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of activism

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to success

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# Editorial

Joshua Motsomane

As we strive in different ways to engrave the municipality on the map, no matter how hard we try, there will always be those that seek to belittle our efforts and hard work.

Whenever one achieves great things, less people congratulate or acknowledge but when the same achiever stumbles, more people are quick to judge, criticize, humiliate and distort her/his character and personality.

Our main aim is to provide you with information that is accurate, factual and educative. We want to keep you informed about our achievements and challenges in delivering government services. You are also encouraged to write to the editor using the address provided in the newsletter to share your views on how you think we can improve in bettering the lives of our people

"Working Together We Can Do More".

**We welcome you all to our third edition.**

Thank you

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## What is an Intergrated Development Plan (IDP)?

**How does the Municipality ensure that the IDP is implemented?**

The municipality develops a performance management system. This system ensures that the municipality set performance target and time frames on projects and programmes in the IDP.

**Why is it important to understand the IDP of your municipality?**

IDP must be community need orientated. Member of the community must identify their needs and forward them to the municipality to include them in the IDP. The municipalities convert their needs into projects and ensure that they are budgeted for.

**How do you participate in the development of the IDP**

- IDP REP Forum
- Ward meetings
- Direct consultation

An IDP is a five-year strategic plan that a municipality must develop as required by the Municipal System Act, 2000. It outlines how the municipality is going to deliver services to its community.

The municipality operates within a legislative framework, among other Acts, are:

- The Constitution of SA
- Municipal System Act, 32 of 2000
- Municipal Structure Act, 32 of 2000
- Municipal Finance Management Act, 52 of 2003

The Structure Act outlines power and functions of the Municipality. The System Act outlines provides guidance to Municipal processes. MFMA provide guidance for municipal processes. The Municipality's main constitutional mandate is to provide services to its community.

Municipal Functions are as follows:

- Provide basic Services (Water and Sanitation, Electricity and Roads)
- Support Local Economic Development
- Maintenance of Cemeteries
- Bill boards
- Supports Youth, Women and Disabled people.
- Support and encourage Entrepreneurship

**Steps of developing an IDP**

1. Analysis Phase
2. Strategy Development Phase
3. Project Development Phase
4. Implementation Phase
5. Feedback Phase

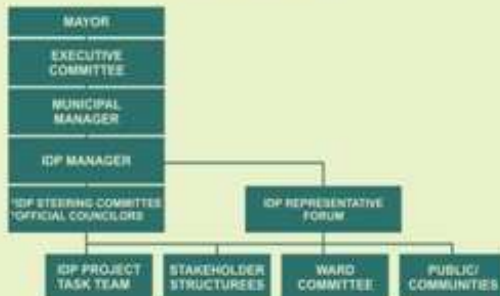
**IDP cycle**

1. It is a five year plan
2. It is reviewed annually.



IDP Review Structures: IDP Steering Committee, IDP Representative Forum and Clusters (Social, Institutional, Economic and Basic Services).

#### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS/ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE IDP: ANNEXURE A



#### 5 DISTRIBUTION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE IDP PROCESS

The Municipal Manager through the IDP Manager, continuously has to ensure that both external and internal role players adhere to their performance roles throughout the processes.

#### 5.1 INTERNAL ROLE PLAYERS

##### 5.1.1 THE MAYOR

As the senior governing person of the municipality, the mayor will have to:

- Decide on the process plan
- Consider, adopt and approve the process plan
- Approve nominated person to be in charge of different roles, activities and responsibilities of the process and drafting.

##### 5.1.2 MUNICIPAL MANAGER/IDP MANAGER

Has to manage and co-ordinate the IDP review process. This includes:

- Preparations and finalisation of the Process Plan
- Be responsible for overall management, co-ordinating and monitoring of the process and drafting the IDP Review
- Responsible for the day to day management of the planning process, ensuring that all relevant actors are appropriately involved
- Ensure that the process is participatory, strategic and implementation orientated and is aligned with and satisfies sector planning requirements
- Ensure that amendments and proper documentation of the draft IDP Review are to the satisfaction of the Municipal Council
- Monitor the implementation of the IDP proposals

If the IDP Manager is not the Municipal Manager, the latter is still responsible and accountable.

