operate a satellite campus at the mine premises. This means that young people from the surrounding villages can study locally instead of travelling to faraway places.

In his congratulatory message Mr Kenneth Mbewe mentioned that graduation is the first highlights of the Bokoni Platinum Mine. Mbewe of Bokoni said the purpose of the ceremony and strategy going forward was that they are here to celebrate the development that they are achieving after realizing that they cannot employ everyone within the boundaries of Fetakgomo. They then decided to give community members skills so that they can be employable. He was referring to the 500 graduates.

In an exclusive interview with the Modiredi Officials after the event Mr Mbewe added that education remains a critical tool equipping humanity with the intellectual and cognitive skills that enables us to understand our world and social experiences in order to change the human conditions for the better. He went on to say that we carry this mandate with clear reference to the National Development Plan (NDP) which emphasizes that we shall only achieve the level of economic growth required to create employment and lift our people out of poverty if we become knowledge base economy.

Bokoni Platinum Mine has emerged as the overall winner of the Northern Mining Cluster as rated by communities of Dilokong Corridor-the platinum belt.

**B A T H O P E L E D A Y
C E L E B R A T I O N A T
S E O K O D I B E N G
V I L L A G E**

Fetakgomo Local Municipality has reiterated its commitment to implement an effective and efficient public service. This was demonstrated when services were brought to Seokodibeng community hall during the Batho Pele celebrations held on the 23rd September 2015.

The aim of the event was to promote access to government services and distribution of service delivery reports such as service standards, service delivery improvement plans and citizens reports. It meant to report back to citizens and create awareness about provision of government

services; and to create a platform to interact with citizens with the aim of addressing their concerns and make the complaints mechanism accessible to citizens.

Addressing the community Councillor Phasha RJ said that “the Lord has made for us to focus on service delivery related issues for our community at large. As a municipality we appreciate that your busy schedules and other commitments have been set aside in order to devote time for us to host this noble event” said Councilor Phasha RJ on her keynote address. Batho Pele is a people's driven public service improvement programme which is anchored on eight principles, which are: consultation, service standards, access to services, courtesy, information, openness and transparency, redress, and value for money, she added.

Departments and organisations that

offered services during the day included: Sekhukhune District Municipality, Fetakgomo Local Municipality, Dept of Home Affairs, Dept of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Dept of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Dept of Education, Dept of Social Development, SASSA, SAPS, Dept of Health, Dept of Labour, Dept of Justice and Correctional Services, Dept of Agriculture and ESKOM.

The Census Report confirmed that government is on the right track with 85.9% of people having access to clean running water in 2011 as compared to 62% in 1996. 87,5% of people having access to electricity as compared to 62% in 2006. However, welcomed were criticisms that a substantial number of communities are still living without water and sanitation and as municipality we will ensure that we accelerate the pace.



Department of Home Affairs offering services

3rd ANNUAL FETAKGOMO FASHION SHOW AND THE 1st CULTURAL MUSIC COMPETITION 2015 COMES ALIVE

In a country as culturally diverse as South Africa, September is a Heritage and Tourism Month which is an occasion for stakeholders to recognise various tangible and intangible aspects of the country's cultural make-up.

The Fetakgomo Local Municipality has hosted annual Fetakgomo Fashion Show and the 1st Cultural Music Competition on the 18th of September 2015 at Moses Mabotha Civic hall. It was hosted under the theme "Together promoting rural tourism through bapedi fashion, heritage and cultural music". The event is primarily aimed at promoting local fashion designers, traditional dancers and marketing platform to showcase Fetakgomo's products.

Addressing the podium the Mayor of Fetakgomo Local Municipality Cllr. Kukie Raesetja Sefala said it was very important for community members to preserve their culture and tradition as they form part of their historical heritage. She also commended the elders who were performing in the traditional dance category as taking a step forward to healthy lifestyle. To conclude, it is apparent that Heritage Month provides an excellent opportunity to build morale in communities through celebrating the country's diversity and also increasing social cohesion through educating people about the tradition and cultures of others.



Fashion show model walking on the ramp



Traditional and cultural music category competitors



Winners from different categories were announced by LED Manager Ms Mengwai Mahlogonolo as follows:

Fashion Show Competition

Traditional Category:

Position No 1: Peta Dineo from Magabaneng-Atok (R4000.00 voucher plus Trip to Durban)

Position No 2: Phasha Faith from Ga Phasha Mohlaletse (R3000.00 voucher)

Evening Wear Category:

Position No 1: Manala Evelyn from Monametse (R2000.00 voucher)

Position No 2: Phasha Magdeline from Bogalatladi (R1000.00 voucher)

Formal Wear Category:

Position No 1: Makubung Christina from Magagamatala- Mphanama(R2000.00 voucher)

Position No 2: Thobejane Florah from Sekateng Mohlaletse (R1000.00 voucher)



Fashion show overall winner Peta Dineo and her model.

