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Warm greetings to the people of Fetakgomo Local Municipality, once more, we are happy to talk to you through this edition of our Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy this edition and that you will find it informative.

Let me start with an extract from the National Development Plan 2030 which amongst others states that: a capable states does not materialise by decree nor can it be legislated or waved into existence by declarations. It has to be built, brick by brick, institution by institution and sustained and rejuvenated over time. It requires leadership, sound policies, skilled managers and workers, clear line of accountability, appropriate systems and consistent and fair application of rules. For us to deliver services we need strong institutions with the requisite capacities to translate policy intent into programmes that are implemented to respond to the need of the people.

During the month of January 2016, the Fetakgomo Municipality held its Mid-Year Performance Review Session to measure progress made during the mid-year (July to December 2015) as planned in the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). This helps the Municipality to eventually come up with measures on how to improve performance for the remaining six months of the financial year (January to June 2016). The municipality has a constitutional mandate to deliver sustainable services to communities as enunciated in the IDP(Integrated Development Plan).

The Municipality's IDP is concerned with allocating public resources in the most effective and efficient way in order to provide a framework for community, economic and environmentally sustainable development at local level. The Municipality is gearing itself to accelerate service delivery to our people. The Fetakgomo Local Municipality is proud to announce that the CCTV project has been installed and is already operational. The CCTV Surveillance Camera operates on a 24 hours basis. The Municipality embarked on this project with the view that safety and security of employees are key elements of an improved quality of life. The success or failure of any organisation depends on the welfare of its employees.

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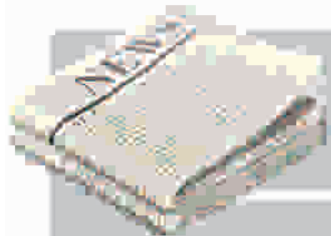
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The Journey began earnestly in 2011, continued throughout and now it is reaching its end of the term. This is the journey of the (3rd) third democratically elected council of the Fetakgomo

Local Municipality. And over the past five years we have embarked on a journey to accelerate service delivery through public participation. As we ponder and reflect on the journey we have transversed, we exude confidence of the progress that we have made side to side with the people of Fetakgomo. Today we have a good story to tell on how to move Fetakgomo Municipality forward. Indeed our rural masses are beginning to touch, feel and smell service delivery since 2000 when this Municipality was first established. Surely things are not the same like in 2000. However, more work still needs to be done. The journey towards a better life for all must be intensified and the pace at which our journey is pursued must be accelerated. As we continue to climb

hills and descend to the valleys of life, we have learnt to appreciate that the long walk to freedom continues. As we paused to rest we are reminded of the journey that lies ahead.

The struggle for better life continues. Share your journey with us.



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The installation of these cameras in the municipality strengthened our continued community mobilisation and partnerships against crime and municipal properties in general. It is our continued commitment to ensure that our employees enjoy a decent life.

Last year (2014/15 financial year), the Municipality attained a qualified audit

opinion from the Auditor General of South Africa which was an improvement from the previous audit. This was officially presented during the 3rd Ordinary Council meeting held on the 29th January 2016. The contents of the report were made public after it has been tabled with the Annual Report of the Municipality. The people of Fetakgomo are happy to realise that we continue to serve them with diligence and commitment to

ensure a well-run municipality and clean governance. We need to re-look at our strategies to ensure compliance in all respects.

It is by no means an accident or coincidence that we appeal to all our people who could not register with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) on the 5-6 March 9-10 April 2016 to make sure that they visit IEC offices which are located at municipal offices to register. Before 1994 the majority of our people were not allowed to vote.

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The minority that was allowed to cast their ballots could only do so under racial policies. It is therefore an obligation of every citizen to make sure that they participate in the next Local Government Elections and play a significant role on how this country should be governed. In some countries on the African continent and elsewhere, citizens are unable to vote because political violence has even forced them to flee their home and become refugees in other countries. We are still enjoying our freedom here at home. That is a big difference. Let us do the right thing and register to vote. It is now a common knowledge that the ANC National Executive Committee in its January 8th Statement has declared the year 2016 The Year for Advancing People's Power and Local Government is in your hands. As the Mayor of Fetakgomo, I have confidence that you will not disappoint.

