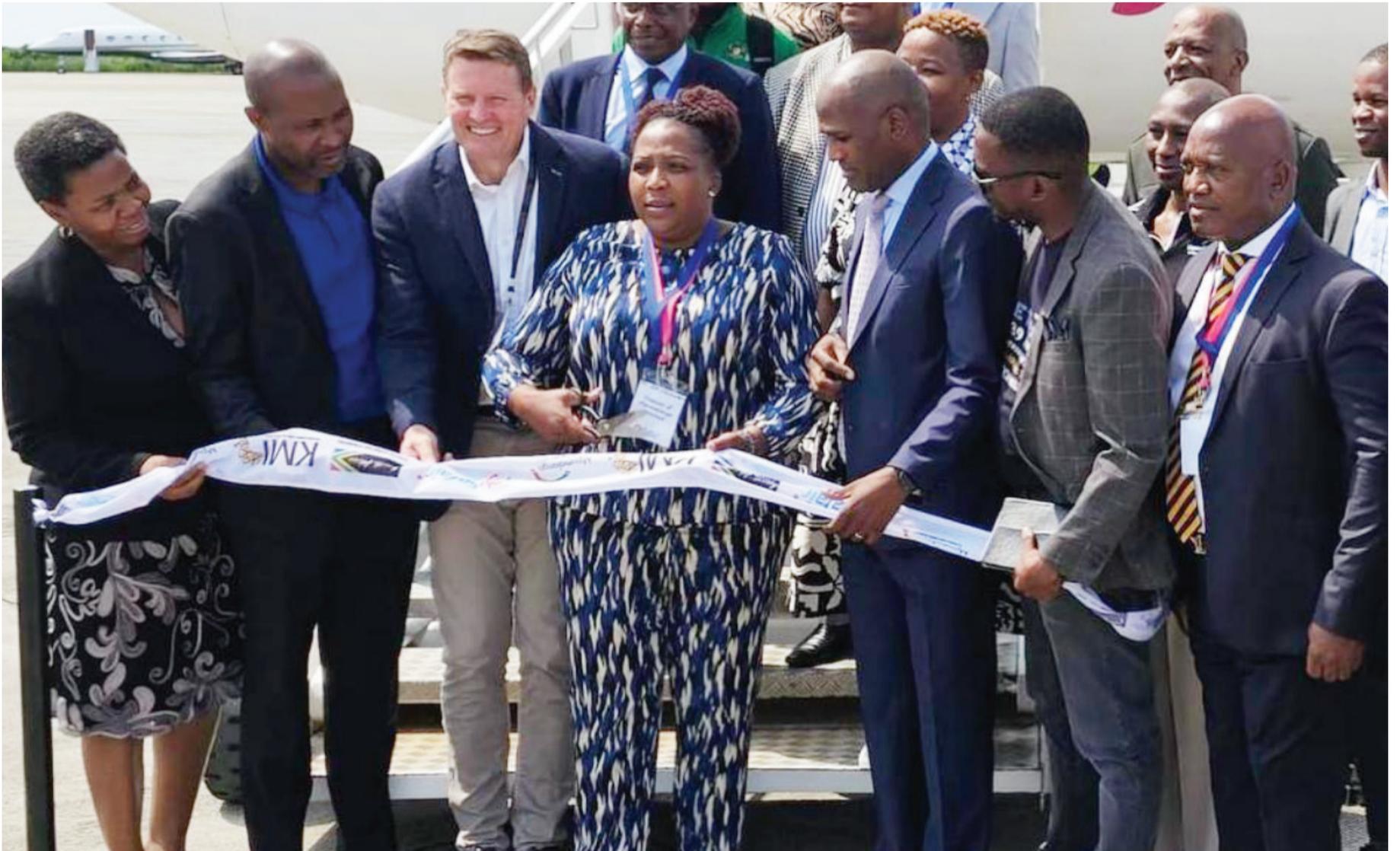


LET'S GROW MPUMALANGA TOGETHER

## PREMIER MTSHWENI-TSIPANE LAUNCHES FLYSAFAIR AIRLINE ROUTE TO CAPE TOWN



**Premier Mtshweni Tsipane launches the historic airline route between the Kruger International Airport and the Cape Town International. She is flanked by officials from FlysaFair and MTPA.**

FlySafair airline has touched down! This after Mpumalanga Premier, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane launched a historic airline route between the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA) and the Cape Town International Airport (CTIA). The event was attended by members of the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency's (MTPA) Board, the Acting Director-General of the Premier's Office, Mr Peter Nyoni and the Executive of the airline.