Casual Wear Category:

Position No 1: Peta Dineo from Magabaneng Atok (R2000.00 voucher)

Traditional& Cultural Music

POETRY:

Position No 1: Nchabeleng Pobotsane from Ga -Tjebane-Ga Nchabeleng (500 branded business cards & 02 branded tear-drops)

Position No 2: Ntjilaka Doris from Magagamatala - Mphanama (500 branded business cards)

Traditional Wedding Dancers' Competition:

Position No 1: Basadi Ba Mazaza from Ga Selepe (500 branded business cards & 02 branded tear-drops)

Position No 2: Dinakangwedi Women's Club from Magagamatala-Mphanama (500 branded business cards)

Youth Traditional Dancers' Competition:

Position No 1: Mphanama Maila Go Fenywa from Mphanama(500 branded business cards & 02 branded tear-drops)

Position No 2: Batho Le Setšho from Ga-Radingwana(500 branded business cards)

Adult Traditional Dancers' Competition:

Position No 1: Bana Ba Mpekwane from Malomanye (500 branded business cards & 02 branded tear-drops)

Position No 2: Mmadinoko Traditional Dance from Magagamatala-Mphanama (500 branded business cards)
Ms Mengwai thanked all participants and urged those who did not win to start preparing for 2016



Fetakgomo Municipality Breaching The Digital Divide



Recipients of smart phones with the mayor

The Mayor of Fetakgomo Local Municipality Cllr. Kukie Raesetja Sefala officially handed 11 smartphones, pads and tablets to 11 learners. The ceremony was held at the Municipal Chamber on the 22nd of October 2015 under the theme “Breaching the digital divide to learners”. This ceremony comes after the Deputy Minister of Communication Ms Stella Ndabeni Abrahams pledged 11 devices during her visit to Fetakgomo on the 25th of August 2015 during a Thalita Koum event. During her visit the Deputy Minister met with over 500 female learners from different schools in Fetakgomo. She played quiz games with the learners and those who were able to answer were awarded these gadgets. Pontšho Nchabeleng a learner from Mphela-A-Marumo secondary school thanked the Deputy Minister and Fetakgomo Local Municipality on behalf of the awarded learners. She promised the house that the smartphones will be used positively towards research for educational

benefits. She further said “on behalf of the learners, the phones will not be a barrier towards our education but a tool that will assist us in making our education better, we promise our teachers and parents that the phones will not disturb our studies” Pontsho's motto is: “Don't let anyone or circumstances stand in your way or change you” The female learners who were awarded the gadgets are:

1. Masha Damaris - Frank Mashile Secondary School
2. Matseba Mahlako - Morokalebole Secondary School
3. Moroaswi Lerato - Hans Komane High School
4. Pitjadi Windy - Mokhulwane High School
5. Matseba Ouma, Mudau Lavhelesani and Manganye Gladness- Madithame Secondary School
6. Nchabeleng Pontšho, Nkadimeng Khomotšho and Kupa Annita-Mphela A Marumo

Speaking during the awards, the

Mayor of Fetakgomo Cllr Kukie Raesetja Sefala said we are now using technologies so much these days in each and every domain in our lives, be it education or regular household work. Technology is now a necessity not a luxury. We are living in a digital world and the award of these magnitudes is an indication that our learners will now be on par and compete with learners of developed countries. Technology makes education accessible and easy

- ✍ Use these devices to communicate meaningfully and expand your mental horizon;
- ✍ Use these accessories to learn, read, network and share ideas and experience;
- ✍ We can also use these gadgets to access internet.

The internet is a primary tool to empowerment, it helps people find jobs, learn and become socially included.

Mayor Sefala gave digital learners the thumbs-up to work with the Municipality in its drive to bridge the digital divide across the Municipality.

A congratulatory message was also rendered by Fetakgomo Youth Council Chairperson Mr Emmanuel Mapheto who said we are the Municipality where young people lead the call for transformation and demanding opportunity to improve their connectivity levels. It is expected to greatly improve learning outcomes, develop information communication and technology skills and later facilitate the transmission to a paperless society. We also expect that these schools will produce good results for matric class of 2016 as most of you are currently in grade 11. Concluding, we hope that the introduction of these gadgets will help learners to do even better.



ACCESS TO FINANCE IMBIZO FOR SMMES AND COOPORA

On the 7th of December 2015, from SMMES and Cooperatives the Deputy Minister of Economic Development Honorable Masuku M.B accompanied by Honorable MEC of LEDET Honorable Seaparo Sekwati and Fetakgomo Local Municipality Mayor Cllr. Kukie Raesetja Sefala hosted the SMMES and Cooperative Imbizo at Moses Mabotha Civic Hall.

The Imbizo was aimed at coordinating and supporting socio economic challenges in Fetakgomo. Members

identified challenges. Solutions are expected to be borne out of these challenges to leverage the plight of SMMES and Cooperatives. In this connection, cooperatives were encouraged to produce food for themselves.

On her welcome address Fetakgomo Mayor said. “This meeting is taking place at the time when our country's economic well being is threatened by challenges of inadequate rainfalls and strong heat waves, which hit hard on the majority of our projects whose survival depends on the

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availability of water resources”. The Mayor concluded by remarking that the Imbizo would, in one way or another, bring light and more hope to our SMMES and all cooperatives, who will draw some lessons coming out of the session

The Deputy Minister highlighted that the Sekhukhune economy needed to be diversified. He said that the focus is only on mining, he encouraged the seating to think beyond mining and look at agriculture and other economic sectors that can diversify the economy.



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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