We hosted public consultation meetings regarding the Draft Annual Report for 2014/15 for comments and input on the 02-05 February 2016 at Mphanama Community Hall and Tjibeng Sportground respectively. The massive attendance of people could not go unnoticed. You came out in large numbers and therefore confirm that we are definitely on the right track. It was equally a momentous success. The response of community surpassed our expectations. We pride ourselves in the continued engagements with community stakeholders across all sectors of our society. We believe that it is critical to make sure that our people get quality and consistent service delivery such as refuse removal for purposes of beautification of our municipality. We humbly accept constructive criticism and engagements where we found to be still lacking. Such engagements take us closer to the people and we then rectify those anomalies.

In all that we do, we want our efforts to be far reaching in scope and on impact. We truly value the contributions that are made by the members of our community and in as far as possible, we will incorporate them in our plans and strategies of Fetakgomo Local Municipality. Furthermore, I invite all stakeholders who wish to partner with us in

service delivery to join us because together we can move Fetakgomo forward. The municipality is not immune from the service delivery challenges besetting other municipalities because there are still backlogs in areas such as water provision, road infrastructure, provision of houses, sanitation, electricity to mention just a few. The Fetakgomo is committed to building a better future for all and each and every one of us should participate in achieving this wonderful goal. Our doors are open for those with suggestions to make our municipality work better. Of course the major expectation of the whole Municipality is on how to respond to the deep-seated and persisting crisis of poverty, unemployment and inequality. Let me pause and take this opportunity to congratulate the class of 2015 specifically the learners, educators and administrators of schools. The Municipality will continue to support matriculants who performed well with funding for registrations.

We also take this opportunity to welcome the State of the Nation Address by the President of South Africa and the State of the Province Address by the Premier of Limpopo respectively. Key issues arising out of these, among others, are that the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and the World Bank have revised our growth projections to less than 1% and therefore required Fetakgomo Municipality to develop a viable mechanism in terms of which we can respond to the declining levels of economic growth. The other matter is cost containment measure to be implemented in cutting waste. In our case, Council has already adopted a Catering Policy.



IT IS OFFICIAL-FETAKGOMO AND GREATER TUBATSE AMALGAMATED



GREATER TUBATSE MUNICIPALITY



FETAKGOMO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

It is trite that the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) has concluded its re-determination of the municipal boundaries for 2016 Local Government Elections in terms of which the Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse Municipalities are on the brink of amalgamation to form a new municipality.

The Municipal Demarcation Board has issued Limpopo Extraordinary Provincial gazette on the 25th August 2015 in terms of the letter of request by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to deal with determination/ re-determination of certain municipal boundaries of the amalgamated municipalities of Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse.

The proposals followed an analysis in terms of the government's Back to Basics programme which revealed that a number of municipalities were not able to fulfil their constitutional mandate. After the request received by the Minister, the Board tested public

opinion and published Section 26 Notice to invite written views, representations as well as suggestions from the public and stakeholders. As a result, Fetakgomo Local Municipality had since convened public meetings for inputs and majority spoke in favour of amalgamation of Fetakgomo and Greater Tubatse.

The Provincial Gazette Extraordinary No 2629 (72 pages) as published on the 11th November 2015 indicated that the total number of wards in the new Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse shall be 39 and therefore there shall be 39 ward councillors. Furthermore, the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Leadership in Limpopo has issued a gazette dated 20th November 2015 to deal with the change management processes towards establishment of the new municipalities

Various committees like Finance, Corporate, Planning and Economic Development, Communication and

Institutional were established to drive the process. At the time of printing, a Joint Sitting of the Councils of Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse Municipalities was convened on the 01st March 2016 at Fetakgomo Local Municipality to receive progress report and consider proposals from various Change Management Committee Task Teams. The amalgamation process will definitely have financial implications in the following areas:

- * Integration and consolidation of financial systems;
- * Review and Rationalization of Policies and by-laws;
- * Salary parity; and others.