Undoubtedly the project will boost the provincial tourism sector and grow the economy, following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, it is envisaged to create an influx of tourists and business people into the province and contribute immensely towards the promotion of Mpumalanga as a tourist destination of choice. Mpumalanga Premier, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane, appraised this in her keynote address.

She further cited an efficient travelling experience of both Mpumalanga citizens and visitors as one of the benefits, for the launch of the route. "We welcome

this new route, more air traffic will be created allowing our tourism sector in the province to gain strength as realised in the Mpumalanga Economic Recovery and Reconstruction Plan (MERRP). Our Province has so much to offer. I encourage everyone to come and explore our diverse culture, the amazing fauna and flora of the rising sun", the Premier affirms.

The travelling time from the pristine beaches of Cape Town to the untamed Bushveld of the Kruger National Park, have just been reduced to just two (2) hours, allowing a seamless travel and exceptional comfort Flysafair offers, according to Mr Blackey Komani, Chairman of Safair Operations. "I strongly believe when you connect two destinations between provinces, tourism is bound to grow which is why more job opportunities for Mpumalanga will be created, thus stimulating South Africa's economy", Komani affirmed.

"We were very impressed by how well the two (2) provinces responded by showing eagerness to visit each other's shores. With just the first flight being

sold out, this trend, if sustained, will allow us to schedule more flights", he adds.

MTPA's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mduduzi Vilakazi says the symbiotic relationship established with Flysafair will create new opportunities in the hospitality and tourism sector. "We are thrilled to have this two-way flight; considering the tedious distance of nearly 2 000 kilometres these two locations that has presented challenges in terms of cost and time for travellers looking to include both in their itinerary. Now, our people will now travel with ease. Through our engagement with the airline, we hope to bring in new routes that will connect the province with Durban and Johannesburg", Mr Vilakazi expatiates.

FlySafair's flights between CTIA and KMIA will operate twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays and ticket prices will start at R1 851 one way.

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# CONSTRUCTION OF MONUMENTAL FRESH PRODUCE MARKET AT THE TAIL END



## Mpumalanga International Fresh Market Produce in Mbombela.

There is a hive of activity in Mpumalanga's agricultural sector. The construction of the Mpumalanga International Fresh Produce Market (MIFPM) is at the tail end and the Provincial Government is pulling all stops to ensure a sustainable supply of vegetables and fruits, once operation commences. The MIFPM is a state-of-the-art monument and designed as a part of a value chain to facilitate trade between Mpumalanga farmers and the international markets.

Research studies indicate that 30.3 percent of the households in Mpumalanga are involved in agricultural activities, while 81.5 percent rely on it as an extra source of food. This makes farming one of the cornerstones of livelihoods in the province.

Based on the high unemployment rate of 46,7 percent, according to the 2023 Stats SA's quarter 3 report, the MIFPM is viewed as one of the catalytic projects to boost job creation initiatives, through the export of farming products.

The Provincial Government is already hard at work to prepare farmers' contribution to the market. These include, but no limited to:

- Facilitation of training works to be trade-ready. Recently two workshops were initiated at Nooitgedacht Research Farm in Ermelo and in Middleburg Library Auditorium.
- Mobilisation of small-scale and commercial producers to register on a database of fresh produce farmers in their respective Municipalities, as suppliers.
- Development of production plans to give effect to the continuous supply of agricultural products.

Compliance to health protocols and regulations are key to achieve international standards. Every activity geared towards the MIFPM is viewed as a crucial enabler of the broader fresh produce ecosystem in Mpumalanga.

# MEC NTSHALINTSHALI THREATENS ACTION TO STOP MALPRACTICE OF SHOPS

The business malpractice of some supermarkets and spaza shops, in their business engagement with grant beneficiaries is to be investigated vigorously. Several cases of such business establishments twisting beneficiaries to buy goods as a condition to receive their pay out have been reported.

