

2022/2023



MOLEMOLE
COMMEMORATE
THE 16 DAYS OF
ACTIVISM FOR 2022

APPOINTMENT
OF MUNICIPAL
MANAGER'S POSITION
FINALIZED

STOP ILLEGAL
DUMPING

UPDATE ON
ELECTRIFICATION
PROJECTS

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VISION

"A developmental people driven organization that serves its people"

VALUE

Integrity
Transparency
Excellence
Equity
Trust
Honesty
Respect
Fairness
Partnership
Accountability

MISSION

"To provide essential and sustainable services in an efficient and effective manner"



Clearing of illegal dumping underway

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRICITY PROJECTS

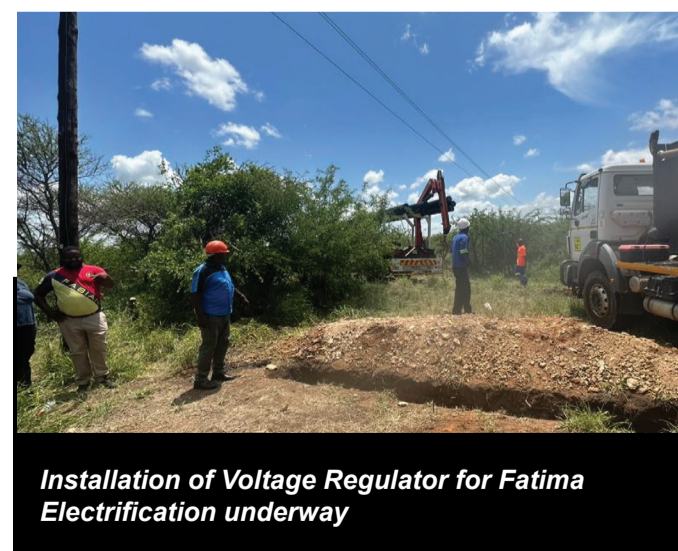
Project Name	Scope of Work for 2022/23	Percentage expenditure to date	Progress to date	Expected Job opportunities to be created in 2022/2023
☐ Electrification Project in Fatima/Maponto (Turn-Key)	☐ 500 Households in Fatima Village Phase 1	☐ 81%	☐ 85% complete	☐ 38 job opportunities were created
☐ Upgrading of Electricity Infrastructure in Mogwadi and Morebeng	☐ Installation Of One Mini Substation And Two Power TRANSFORMERS	☐ 0%	☐ Contractor Appointed and SLA signed	☐ 08 job opportunities will be created during implementation
☐ Supply and Installation of High mast lights	☐ 3 High mast to be installed in Mohodi Newstand B, Nyakelang and Sekonye villages	☐ 0%	☐ Contractor Appointed and SLA signed	☐ 15 job opportunities will be created during implementation

We are particularly pleased that we have just received delivery of the Voltage regulator which is necessary to boost capacity and allow Eskom to finalize Energizing the Fatima households;

ESKOM ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

During the state of the Municipal Address we reported that Eskom has made a commitment to continue with the electrification projects in the following villages:

Project Name	Number of Households
Flora electrification project	106
Phago Electrification project	176
Phaudi Electrification project	93
Total households	375



Installation of Voltage Regulator for Fatima Electrification underway

All the above projects have been handed over to the contractors and we are expecting the implementation to commence as early as January 2023. We hope and that more job opportunities will be created for the local businesses and people.

Mayor's Foreword

Fulfilment of the service delivery mandate

The first six months of the 2022/2023 financial year was a critical one considering it was the start of the long journey to implement the IDP for the newly elected Council. Implementation of the service delivery programme is still at an early stage as most of the service delivery programmes are at the project initiation phases. We are however pleased that all the MIG projects in Maupye, Mogwadi and Mokgehle have already started work because these are the impact projects that affect the lives of the communities, be it through the creation of job opportunities and development of local businesses to the actual delivery of the tangible services, the upgraded road infrastructure.

We are also pleased to report that all the own funded projects are currently at project initiation phase. We hope to see better progress in the latter part of the 3rd quarter. We urge our communities to cooperate with us to ensure we complete the projects within the stipulated timeframes.

Sound and Sustainable Financial management

The municipality financial position continues to be in a healthy and stable condition in the first half of the financial year. The Equitable share allocation for the year 2022/23 amounts to R 168.7 million compared to the previous allocation for 2021/22 which was R 155.5 million. This is an increase of R 13,2 million or 8.4%. The municipality complied with all the treasury requirements and received the first tranche of Equitable share in July 2022 and December 2022. The remainder of the allocation will be received in March 2023. Implementation of credit control measures is still very much on course and we urge communities to continue making and honouring payment arrangements in order to make a serious dent on the long outstanding debt owed to the municipality. As the municipality we are available



HON. MAYOR: CLLR M.E PAYA

and ready to assist everyone to make suitable and reasonable arrangements for settling their accounts.

Public involvement in everything we do, from planning to implementation!

The municipality has recently held successful outreach programmes as part of our drive to involve and inform communities about the work of the municipality. In August the municipality coordinated the annual commemoration of the women's day to celebrate and find ways to empower women and girl children. The Annual 16 days of Activism for no violence against women and children was organized on the 28th November to join the world in raising awareness in domestic and gender based violence in our society. This was followed by a Youth Career information event held at the end of November. The main purpose of the event is to give the youth of Molemole an opportunity to get information about their careers as part of the Municipality's youth support programmes.