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NEW VOTING STATIONS FOR FORMER FETAKGOMO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

WARD	VOTING STATION NAME	VOTING DISTRICT NUMBER
1.ward 03	Mampuru Thulare building	76360439
	Thete high school	76360440
	Maphuthe primary school	76360451
	Fetakgomo ground (tent)	76360462
	Peu high school	76360619
	Maebe primary school	76360709
	Moshiane primary school	76360811
	Sebatane creche	76360989
2.ward 32	Mogale primary school	76360158
	Morwaswi secondary school	76360170
	Nyaku secondary school	76360181
	Selatole high school	76360259
	Malegase primary school	76360260
	Kgagudi school	76360271
	Tswereng primary school	76360664
	Sekgweng Creche	76360967
	Manku primary School	76360990
	Makgalanoto Primary School	76361003
3.ward 33	Gangaza High School	76200331
	Selepe Primary School	76360215
	Lefakgomo Secondary School	76360226
	Manotoane Primary School	76360237
	Ramoko Primary School	76360248
	Sejadipudi Primary School	76360721
	Motsatsana Primary School	76360798
3.ward 34	Serokolo High School	76360147
	Monametse Primary School	76360169
	Mafene Primary School	76360620
	Potlake Secondary School	76360697
	Mahudu Primary School	76360710
	Mafise Primary School	76360855
	Bogalatladi Primary School	76360866
	Mabotsaneng Creche	76360877
	Mphaneng Primary School	76360956
	Ditholong Pre- School	76361014
4.ward 35	Modimolle Primary School	76360192
	Indie Primary School	76360204
	Maphotle Primary School	76360282
	Taumankotsane Community Hall	76360293
	Nkwana Primary School	76360305
	Pelangwe Primary School	76360608
	Maisela Mahlabaphooko Tribal Hall	76360653
5.ward 36	Madithame Secondary School	76360316
	Masha Makopole Tribal Hall	76360327
	Ngwanamala High School	76360361
	Tau Nchabeleng Traditional Hall	76360372
	Frank Mashile Secondary School	76360642
	Tlakale Primary School	76360787
	Moenyane Higher Primary	76361025
6.ward 37	Strydkraal Primary School	76360338
	Thobehlele Primary School	76360349
	Maboe Primary School	76360518
	Mphanama Primary School	76360529
	Dithotwaneng Secondary School	76360530
	Roka Radingwana Tribal Hall	76360888
	Makelepeng Secondary School	76360945
7.ward 38	Seroka Tribal Hall	76360473
	Moletje Primary School	76360484
	Mashilabele Primary School	76360495
	Radimela Primary School	76360541
	Mokhine High School	76360765
	Mankopodi Primary School	76360776
	Mmotong Primary School	76360899
	Masehleng Primary School	76360934
8.ward 39	Hans Komane Secondary School	76360383
	Mokhulwane Secondary School	76360394
	Phuthakwe High School	76360406
	Tshweele Primary School	76360417
	Moroamoche Primary School	76360428
	Lerajane Primary School	76360800
	Mafoufale Secondary School	76360822

MAYOR'S BIRTHDAY BECOMES A GIFT TO DISABLED PEOPLE



Among the yardsticks by which to measure a society's respect for human rights to evaluate the level of its maturity and its generosity of spirit is by looking at the status that accords to those members of society who are most vulnerable and differently challenged. The concept of a caring society is strengthened and deepened when we recognise that people with disability enjoy the same rights as any other citizen and we have a responsibility towards the promotion of their quality of life.

The Mayor of Fetakgomo Local Municipality Cllr. Sefala Kukie Raesetja recently celebrated her 43th birthday anniversary in style. Birthday anniversaries are intensely personal and very emotional to others. It also means a different thing to different people. Some view birthday anniversaries as milestone in their journey of life others celebrate them quietly as personal achievements in a world where many do not live long to see tomorrow. While others like Mayor Sefala used her birthday anniversary as a moment of sharing and remembering those who are less fortunate.

**MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS**
3 AUGUST 2016

SEKHUKHUNE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CONVERTED TO TVET

Sekhukhukhune College of Education is finally opened after a decade of closure. The College was opened on the 01st February 2016 and it is known as Apel Campus of Sekhukhune TVET College. The College currently offers 3 courses, Finance, Human Resources and Marketing respectively. The plan is to have another intake of students in May 2016 for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering with an estimate of about plus minus 250 students.