##### 5.1.3 WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillors are the major link between the Municipal government and the residents. As such, their role is to:

- Link the planning process their constituencies and/or wards
- Be responsible for organising public consultation and participation
- Ensure the annual business plans and municipal budget are linked to and based on the IDP.

##### 5.1.4 STEERING COMMITTEE

As the persons in charge for implementing IDP's the technical/sectional officials have to be fully involved in the review process to:

- Determine progress, achievements and shortcomings of 2009/2010 review document
- Provide relevant technical expertise in the consideration and finalisation of strategies and identification of projects
- Provide departmental operational and capital budgetary information
- Be responsible for preparing amendments to the draft IDP review for submission to the Municipal Council for approval and the Waterberg District Municipality and MEC for Local Government for alignment.

##### 5.1.5 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

- Evaluate, amend and adopt a Process Plan review
- Undertake to overall management and co-ordination of the planning process which includes ensuring that:

- Ensure that all relevant actors are appropriately involved
- Appropriate mechanisms and procedures for public consultation and participation are applied
- The planning process is related to the real burning issues in the municipality, that is a strategic and implementation-orientated process
- Adopt and approve the IDP review
- Adjust the IDP in accordance with the MEC for Local Government proposal
- Ensure that the annual business plans and Municipal budget are linked to and based on the IDP

main features and requires specific attention. An appropriate public participation strategy has to be formulated by the IDP Steering Committee and must also be approved by Council.

Public participation has always been in a structured manner, hence the existing and established forums namely:

- District and Local IDP forums
- Municipal Steering Committee
- Ward Based Community Consultation
- Cluster Meeting
- Executive Meetings
- Council Meetings

It is the responsibility of the IDP Manager to link the municipality with all the relevant stakeholders. The IDP Manager has to make sure that all our Communities and Stakeholders are provided with the draft IDP document.

#### EXTERNAL ROLE PLAYERS

##### 5.1.6 IDP REPRESENTATIVE FORUM

IDP Representative Forum is the structure which facilitates and co-ordinates participation in the IDP Process.

The selection of members to the IDP Representative Forum needs to be based on criteria which ensure geographical and social representation. The role is as follows:

- Represents the interest of their constituents on the IDP process
- Form a structure link between the municipal government and representatives of the public
- Ensure communication between all the stakeholder representatives including the municipal government
- Provide an organisational mechanism for discussion, negotiation and decision making between the stakeholders including municipal government.
- Monitor the performance of the planning and implementation process

##### 5.1.7 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT (PIMS) CENTRE

- Provide methodological guidance
- Assist in facilitation of Sector Alignment and mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS programmes and plans
- Provide professional support
- Facilitate capacity building trainings

#### 6 MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

The involvement of community and stakeholder organisations in the IDP process is one of the

#### 6.1 FUNCTIONS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Participation in the review of IDP serves to fulfil five major functions namely:

##### 1. NEED ORIENTATION

Ensuring that people's needs and problems are taken into account

##### 2. COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Mobilising local residents and communities initiatives, resources, encouraging co-operation, partnerships between Municipal government and residents for implementation and maintenance

##### 3. APPROPRIATENESS OF SOLUTIONS

Using the knowledge and experience of local residents and communities in order to arrive at appropriate and sustainable problem solutions and measures

##### 4. BUILDING TRUST

It is an important component of a community participation process to build a foundation of trust between all the role players

##### 5. EMPOWERMENT

Making Integrated Development Planning a public event and a forum for negotiating conflicting interest, finding compromises and common ground and thereby, creating the basis for increased transparency and accountability of local government towards local residents.