Generally, grant recipients are not bound to buy goods whenever they make withdrawals, and as such, the reported cases are perceived as unscrupulous incidents. MEC for Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Ntshalintshali has called for an investigation to determine the course of action for the perpetrators. 'Government is very clear on those who have been tasked to provide services to grant recipients that they are not expected to buy, prior receiving cash. This is stipulated in the service level agreement with those service providers,' she emphasises.

Government's intervention is a major relief to the affected beneficiaries, among them, Ms Maria Masombuka of Ezinambeni in Emalahleni Local Municipality. She relies on social grants as the source of income. "I am grateful as a grant recipient to be assured that the department is committed to resolve our issues, which have been affecting us for such a long time. We were under this impression that if we want to withdraw our money we need to buy food and today something new has come up," Masombuka concludes.

Almost one-quarter (23,5%) of households nationally, receive grants, as an intervention that cushion poor households amid the grinding effects of poverty. The 2022 Stats SA report states that 12.7 percent of the households in Mpumalanga are faced with acute shortage of food, and that 27.1 percent rely on social grants.

Ntshalintshali says the ongoing business practice by the supermarkets and spaza shops deprive beneficiaries the benefits, and called for immediate intervention to stop it. She further threatened termination of the agreement, as one of the intervention measures. "We are calling for the Consumer protection services through the department of Economic Development and Tourism to intervene", she emphasises.

Ntshalintshali has made unannounced visits to various offices of the South African Social Security Agency as part of her oversight role and expressed a commitment to resolve the matter. She further alerted beneficiaries to be wary of scammers and to report such to their local police stations.



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# IMPROVED ROAD NETWORK INCREASES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN LEKWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



**Minister Chikunga of Transport (centre) flanked by MEC Ndlovu (right) and SANRAL officials at Lekwa's R23 road.**

The wheels of service delivery landed in Standerton, in the Lekwa Local Municipality. Recently, Minister of Transport, Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga, accompanied by MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport in Mpumalanga, Mr Mandla Ndlovu handed over the newly refurbished R23 Road. This after an intensive programme of Vala Zonke where patching of potholes took place throughout Standerton.

The milestone event demonstrated the government's ongoing commitment to improve the country's road network, leading to smoother

travel and increased economic opportunities. The handover of the road affirms government's efforts to enhance transportation links and accessibility. Minister Chikunga also led an inspection of the R50 national road between Standerton and Leandra, emphasising the adopted comprehensive approach aimed at meeting national standards of road safety and efficiency.

MEC Ndlovu says road infrastructure continues to play a pivotal role in the economy of the province and that government will continue to upgrade and maintain the road standards. He commended the

National Department of Transport for improving the conditions of some road networks in Mpumalanga, through Sanral.

Minister Chikunga engaged residents at the Sakhile Stadium, to entrench the culture of government's dedication to listening and responding to the needs of the citizens, in an integrated manner.

# MPUMALANGA LEARNERS BAG TOP ACCOLADES IN NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY DEBATES AND PET COMPETITIONS



Learners from the province were recently named as winners in three categories of the National Road Safety Debate finals and Participatory Educational Techniques (PET) that was conducted over two days on a virtual platform.

The province won both urban and rural categories of the debates as well as the urban category of PET competition. The best trainers in the same categories are also from the province.

The Road Safety debates were initiated in the province in 2004 after the realisation that it is mostly young people who become affected by road crashes. Young people use the road as passengers, pedestrians and new drivers. Their lack of experience often contributes to them becoming involved in deadly crashes.

The debates are now held on an annual basis under the auspices of the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC).

The PET competition, on the other hand, affords a platform to participate in a solution based exercise to interrogate road safety issues and come up with innovative ways to address identified challenges.

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr Vusi Shongwe has congratulated the learners, saying that they have set the bar too high. The MEC states that he believes that they will in the future contribute towards dealing with road safety challenges in the province and the country as a whole.

“We are proud of the learners and their trainers as well as officials. We salute them for flying the flag of the province so high. We know that it was not easy and they had

to work harder for many hours to prepare for these competitions. This is not just about winning. It is also about creating responsible future driver.”