Indeed the re-opening of the college brings joy and happiness to community members of Fetakgomo and the surrounding municipalities. The college has over 300 students attending on a full time basis, both males and females. Currently the college has 10 full time lectures responsible for marketing, finance and human resources. The decision to open the college has come to the community as a blessing in disguise because students won't have to travel long distance for education, they don't have to pay large amounts for rents and transport.

The College houses over 170 students as full time



residence in the hostels, the majority of the residence are females. The graduates from this college will bring wealth of knowledge and expertise that will help boost the growth of the economy of Fetakgomo and the surrounding areas.



FETAKGOMO MUNICIPALITY OBTAINED POSITION THREE ON GREENEST MUNICIPALITY COMPETITION WITHIN SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT



Officials with R10 000 cheque and trophies for 3rd runner up and moderate archiver awards.

Fetakgomo Municipality is a participant in the Greenest Municipality Competition (GMC). The GMC is an annual national programme for local municipalities in South Africa. The competition was initiated as Cleanest Town Competition 2001. The Primary focus of this competition was to implement the National Waste Strategy, however with time the concept was modified to embody other elements that are outside the waste management strategy. GMC consists of the following core elements, namely: Waste Management; Energy Efficiency and Conservation; Water Management; Landscaping, tree planting and beautification; Public Participation and Community Empowerment and Leadership and

Institutional Arrangements. The competition runs in stages, allowing local municipalities to compete within their districts, provinces until to the national level on issues of improving the environment. Only the first runner in all the stages can move from the district to the province until the national level.

On 18th September 2015, Fetakgomo Municipality was rewarded with R10 000, Third Runner-Up and Moderate Achiever awards on the Greenest Municipality Competition (GMC) within Sekhukhune District. Ephraim Mogale Municipality acquired position one, whereas Elias Motswaledi took position two. Fetakgomo Municipality urges all community members and people in general who visit the municipality to look after the environment for the benefit of the present and future

generations. The municipality strongly believes that cleaning surrounding areas helps to reduce the proliferation of germs and even diseases. The involvement of all individuals on the issues of waste management, energy efficiency and conservation, water management and conservation, landscaping, trees planting and beautification, public participation processes, environmental and institutional arrangements may seem to be minor, but with relevant attention may improve our economy, cultural and social life.

The municipality requests all municipal citizens to contribute in making Fetakgomo the greenest municipality in 2016. There are some basic things which individuals can do to contribute towards keeping our municipality clean. Firstly, all our piloted wards and residential areas have been allocated days on which refuse will be collected. Residents are urged to stick to the arrangements by ensuring that their refuse bags are placed outside their homes where the Municipality's refuse removal staff can easily locate them on the allocated days. It would be highly appreciated if all families and business could cooperate in this regard. Never sneak out at night to place your domestic refuse bags at your street corner. Our municipality does not need illegal rubbish dumps which are difficult to manage. Rata moagishane wa gago bjale kege o ithata

LOUD CHEERS FROM PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY



About 30 people with disability from Dikudumela Tša Bagale Disability Centre at Modimolle Village (commonly known as BB Kloof) in Ward 9 were presented with gift of blankets to keep them warm during winter, groceries for their daily meals and a big cake on the 24th February 2016. This was a way of showing them how special and recognizable they are to the Fetakgomo community as a whole. The event was also attended by fellow councillors, home base care givers, sector departments and community members. The event was not only memorable to the Mayor but it would be indelibly etched in the minds of the people with disabilities. She received loud cheers from this community when she handed them blankets and grocery. Speaking during the handing over she said: When I thought of celebrating this important day of mine, I firstly realised that there are those who are

needy without food or blankets.

Some sector of society continues to view people with disabilities as objects of pity and poverty. They consider people with disabilities as mere recipients of hand-outs and charity. Disability does not represent inability. People with disabilities are an asset and massive human resources which we all have to tap from in order to build a sustainable and stable economy said the Mayor. Mayor Sefala assured people with disabilities that they are fully included and integrated into the society. There will be continuous support to them as individuals and to the centre as a whole concluded the Mayor. The centre was founded in November 2015 by Mr Manala, himself a blind person too with the aim of encouraging other people with disabilities in the community to get out of their homes, participate in the development of the community and expose their different talents. The centre teaches a variety of activities which includes among others, choir, drama, dance, poetry, handwork and agriculture.