**6.2 PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The following tasks are important to ensure proper community participation, namely:

1. The municipality must compile a database of all relevant community and Stakeholder organisations
2. Communities and stakeholders must be informed of the municipality's intention to embark on the IDP review process and
3. Organised and unorganised community/social groups must be invited by the municipality to participate in the IDP review process

**6.3 MECHANISMS FOR PARTICIPATION**

The following are important mechanisms for Community participation:

**1. WARD COMMITTEES**

Information must be made available within wards through Public ward meeting

**2. MEDIA INVOLVEMENT**

Information regarding the IDP review process and requests for participation by the Community and Stakeholders could be made by the following:

- Newsletters inside Municipal Bills
- Notices at prominent locations
- Postal notices to organised groups and organisations
- Local radio coverage and
- Local newspapers

**7 MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES FOR ALIGNMENT**

The successful implementation of IDP review proposals depends largely on whether there is conformity between Province, District and Municipality in

respect of policy, process and projects, i.e. alignment.

Continual communication between the different levels is important to ensure alignment, as is retrospection after each phase. A prerequisite for alignment is the availability of information regarding existing plans and programs at District and Provincial level. The alignment strategy would therefore comprise:

Alignment is also realised from two levels i.e. horizontal and vertical levels.

Horizontal alignment will focus on addressing issues at both District and Local Municipalities.

Vertical alignment will focus on issues that affect our municipality from National, Provincial Departments, and other organisations. It is therefore important that planning need to be informed by all stakeholders for Effective and Efficient allocation and use of scarce resources.

Determination of existing plans and programs

- Regular interaction with adjacent municipalities at specified points in the project
- Interaction with service providers (if any)
- Interaction with District and Province

**7.1 ACTIVITIES AND MECHANISM FOR PARTICIPATION PER IDP PLANNING PHASE**

- is a key feature for developmental government
- A legislative requirement as it is entrenched in the Constitution and Chapter 4 of the Municipal Systems Act
- Participation ensures that the IDP deals or addresses real issues that are experienced by Communities at Local level.

PLANNING PHASE	ACTIVITIES	MECHANISM
PREPARATION PHASE	Process Plan inputs	Meeting
ANALYSIS	Gaps identified are in line with developmental needs/needs	Meeting
STRATEGIES	Ensure that developmental objectives are realistic and in line with Strategic Guidelines	Meeting
PROJECTS	Revised Project proposal	Meeting
INTEGRATION	All relevant activities and programmes are integrated	Meeting
APPROVAL	Council awaits comments for approval	Meeting

**8. ACTION PLAN: TIME FRAME AND RESOURCES/FOR ALL THE PHASES**

TABLE 8.1 : FIRST QUARTER ACTION PLAN (JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2009)

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Critical Notes: National and Provincial Department prepare Adjustment Estimates - September 2009

TABLE 8.2 : SECOND QUARTER ACTION PLAN (OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2009)

PHASE	ACTIVITY	RES	KEY DEADLINE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Preparation	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/10/09	█		
	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/10/09		█	
	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/10/09			█
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Approval	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/10/09			█
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Critical Notes: National and Provincial Departments finalizes MTEF's

TABLE 8.3 : THIRD QUARTER ACTION PLAN (JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2010)

PHASE	ACTIVITY	RES	KEY DEADLINE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Preparation	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/01/10	█		
	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/01/10		█	
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Approval	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/01/10			█
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TABLE 8.4 : FOURTH QUARTER ACTION PLAN (APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2010)

PHASE	ACTIVITY	RES	KEY DEADLINE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Preparation	Develop and submit Draft IDP	Procurement, Finance, HR	20/04/10	█		
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Critical Notes: Municipal Budget Finalised - April 2010  
Finalize IDP Implementation Plan - May 2010

### 9 BINDING PLANS AND PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

The IDP requires that the Municipal Planning Process must be in line with the National and Provincial Legislation as well as policies, programmes and strategies which will in turn be able to inform annual budget allocations.

National Acts and Policies further require Local governments to produce certain integrated sector plans which compliment the IDP, thereby avoiding unnecessary duplication.