“We thank all our sponsors for the contribution they have made at both regional and provincial legs of these competitions,” says Shongwe. Earlier before the National competition, “says Shongwe. Earlier before the National competition the MEC hosted the twelve learners who participated at the provincial competition including the six that represented the province at a luncheon in Mbombela.

The lunch was sponsored by Syntell and Buscor. The companies also sponsored the learners with prizes such as tablets, phones and cash prizes. Barberton mines sponsored the learners with uniform which they wore at the national competition.

## WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP FOR 2023 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY DEBATES

Urban category	Rural category
1. Mpumalanga - Winner	1. Mpumalanga - Winner
2. North West	2. Limpopo
3. Limpopo	3. North West
Best trainer - Mpumalanga	Best speaker - Mpumalanga Thembehle Mnisi
	Best trainer - Mpumalanga

### PET (PARTICIPATORY EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES)

Urban category	Rural category
1. Mpumalanga - Winner	1. Limpopo
2. Gauteng	2. West Cape
3. Limpopo	3. Mpumalanga
Best trainer - Mpumalanga	Best speaker - Limpopo



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DELIVERS SEWING MACHINES TO SUPPORT WOMEN COOPERATIVES

Ten (10) women cooperatives across the Emalaheni Local Municipality, are new owners of industrial sewing machines, thanks to the support of the Provincial Government. A function to hand over the machines took place at Clewer Community Hall in eMalaheni recently.

The delivery is part of MEC Nompumelelo Hlophe's (of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism) Empowerment Roadshow. The roadshow is aimed at supporting the small business sector with the tools of trade. In November last year Hlophe delivered tools of trade to ten (10) Small Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMMEs) at the Mpumalanga Stainless Initiative in Middelburg, in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, as well as ten (10) car wash machines to SMMEs in Mashishing, in Thaba Chweu Local Municipality.

The delivery of the machines is a major intervention as the Provincial Government is pulling all stops to empower SMMEs, amid the slow growing economy. Mr Sam Masango of the

Economic and Tourism Department confirms the assertion. "As the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, one crucial function within our mandate is to support SMMEs and cooperatives by empowering and nurturing them. This we do, to contribute meaningfully towards the creation of businesses, in support of the growth of our economy. Small businesses and cooperatives are, in fact, the backbone of our economy," he affirms.

Mr Masango says the cooperatives qualified for the support initiative, on the basis of their application to the department. "The ten (10) cooperatives were identified because they demonstrated genuine requirement for the industrial sewing machines, to enhance their business operations and maximise their bottom line. The support we are providing to them, is part of a broader range of interventions we have identified, to nurture and to empower the small business sector across the Province, as part of our mandate", he explains.

The ten (10) recipient cooperatives are:

- Khulani Art Culture Service
- Siyasebenza Fashion and Design Cooperative
- Inhloshle Catering and Sewing
- Sisenke Cooperative
- Phola Sewing Project
- Mehlwana Cooperative
- Thananathi Thina Primary Cooperative
- Clewer Beats
- Di-Ketso Embroidery
- Agebatubatse Manufacturing Cooperative

Economic empowerment of women, youth and vulnerable groups ranks high on the agenda of the Provincial Government, and Masango says the delivery of the sewing machines confirms this. He urged the beneficiaries to use the consignment for economic upliftment purposes. He also encouraged women and the youth in general, to take advantage of the available government programmes and interventions, created specifically to assist them in growing their informal businesses at a grand scale.



Mr Masango of Economic Development and Tourism during the delivery of the machines in Emalaheni.

# NEW OMBUD SATELLITE OFFICE TO SERVICE THE COMMUNITY

A satellite office that will deal with all sorts of issues that an owner or occupier of a townhouse, retirement village or golf estate might have, is finally opened in Mpumalanga. The Deputy Minister for Human Settlements, Ms Pam Tshwete together with MEC Mr Speed Mashilo launched the Community Scheme Ombud Service (CSOS) in the City of Mbombela Local Municipality, Ehlanzeni District. The office is situated at Riverside Office Park Block 1.

