

Mayor's keynote address at the Launch of Mokutung Vodacom Tower,  
Mokutung, 10 September 2011

Programme Director

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Vodacom Management in Limpopo Region

Magoshi a rena

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Distinguished guests

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Setshaba ka moka

We are here today to celebrate with the people of Greater Tubatse especially Mokutung and the neighbouring villages when this important service is launched. We are happy because for the first time in the history of the village people will be able to communicate with the rest of the world.

Communication is a vital competent in our lives today. The world is now revolved around it and information technology is improving on daily basis. Our Village is situated along the Panorama route which is a tourist destination and Echo caves where we experience large numbers of visitors. It was an inconvenience for people to be cut from the rest of the world while visiting our village. The service that is brought today will not only benefit Mokutung but other village surrounding it.

We are happy that Vodacom has come to our rescue by erecting this tower in this village. It will go a long way in assisting the village to be connected to the world and other services that are part of the package. Despite being a tourist destination, the village is having a problem of reliable transport.

It takes time for our people to access services like banking due to transport.

That will be a thing of the past because we are told that a money transfer system called MPESA will be available in our village. Our relatives who are working in towns and others areas will now be in a position to send money to the loved ones at the village.

Of great importance, we are excited because Vodacom is going to donate a container to be used as a community library. This is an important step in the lives of our children. We hope that the library will be able to remove our children from the streets.

We do not have enough words to appreciate the good work done by Vodacom in our village. All sectors including business, schools and the tribal authority should value and cherish the services given by Vodacom. This is a good investment and legacy which the company is leaving in our communities. It will be a sad moment if we cannot take care of the investment made in our society today.

There are still other services which we are lacking in our society and with the assistance of the Private sector we can change the face of our communities. Once again we would to pay our gratitude to Vodacom and further request that you consider other villages that are still lacking similar services that you are offering to the people of Mokutung.

Our Municipality is predominantly rural and communication is still a major challenge. We would to reiterate to our communities to be protective of this investment. Let us be a shining example to other villages around Greater Tubatse.

I thank you