#### 9.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### 10 BUDGET

The IDP Review cost estimates for 2010/2011:

TASKS	COSTS
1. Public participation (total above 4)	R66 000
2. Stakeholder Workshops & Liaison Committee	R50 000
3. Advertisements	R10 000
4. Printing IDP documents	R50 000
5. Miscellaneous	R10 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>R286 000</b>

### 11 MONITORING OF REVIEW PROCESS AND IMPLEMENTATION

It is the responsibility of the Municipal Manager/Planning and Economic Manager and the IDP Manager to attend to the IDP review process and to monitor progress with regard to implementation of policies and projects.

The implementation of the ORGANOGRAM and the institution of the PMS are imperative for the effective monitoring of progress in respect of the IDP.

This necessitates a more co-ordinated and integrated information sharing and dissemination between both specific sector departments and municipalities.

At National level, the Constitution of Republic of South Africa, (Act 108 of 1996). A list of binding legislation and requirements considered during the IDP planning Process and which is also relevant to the IDP Review Process:

### 12 CONCLUSION

The Process Plan as part of the IDP and PMS review preparation phase ensures that the role players within the processes ahead are well prepared.

All activities in the document need to be outlined according to the Framework provided by the municipality.

The process plan will then inform all planning projection of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality.

## FESTIVE MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR NALEDI LUCAS MATLOU 2009



To all communities of Thabazimbi Local Municipal area, I take this opportunity to extend my warm greetings to you.

Christmas is a time for families, relatives and friends to come together, and rejoice away from the usual activities that preoccupy us throughout the year.

The festive season is a time when we should let our country enjoy the best from our human kindness, Ubuntu.

Please let us remember the sick in our hospitals and at home, sometimes on their own. We should also pay homage to our elderly citizens, the pillars of our society and the bearers of wisdom.

To those who passed on this year, may their souls rest in peace in general, but we plead with them to join us in all celebrations of this festive season. They must help recharge our energies to get us ready for 2010.

We all look forward to next year with great anticipation. The FIFA World Cup Finals are but some of the highlights we are readying ourselves for. Whatever the outcome, South Africa, will be the winner, and so will all of us.

Please do not drink and drive so that we stop the carnage on our roads during the festive season. Arrive Alive! Remember your ABCs: abstain, be faithful and condomise! Your responsible actions can help us combat the spread of HIV and AIDS.

Let us continue our march towards a South Africa that we all yearn for, a caring and prosperous country, free of crime and violence against women, children, and vulnerable people.

#### Working Together We Can Do More!

Have a merry festive season, a constructive and productive 2010.

**NALEDI LUCAS MATLOU - MAYOR**

## BE OPEN AND HONEST ABOUT HIV AND AIDS

**S**mathsblock-Thabazimbi, Prevention from Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Waterberg District awareness campaign was held at Smashblock. HIV/AIDS is not an individual problem. It is so wide –spread that affects all of us. Each of us has a duty to join the fight against this disease.

While we are hiding it we will not be able to fight it. We must break the silence and talk about HIV/AIDS openly and honestly.



### ADDRESS DELIVERY BY CLLR ELIAS MOKHONOANA ON BEHALF OF THE MEC FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION (PMTCT) CAMPAIGN IN THE WATERBERG REGION, THABAZIMBI SUB-REGION ON THE 06TH OCTOBER 2009.

#### Motswaramarapo

Meyara o mogolo wa Waterberg, Ntate Eric Gwangwa  
Dimeyara tsa ditropo tsa Waterberg  
Basadi ba baleng perekishanong ya go lwantsha AIDS (WIPPA)

Banna ba baleng perekishanong ya go lwantsha AIDS (MIPAA)

#### Borakgwebo

Leloko la baetapele ba setso

Leloko la bo ramaphelo

Kopano ya ba e sego ba mmuso

Maloko le bana ba rena bao ba phelago ka kokwanahloko ya HIV/AIDS

Ba tshomishano ya leloko la semoya mo HIV/AIDS

Di union ka moka

Bashomi ba dimaene

Meloko le metswalle, setshaba ka moka se se lego gona mo.