The CSOS is an agency of the Department of Human Settlements responsible for regulating the conduct of parties within community schemes. The expansion of the CSOS footprint seeks to better housing services to all sprawling communities and follows the recent launches of other satellite offices in Limpopo and Western Cape provinces. There is no fee to register a community scheme with the CSOS and that their services are free. However, owners do pay a CSOS monthly levy.

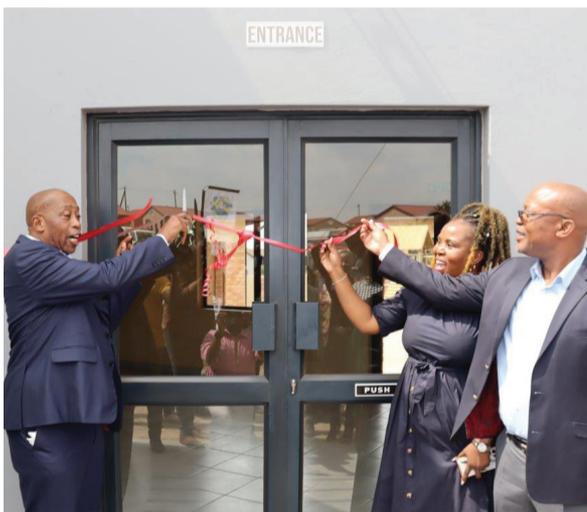
During the launch, Deputy Minister Tshwete congratulated CSOS on this milestone of launching an office in Mpumalanga and expressed that this is indicative of an organisation that is growing in its service and reaching more people in the country. "The CSOS is the ombudsman for all community schemes in South Africa. It provides a dispute resolution service, regulates and monitors the quality of all community scheme governance documentation, and provides training and consumer awareness," she said.

MEC Mashilo welcomed the new CSOS satellite offices and mentioned that this will hopefully assist in serving the community of Mpumalanga very well. He emphasised that these services are for free, therefore people should not be swindled into paying unnecessary fees by third parties who are only interested in their own profits. "I urge CSOS, as part of their mandate, to educate the public about what they do so that people can know that government is here to serve them", charged Mashilo.

Disputes that fall under the jurisdiction of the CSOS has to be in the following categories: financial issues, scheme governance issues, management services, meetings, works pertaining to private areas and common areas, behavioural issues, general and other issues. In terms of the CSOS Act, all community schemes must be registered with the CSOS within 30 days after the incorporation of the community scheme or within 30 days of the coming into effect.

Schemes must then submit annual returns and financial documents to the CSOS as part of its monitoring function. A community scheme's governance documents must also be submitted when the registration is done. An owner or occupier who has a dispute relating to the administration of that scheme can use CSOS for assistance to resolve such a dispute. The services provided by CSOS are also used by other parties who have an interest in the scheme. Body corporations and managing agents are examples of this.

## RIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY BENEFITS A CHILDCARE CARE



**MEC Speed Mashilo symbolically cutting the ribbon to mark the official handover of the social amenities in Balfour accompanied by Dipaleseng Executive Mayor, Cllr Khethiwe Moeketsi and Gert Sibande District Executive Mayor, Cllr Walter Mngomezulu.**

The need to strengthen the delivery of government services is critically important to respond to the prevailing conditions of inequality on the ground. These assertions were made by MEC Speed Mashilo recently in Balfour, Dipaleseng Local Municipality when he delivered one state-of-the-art Child Care Centre to the community of Ridgeview.

Accompanied by Local Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi and Gert Sibande District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu he

opened the multi-million rand Childcare Centre to the benefit of young children to be nurtured and receive Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs. Subsequent to this delivery, the trio also handed over 180 title deeds to deserving beneficiaries of government subsidised housing.

Ridgeview is the new integrated human settlements township which still requires litany of services such as schools, improved roads etc. To this end, Mashilo affirmed that the opening of the Childcare Centre effectively responds to the needs of the community. "This community needed a centre of this nature. Kids would be taken to far flung areas for purposes of ECD and that was an expensive venture for them. Now these kids will learn in a more familiar environment within their vicinity", stated Mashilo, adding that will bring to the attention of the Executive Council the need for improved roads and construction of a primary school in the area.