Speaking during the event Mr Manala showed appreciation and thanks to the Mayor to have thought of them on her special day.

Nothing about us without us!!!!”Happy Birthday Mologadi A Mphela From Dikodumela Tsa Bagale Disability Centre



MUNICIPALITY STILL ON COURSE TO DELIVER ON THE MANDATE

The Fetakgomo Local Municipality is still committed to bringing quality services to its people as it was mandated by the electorate in 2011. According to the Mayor Cllr Sefala Kukie Raesetja, a lot has been done since the said period and hope that come the end of their term, they would have delivered more as per the public expectations.

Interviewed by the Modiredi News, Mayor Sefala said that when they took over office in 2011 they did so on the basis of priorities and commitments contained in the Elections Manifesto of the ruling party -the African National Congress.

Some of the priorities included: improving public services, building of the united and non-racial, integrated and safer communities as well as the building of local economies to create more employment and sustainable livelihoods, she concluded.

An overview of the Fetakgomo infrastructure projects indicate that several substantial infrastructures projects were completed as at 31st March 2016. The MIG expenditure recorded at least 73% as at 31st March 2016. Below are the completed projects and other contractors are on site:

PROJECT NAME	PHYSICAL PROGRESS TO DATE	MITIGATION/COMMENTS
Construction of Ruerabesei Partion 2 Sports Complex (Mama Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical progress stands at 100% Construction of drainage system (relative of modernised) walkways completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion Certificate in place
Construction of Traffic Testing Station Routs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical progress stands at 100% Madoba Traffic Testing Station Road surfaced with bit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Completion Certificate in place The snag list issued on the 22nd January 2016 has been completed
Pruning of municipal facilities (planting of trees)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical progress stands at 100% 120 trees have been planted and planted at Atok (Bus stop) Service Center, Traffic testing station, Mofatse, Thusong, Serweo Center, Mofatse Community Hall, Mphanama Community Hall, Seokocheng Community Hall, Paangwe Community Hall, Stydskraal Community Hall, Moses Mabhona Civic Centre, Hoesane Sports Complex and Amal Recreational Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Completion Certificate in place

PROJECT NAME	PHYSICAL PROGRESS TO DATE	MITIGATION/COMMENTS
Supply and Delivery of TLB and Tipper Truck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical progress stands at 100% Tipper Truck has been supplied and delivered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-advertisement for TLB is closed and awaits SCM processes
Maintenance of Completed Infrastructure Projects (Facilities and Public Lighting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Maintenance continuous for facilities and public lighting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Infrastructure Maintenance Reports in place
Construction Of 12 Culvert Drainage Structures across all nodal points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Of 12 Culvert Drainage Structures across all nodal points includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Atok Nodal Point Culvert Drainage Structures (Wards 10, 11, 012 & 13); - Mphanama Nodal Point Culvert Drainage Structures (Ward 01, 02 & 04); - Apel Nodal Point Culvert Drainage Structures (Wards 03, 05, 06 & 08); - Stydskraal Nodal Point Culvert Drainage Structures (Ward 07) Consultants appointment in November/December 2015; Appointment of contractors is at SCM processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting projects MIS registration by CoGHSTA.

PROJECT NAME	PHYSICAL PROGRESS TO DATE	MITIGATION/COMMENTS
Municipal Facilities Internal Water Supply - Mofatse, Thusong Services Centre (MTCSC), Mphanama CH & Moses Mabhona Civic Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall physical progress stands on 70% for Mofatse, Thusong Services Centre (MTCSC) & Mphanama CH 100% complete for Moses Mabhona Civic Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geo-design Reports in place Project expected to be complete by 30th June 2016
Construction of Nchabelego Access Road and Culvert Drainage Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall physical progress is estimated at 70% Base layer on the access road complete Culvert structure at 85% Construction of allocated house is at 95% Paving & asphalt surfacing at 70% Installation of pre-cast concrete gabi is at 70% Preparation of side walkways is at 70% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor is behind schedule - extension of time was granted Weekly meetings contemplated to accelerate physical progression etc
Operational of 111 high mast lights and 186 street lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Mast lights 81% (i.e. 68/111) of high-mast lights operational (previous report indicated only 47 functional high-mast lights) 43 high-mast lights waiting to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued engagements with Eskom in respect of installation of transformers and switching facilities remain high-mast lights