#### Are lotsheng.

As we meet here today, we pay homage to all the children that got infected through their mothers. However, we also meet here today to work together in preventing future transmissions. The Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Campaign is an important campaign that seeks to bring awareness to the community in general and mother in particular. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are deeply honoured to be doing this campaign here today but most important to be doing it with you.

The Thabazimbi sub-district has been chosen to host this campaign mainly because it has the highest burden of infection. It is because of this reality that we saw it fit to do our campaign in this sub-district.

These transmission occur due to infected mother passing the infection to their babies. This could happen during pregnancy with infected mothers, while giving birth or breastfeeding etc.

There are key areas identified to reduce the mother to child transmission and they are:

- Prevention
- Treatment, Care and Support
- Human and Legal rights
- Monitoring, Research and surveillance.

The importance of Prevention cannot be overemphasised, hence the old saying "prevention is better than cure". Mothers need to go for testing in the early stages of their pregnancy and follow the necessary steps, available at clinics and hospitals, to prevent infections from being passed on to their children. Mothers also need to know that testing for babies is now done after six weeks. We should further encourage regular testing even before one gets pregnant. The Abstain, Be faithful, Condomise and Test song can never be old fashioned and that's why we sing it non-stop. Bjale, bomma a re tswareng thipa ka bogaleng, e be rena ba mathomo ba go lwantsha pheteletso ya bolwetse bo go bana ba rena.



In addition, if and when infected mothers follow their treatment requirements, we can fight this transmission. Treatment is very helpful to both mothers and children. By also taking care of ourselves and our bodies, we are able to prevent infections and transmissions. So, we need to support each other in fighting this battle.



It is not a battle for mothers alone, or affected families alone, it can never be. This is a battle that can be won if we stand together and support each other.

#### The One Million Signature!

This battle also wants us to strengthen our commitment in upholding human rights of all South Africans, black or white, young or old, vulnerable groups and people living with HIV/AIDS or not and so on but with a special reference on the health of mothers and babies. That is why the themes for this year's 11th anniversary is: "Stop HIV/AIDS, uphold human rights".

#### BAGAGESHO BA BA HLOMPHEGANG.

We were honoured by the visit of our Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motswaledi in the province in the previous weeks. He came here to launch the National Child Health Week in the Giyani sub-district of Mopani. This Child Health Week was aimed at providing awareness on Child Health and preventing maternal death to improve the well being of children under the age of six. It has been a great concern that maternal and early childhood deaths are on the rise in our hospital and communities. Therefore, the Child Health Week was launched to give awareness but to also come up with ways and means of preventing such deaths.

Maternal deaths are mainly on the account of complications during delivery, not seeking medical attention on time and mothers who are HIV positive. Early childhood deaths are owed to factors such as HIV, malnutrition and so on. The honourable minister urged all of us work extra hard in preventing these deaths.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year's campaign is mainly aimed at: Supporting and sustaining multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS partnerships.

- Discussing with community members through dialogue and door to door about the importance of testing for HIV and the benefits of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmissions. This also includes the role that the community should play in supporting HIV positive pregnant women in making optimal use of services available thus providing supportive and effective leadership to ensure quality and comprehensive HIV/AIDS Intervention.
- Exposing the availability of comprehensive care, management, treatment and support services for the HIV positive pregnant mothers and their families.
- Safeguarding infant feeding that shows and profile practices on HIV/AIDS management.
- Emphasising the importance of a healthy lifestyle and nutrition.



The Limpopo Province has shown a decrease in the last year of HIV prevalence rate.

This decrease can be attributed to the wide spread awareness campaigns to communities on HIV/AIDS and intensification will influence an increased decrease. We also understand the importance of access to HIV services and continue to work together in bettering these services.