As part of the basket package, Executive Mayor Moeketsi reacted to the issuing of title deeds to beneficiaries by describing it as an act of dignity restoration. "The MEC's visit will leave the community of Ridgeview in a better socio-economic position - in that the title deeds overly changes their status. They are

now property owners and can use their title deeds to leverage economic opportunities as it would be possible to access finance in pursuit of any business endeavour henceforth", she explained.

One of the beneficiaries who received her title deeds, Ms Jane Ngubeni (82) was filled with a sense of pride and assurance that her future and that of her grandson are secure. I am grateful with this document. It was the only thing that kept me worried about the certainty of our future and the status of the house should anything happen. Now I can openly declare and say that Kukwami la!" Gogo Ngubeni lives with her grandson and a great grandchild. They took occupation of the new house late in 2023 when they relocated from the nearby Monareng settlement.

The District Executive Mayor urged the community to preserve and protect the infrastructure as it is their asset. The Ridgeview integrated settlements comprises of over 3500 sites with 1500 housing units already completed and occupied. Mashilo announced that 60 percent of the remaining sites will be availed for purchase by those who want to build for themselves. The remaining 40 percent shall be used for provision of other low-cost houses. More similar handovers will be taking place in the other parts of the province

# LAUNCH OF THUNGELA EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Thungela, in collaboration with the Mpumalanga Department of Education, officially launched the Thungela Education Initiative, aimed at improving access to quality education for learners in the foundation and intermediate phases, from grade R to 4, in 45 “no-fee” schools and provide support to educators.

This dynamic five-year initiative with an investment of R160 million, will be implemented in two of the four district municipalities in Mpumalanga, where Thungela operations are located. Mr July Ndlovu, Thungela CEO said, “we are proud to launch an initiative that seeks to deliver solutions to one of the three national imperatives: access to quality education. Joining forces with a partner whose mandate is to provide an education of progressively high quality for all learners is an honour for us.

“Our purpose ‘to responsibly create value together for a shared future’ compels us

to be intentional about bringing change in communities where we operate. I am deeply passionate about education and believe that the foundation we set today will position our children for success. Together with the Mpumalanga Department of Education, we aim to augment the traditional approach to education, addressing multiple facets that contribute to the development of children, ensuring that they are well-rounded young individuals.

“The launch of this initiative follows the baseline assessments conducted to understand the challenges faced by learners in this phase of learning and the findings of these assessments informed the model of the education initiative Thungela is launching today,” he said. Mr Bonakele Majuba, MEC of the Mpumalanga Department of Education said that the focus going forward would be to strengthen primary schooling as well as the Early Childhood Development in the Province.

“We will continue to support all our schools and learners while we intensify collaboration with private institutions, Community Based Organisations and NGOs. This year, we will collaborate with several institutions and organisations to build a solid foundation for the growth of our system and through this collaboration with Thungela we aim to improve learning and teaching in some of the primary schools in Nkangala and Gert Sibande Districts.

“The roll-out of this initiative will commence in the first quarter of 2024 and this will include amongst other components, improving school readiness, enhancing literacy and numeracy, elevating the skills of educators and school management teams and refurbishing infrastructure to support optimal teaching and learning. Thungela will also partner with expert organisations to provide psycho-social support and drive increased parental involvement in the children’s development,” he said.



MEC Majuba of Education [left] and Thungela’s CEO, Mr Ndlovu at the launch of the education initiative.

# EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE TO EXPAND WORKFORCE AND IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH



**MEC Manzini [center] accompanied by Health officials, mark the launch of the Letsema EPWP project at the Themba Hospital**

The MEC for Health, Ms Sasekani Manzini launched the Expanded Letsema EPWP AND Cleaning Campaign at Themba Regional Hospital on 14 March. The purpose of the programme is to provide an income relief through temporary work to the unemployed, specifically the youth from disadvantaged background.

The programme will assist the Departmental Infrastructure Development and Technical Services responsible to eradicate minor maintenance and auxiliary matters to ensure that the infrastructure is kept in good condition so that the Department of Health's mandate of providing adequate health care services and equitable health care delivery system which

is through integrated network of health care services continues without any convenience. During a media briefing MEC Ms Manzini said. "63 EPWP participants started working on the 2nd of October 2023 to carry their duties throughout our facilities in the province. Providing grass cutting and tree trimming work, the painting of worn walls in our facilities, changing of doors, and replacing of handles, changing of lighting bulbs, unblocking the drainage and some even provided welding skills. Forek-Institute of Tech will further sharpen their skills," she said.