PROJECT NAME	PHYSICAL PROGRESS TO DATE	MITIGATION/COMMENTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-switched on (previous report was off) 7 high-mast lights are without transformers (104 have transformers) <p>Street Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 street lights are functional 105 Number of non-functional street lights 	

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We are among few municipalities in the province that are able to spend the MIG. To this effect, we received an additional MIG allocation of R15 million as at 31st March 2016. This additional allocation implies an exponential increase of our total MIG allocation from R22, 109, 000 to



Completion of Hoeraroep Portion 2-Sports Complex Internal Street



Apel Recreation Park

over 37 million. As part of implementing forward planning, it is envisaged that the MIS registration of all new 2016/17 projects as well as appointments of contractors would be complete on or before 30th June 2016. We have thus far been able to perfect forward planning.



Construction of Nchabeleng Access bridge and Culvert Drainage Structure



Construction of Traffic Testing Station Route

FETAKGOMO MAYOR HANDOVER BURSARIES, SANITARY TOWELS AND SCHOOL SHOES

Education is the most vital requirement that one needs to achieve one's goals or succeed in one's

career. Financial assistance of any kind including bursaries is thus imperative to our post-matriculants in Fetakgomo - a rural municipality with high poverty rate and unemployment. Most of these young people become hopeless, when they struggle to obtain funds to further their education at tertiary institutions. The Fetakgomo municipality has given key priority to education. This is aimed at a better future for the municipal youth. It is only through education that poverty can be eliminated and our municipality become a better place to live in it.





DESERVING AND QUALIFYING STUDENTS

It was on the 25th August 2015 during Women's Day Celebration when the Deputy Minister of Communication made commitment to award 10 students bursaries to pursue careers in communication field. Indeed she kept to her words immediately after the matric results schools were requested to send list of deserving students. Consequently, the Fetakgomo Mayor followed up the Deputy Minister to ensure that at least 06 students are given bursaries towards the alleviation of the plight of the learners - who are eager to study beyond matric. Beneficiaries are selected from different schools and handover ceremony was held on the 18th February 2016 at Pelangwe Community Hall. Present at the ceremony was also the Patron of Thalitha Koum, Member of Limpopo Legislature Ms Onnicca Moloji who brought sanitary towel to school and 100 school shoes sponsored by #1million Shoes Campaign. Schools that received sanitary towels are Mohlotlwane Secondary School and Selatole Secondary School while those that received school shoes are India Primary, Pelangwe Primary, Modimolle Primary and Mphaaneng Primary Schools.

The following students were given bursaries to pay for tuition fee and allowance for the 2016 academic year:

1. Komane Joy - studies for teaching at University of Limpopo;
2. Masha Moroampogeng - studies for Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies at University of Limpopo;
3. Sebesho Calvin - studies for International Relations

at the University of Venda;

4. Nchabeleng Gilbert – studies for Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies at University of Venda;
5. Thobesane Seselo - studies for Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at the University of Venda; and
6. Matseba Mokgohloe –studies for Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies at the University of Limpopo.

Speaking during the award the Fetakgomo Mayor Cllr Kukie Raesetja Sefala indicated that students were keenly aware of their exceptional opportunity which would allow them to reach greater heights in their chosen careers. It did not escape the students that this was a once-in-a –lifetime opportunity which they need to tightly grab with both hands. They knew that it might never come again. The bursaries are given to you for only one purpose and it is for you to go out there to study and make not only municipality proud but also your parents.

WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM THE BURSARY RECEIVERS

“I am very happy and ecstatic that Fetakgomo Local Municipality negotiated me to Department of Communication to offer me and my colleagues bursary and thank God because if it was not for Him, I wouldn't have been here and also thank all the officials who are behind us all. I will also do my best so that poverty can be a distant memory to my family and future generations. I encourage other candidates to work very hard in their studies so that we can make Fetakgomo Municipality proud because our resolve will be tested by this challenge. Motho ke motho ka batho concluded Gilbert Nchabeleng - the first year student from the University of Venda.