RE RATA GO LEBOGA DIMAENE TSA KGAUSWI KA MOKA LE SETSHABA KA PEREKISHANO YE RE E HWEDITSENG GORE LENANE O LE E TSWELE PELE. PELE RE FETSA, RE KA DIRA PHOSHO GE RE KA SE LEBOGA BASHOMISHANEMMOGO BE RENA BA BA RE THUSHITSENG GORE RE KGONE GO TSWELA PELE KA LENANE O LE, BONE KE BABA LATELAGO: EGPAF: ELZABETH GLAZER PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION CALGOM: FIRST RESPONSE HIV TEST KUMBAMINE ANGLOPLANTS: TUMELA AND DITSHABA MINES.

The importance of such partnerships in advancing a better life for all cannot be overemphasised. We would like to thank you for your contribution in making this campaign a success. Let us continue working together because it is only through working together that we can achieve more. Bagageso, re rata go le leboga gore le kgone fo fihla mo go ba le rena ntweng ye ya rena ka moka. Ka nnete bjale ka Ma Afrika borwa re tswanetse go ikemakemela le go thekgana go lwantsha ka moka tse di re bushetsago morago bjale ka setshaba. Ka nnete, ka tshomishano re ka dira tse ntsi.

Re a leboga.

## Entrance Board and Opening



On 2009-11-26 the Victim Empowerment Rooms (VER) at Thabazimbi Police Station was officially opened.

Background: The VER is a "drop in" facility where victims of crime and domestic violence will be assisted in opening case dockets, report domestic violence, be consulted and when necessary, counselled. The allocated space was upgraded (renovated and painted) by Kumba Iron Ore.

The VER is a place where victims of crime can feel comfortable to talk about their problems and or experiences, where children can play and be kept busy while waiting for the judicial process or continuous investigations.

Kumba Iron Ore also sponsored the furniture (beds, lounge suite and concrete garden furniture) and donations from other organisations was received to make the facility as comfortable as possible.

Donors include: Sheet Street (Thabazimbi), Elbro Makelaars, Elizabeth Koekemoer Blinds, Habitat Interiors, Glory Beton, NG Kerk Thabazimbi, Hervormde Kerk Thabazimbi, Aandrus Kwekery, A+D Stene, Tirol Kwekery, Caprio Signs, Mrs Marietjie van der Merwe, Mrs Mona van Heidsingen and Mrs Adri van der Neut.



## PHAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION: THABAZIMBI - CBD



On 2009-11-30 Cst K Greeff, Cst ME Lekalakala and volunteers from the Victim Empowerment Programme (Louisa Sepoloane, Cathrine Mashango, Maggy Keetse, Suzan Dlamini and Nthabiseng Mamadi) distributed pamphlets in various locations in Thabazimbi CBD. These pamphlets contained information such as "LIQUOR CAN SHATTER LIVES", "BREAK THE SILENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE", "SAFETY TIPS - PREVENTION OF HOUSE BREAKING / ROBBERY AND THEFT OF / OUT OF MOTOR VEHICLES" and the "VICTIMS CHARTER OF RIGHTS".

During this campaign poster with the message "SAPS THABAZIMBI SUPPORTS THE FIGHT AGAINST WOMAN AND CHILD ABUSE - 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM FOR NO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMAN AND CHILDREN (25 NOVEMBER TO 10 DECEMBER) - Against Crime Together" and contact numbers of the police station was also distributed.

## Re-constructed House given to its beneficiary



Mayor Matlou cutting a ribbon to officially open the house



Mayor Matlou handing over occupational certificate to Ms Mpolokeng Satshwa



Ms Mpolokeng Satshwa unlocking her newly rebuild house

Thabazimbi- The house that was damaged by a collapsed tree was reconstructed and given back to its owner. The miracle of God has saved us" said Mpolokeng Satshwa after her house collapsed by a fallen tree."

The municipality then came in to assist as it is requirement when a tree has fallen into people property especially from the street. On 22 September 2009, a tree collapsed on top of the roof of a house in Regorogile Extension 2 and unfortunately the roof sheeting and portion of the superstructure of the building were damaged. The side-walls of the superstructure encountered cracks that impacted negatively on the strength of the existing structural brick work. An inspection was done by Technical Services and Building Control to assess all the damages caused and also to obtain detail report about the refurbishment of the building. It was found that the house is no more safe for the occupants to occupy and that the entire structure need to be demolished and rebuild.