She further mentioned that they are happy with the work the participants are doing. "We are very pleased with the work they are currently

doing, they are definitely adding value to service delivery. Through this programme everyone will also gain work experience with relevant skills. We are looking forward to also assist them further to be artisans and assist them with trades that will also benefit our health care facilities.

"We are pleased to announce that most of our big five hospitals and clinics have already been serviced by this programme and still moving forward to service other hospitals and clinics in the province. The department is in the process to advertise 60 EPWP posts on the reputable Media House to further expand the number of our EPWP participants," she concluded.

# 'TAKING TB TABLETS IS A PANACEA FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE' SAYS PREMIER MTSHWENI-TSIPANE



**Premier, Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane alongside Provincial Government leaders perform a Candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of those who passed on as a result of TB at Thulamahashe.**

Medical studies conducted by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP), suggest that Tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the deadliest infectious diseases worldwide. The outcome of these studies provides evidence that 3,500 people across the world die as a result of TB. In Mpumalanga, more than 21 000 people have contracted the disease.

As Mpumalanga observed World TB Day, Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane created public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis. She is adamant that efforts to eliminate the disease will yield the desired outcomes. "I make a call to everyone to play a part in the fight against TB. As a society, let us normalise doing regular check-ups through our mobile chekha'impilo facilities spread across the Province. I encourage those undergoing treatment to stay on course and refrain from stigmatising and discrimination against those infected," she emphasised.

The 2024 national theme was: "Yes! You and I Can End TB". Medical experts assert that if left undiagnosed and untreated, people living with TB can unknowingly spread the diseases to others. Bushbuckridge Local Municipality has recorded high cases of TB patients and fatalities are attributed to the late start of the TB treatment.

In an endeavour to reduce the rate of infections, this year's commemoration was held at the Thulamahashe stadium in Bushbuckridge, where TB cases are reportedly high. Statistics depict a success rate of 72.2 percent instead of targeted 85 percent in the Municipality, while client lost to follow-up at 6.3 percent instead of 7.5 percent. The appalling TB client death rate is 8.5 percent instead of a targeted 7.5 percent.

Provincial Chairperson of the House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders, Kgoshi Lameck Mokoena encouraged the community to adopt a habit of doing regular health screen for early detection of life threatening diseases. "I urge everyone to seek

medical attention when one experiences abnormal health symptoms. Everyone must practice good hygiene so we all protect each other. We must continue to support those infected by TB to finish their treatment. In that way we will save lives and bring awareness.

Mtshweni-Tsipane cited various measures aimed at supporting TB patients in Mpumalanga. These include free access to high quality health care, the implementation of the national TB recovery plan, such as TB screening, testing and detecting undiagnosed TB patients.

Health MEC, Ms Sasekani Manzini, Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs MEC, Ms Busi Shiba, Ehlanzeni District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Jesta Sidel and Bushbuckridge Executive Mayor, Cllr. Sylvia Nxumalo, were among the dignitaries who attended the commemoration. For TB self-screening APP \*134\* 832\*5# and follow the prompts OR Send the word TB to 060 012 3456 (WhatsApp) and follow the prompts.

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1. President Cyril Ramaphosa and Premier Mtshweni-Tsipane conducts a site inspection of the Middleburg hospital during a recent Presidential Imbizo.
2. Emalahleni Executive Mayor, Cllr. Leah Mabuza leads a clean up campaign in Emalahleni.
3. Head of Department, Mr Godfrey Ntombela and MEC Thandi Shongwe of Culture, Sport and Recreation join the Metro FM management ahead the start of the Metro FM Music Awards festivities. Mpumalanga hosts the awards for the second time at the Mbombela Stadium.
4. Gert Sibande District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu (left) and Cllr. Phalaborwa Malatsi (right) leads a delegation of Councillors and engineers to the Fortuna Water Treatment plant in Balfour, to explore expansion measures to provide water to the local municipalities.

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  - Valid SARS Tax Pin
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