A temporary tent was then provided for the occupants to stay until the house is complete. As the municipality we couldn't fold our arms after a disaster has fallen the Satshwa family" said Mayor Matlou". He further thanked the municipality Technical Services Department for speedy reconstruction work done and the quality they have provided as the house is well constructed with proper fencing. The Mayor also encouraged community not to temper with any trees and other unwanted materials from their homes that might cause damaged to property of the municipality. He further said that all plans, unwanted trees and materials should be reported to the municipality before they could be removed. The Mayor handed over the keys and certificate of occupation to the Satshwa family; also in attendance were Councillors, officials and community members.



GROENVLEI



FRENKIE MEYER



NALETSANA



NORTHAM COMPREHENSIVE



MABOGO-PEDI

As we all know that a Matric certificate is a step to great success. Thabazimbi Municipality took some extra efforts by visiting and presenting motivational talk to all Grade 12 learners from the five (5) High and Secondary Schools within Thabazimbi municipal area.

## Education is the first step to success

Your goals, dream, aspiration and passion should be your main thing said Mr Lottering while giving his motivational talk to learners. He further emphasized that each and every learner is the cause and creator to his/her unique future. Self-discipline and effective time management is a function of your independent will.

You will always reap what you sow. You are future leaders of this county those were some of the motivational words to learners. You are a generation that will design and invent solution to South Africa and to the world at large.

In conclusion the Mayor makes some assurance to learners that the municipality, community at large and family members will always be with them during this period of exams with prayers.

He further handed best wish card message to all school principals. As you prepare for Matric Examinations 2009, I urge you to study with zeal and dedication.

We wish you all success in your exams knowing that the skills you will acquire in future will ensure that you can contribute in the future growth and development of the country and the world.

We further urge parents and educators to offer maximum support to you all during this period.

"Working Together We Can Do More"

May God Bless you.

# International Children's Day event a success

Thabazimbi- The Waterberg District International Children's Day was held in Thabazimbi on 5 November 2009 at Thaba-Park Stadium. Children from various schools within the district attended the event.



Government departments which participated in presenting International Children's Day locally include the South African Police Service, Department of Health and Social Development, Education. Local Municipalities of Waterberg District namely Thabazimbi, Mookgopong, Lephalale, Bela-Bela, Modimolle and Mogalakwena.



The children who attended the event were entertained by the Marimba Band from Thabang Place of Safety and traditional dancers from Ysterberg Primary School. Constable Edit Lekalalakala of SAPS-Thabazimbi spoke to youngsters about children's rights, children taking responsibility, how to avoid getting involved in criminal activities, substance abuse and SAPS emergency numbers.

Chairperson of Council Committee for Social Services, Cllr Patricia Mosito also reiterated the children's rights. He encouraged children to go to school and study hard. The children received colouring books and bottles from the SAPS "beanies" (woolen caps) from Department of Social Development as well as water bottles from Kumba Iron Ore.



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Cllr. NALEDI LUCAS MATLOU  
MAYOR OF THABAZIMBI

## Best Moments

At the Year End Function



From Left to Right: Mrs BF Moeti, Mrs M Mashiane & Ms E Matabologa

Secretary Awareness Workshop



Secretaries were attending Secretary Awareness workshop at Thabazimbi

# NURSES MORAL REGENESIS

## INTRODUCTION

Have the ability of a mirror it never loses its ability to reflect even if it is broken into thousand pieces.

I am exited and have a great respect for you this morning because I can proudly say: Your energies passion hard work has saved a lot of human life.

Continue to enjoy the following fringe benefits

- A. "Believing in yourself"
- B. Know that you are no longer prisoners of our past but prisoners of the future.

### JOKE:

You are stronger than the strongest washing powder.



You must have the qualities of successful people

- Vision
- Be strategic
- Be wise
- Passion
- Risk

It doesn't mean if you do everything you are doing the right thing

On our way to success we will meet Mr. Failure

You are Engineers in your job.

- There are fringe benefits that go with your career, namely

- Stress
- Loneliness
- Fatigue
- Rejection etc.

But you must be like a rubber band, be flexible. People must bend you but not bent you out of shape. Surround yourself with people who reflect your values goals interests and lifestyle. Continue to make a positive difference in someone's life.

### "Walk by faith Not by sight"

A wealthy of hidden talent lies within each and every person. Remember your power lies deep within you.

### In conclusion

Life can give you a hundred reasons to cry but you can give life thousand reasons to smile.

Thank you



## TRIBUTES



Rest in Peace

Thabazimbi Local Municipality has in the past month or so lost three of its members.



First was one of our councilors and community leader of the new system of government under the democratic dispensation, Cllr Anna Makola who played a significant role in profiling the important role of governance and service delivery at a time when it was extremely difficult to do so.



We will remember you

She was followed by Mr Fumanekile and Ms Anna Maphoto; the two were attached to Municipality's Technical Services Department.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE.

# Sports

## Thabazimbi and Sports Heroes Walk Against HIV and AIDS

The Mayor of Thabazimbi, Naledi Matlou joined the Sports Heroes in a five kilometers walk against HIV and AIDS pandemic. The main purpose of the event was to spread the message of "get tested and know your HIV/AIDS status". The objective of the awareness campaign is to clear all myths and stigma around the disease.



The heroes also distributed condoms to the community as they were walking through town and local taxi ranks.

The group proceeded to Regorogile where they conducted coaching clinics. The sports heroes and heroines were warmly welcomed by the Speaker Cllr Evodia Hlalele and the Council Chairperson for Social Services Portfolio, Cllr Patricia Mosito. "Indeed it's quite wonderful and great to see sports heroes in an action like this, our new generation need to act seriously against the disease so that we could have a free HIV/AIDS generation" said the Cllr Evodia Hlalele.

Children participated in various sporting codes such as soccer, boxing and cricket. Amongst the heroes and heroines present were former World boxing Champion "Hands of Stone" Lihlohonolo Ledwaba; Willie Mtolo; 2010 Ambassador, Desiree Ellis; Banyana Banyana Player who plies her trade in America, Veronica Phewa, former soccer player Bruce Ramokadi, Women African Footballer of the year Noko Motlou, first black South African woman to summit Mt Kilimanjaro Evelina Tshabalala, former national women's cricket vice-captain, Darleen Terblanche; SABC Sport Presenter and Laureus Ambassador, Cynthia Tshaka.

Mayor Matlou, women from Anglo-plats and community members took another five kilometres walk to Lephalale road to bid them farewell.



## Thabazimbi host District Sports for Women Competitions 2009

Thabazimbi-The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in conjunction with the Waterberg District and Thabazimbi Local Municipalities organized Sports for Women competition on 21 November 2009 at Thaba-Park Sportsground.



More than 200 women and girls participants across Waterberg District competed four different sporting codes namely, soccer, netball, basketball and volley ball.

These games form part of the Department's drive to become to engage more women to take part in a number of sporting activities. It is more likely for sport to become part of their lives if the momentum is sustained through a period of time. This year's Women in Sport celebration was aimed at reminding women to stay active and healthy.

The purpose of these games is to educate and promote awareness of different sporting codes so that women can have their own choice of sports they want to engage in and also to establish and create an environment for the identifying and nurturing of sport talent for women.

Mookgopong team was crowned the champions for ladies soccer; Bela-Bela won both the netball and volley ball.

The sports competition was attended by among others Officials from both Waterberg and Thabazimbi Municipalities, local SAFA committee members, Sports Council members, Mr Willie Sexwale (Deputy Manager from Department of Sport, Arts and Culture), councilors and officials from Department of Sport, Art and Culture in Waterberg District.