Furthermore, the Mayor hosted the Mayoral Imbizo to give feedback to the community on the implementation of the IDP in the first half of the financial year. We thank the community and stakeholders of Molemole for their support and attendance in numbers in all these events.

On behalf of Molemole Municipality I would like to wish all the best the class of Matric 2022 as they will be starting that anxious wait for the final results early 2023. I furthermore wish everyone the best of 2023 and may all your dreams come true in the new year!

Honourable Mayor
Cllr Masilo Edward Paya

Speakers Corner!



Speaker of Council
Councillor D, Matlou

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciate the Councillors of this Municipality for their high level of professionalism when dealing with Council related matters. In the first six months of the financial year we coordinated five (5) Council meetings and all of them went well without disturbances or disruptive incidents. I particularly appreciate the level of engagements and debates on matters referred to Council by the various portfolios. We are indeed truly representing the wishes of the electorate who have entrusted us with the service delivery mandate.

My appreciation also goes to the Ward Councillors for coordinating monthly Community meetings in their respective wards. We further urge the Ward

Committees to continue serving our people on a door to door basis because they are the only link through which government interact with the people on the ground. I would furthermore, like to urge the community to cooperate and work together with their respective Councillors and Ward committee to resolve local service delivery challenges. For our part as the office of the Speaker we shall continue with capacity building programmes for both Councillors and Ward Committee to equip them with knowledge, skills and competencies to discharge their community based service delivery responsibilities.

I hope you find this edition of the newsletter informative!

CHIEF WHIPS CAUCUS

Dear reader

In the first six months of the financial year let me acknowledge the work done by the various Councillors at their respective communities. Since inauguration of the new Council early in November I am proud to report that all the political parties are tolerant of each other and are willing to support each other to advance the stability and interests of this Council.

Following the local government elections, the number of political parties and their respective seats are as follows:

ANC - 22 seats

EFF – 06 seats

CICAF – 02

DA – 01

Civic Warriors - 01

This shows our democracy is growing because the municipal council is now constituted of two more political parties compared to three in the previous terms of Council. All Councillors are adhering to the code of conduct for Councillors and submit their monthly service delivery reports and challenges so that the municipality can come with corrective measures.

The office of the Whip of Council is coordinating multiparty whippery forums to especially discuss issues to be presented to Council agree on the expected professional approach during Council meetings. We appreciate the work of our Ethics chairperson monitor the adherence to rules of order by each Councillor.

The following key achievements were recorded by office of the Whip of Council in the first half of the financial year:

Establishment of Ward Councillor forum

A programme of PMT's ward consultation meetings which will be held twice a year.

Functional whippery and multi-party whippery

Developed programme for PMT meetings bi-weekly

Extended PMT coordinated once a month

We are looking forward to a prosperous 2023



*Councillor Masilo Rathaha
Office of the Chief Whip*

Municipal Manager's Executive Summary

The first half of the financial year is usually the most hectic one as this is the time when municipalities across the country will be busy preparing the Annual Financial Statements and performance reports for submission to the Auditor-General. We are pleased to report that Molemole managed to submit the reports well on time to the office of the Auditor-General and the regulatory audit by Auditor-General of South Africa went very well up until the end of November 2022. It's a pleasure once again as Molemole managed to maintain the unqualified Audit Opinion on the 2021/2022 Annual Financial statements.

There was a marked improvement this year as the Municipality obtained unqualified opinion with NO material findings on the 2021/2022 Annual Performance report. We pass our gratitude to Team Molemole for having worked tirelessly throughout the audit

period to ensure we maintain the good standard set over the years.

This Edition of the Municipal newsletter seeks to present the report card for the first half of the financial year. It is part of our commitment to update the people of Molemole about the progress relating to the implementation of the service delivery programme agreed upon at the beginning of the financial year.

As you page through each page of this Newsletter I hope you will give a clearer picture about progress towards realization of the service delivery objectives for the 2022/2023 financial year.

Wishing you for open, transparent and informative reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K E Makgatho'.

**Mr. K E Makgatho -
Municipal Manager**



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Performing drama relating to different types of Gender Based Violence

Molemole Municipality joined the rest of the Country, and indeed the world in the 2022 Annual commemoration of the 16 days of activism for no violence against women and children. This is an annual event held between the 25th of November to the 10th of December.

The 2022 South African theme for the 16 Days of Activism Campaign is: "Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment to build Women's Resilience against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide: Connect, Collaborate, Contract!"

Both the International and South African theme for this year called for all the stakeholders to unite and for global action to galvanize advocacy efforts and share knowledge and innovations to address the challenge.

We thank the more than 226 participants from various social structures who attended the event. We specifically appreciate the presence of, amongst others: *Disability Forum, Elderly Persons Forum, Youth Forum, Department of Health, Civil Society organizations, Department of Home affairs, SAASA, ANOVA SAPS and Exhibitors from the Department of LED (Molemole).*

16 DAYS of activism

The focus of this year's event was on the following key issues of greatest concern:

**A. GBV & HIV/AIDS IN SOUTH AFRICA
An HIV Activist (Ms Johanna Sathekge)**

Ms Sathekge thanked the Municipality for hosting a campaign on Gender Based Violence and emphasized that such gatherings should be done continuously in order to educate the community (especially young people) about different types of GBV, Domestic Violence and most importantly HIV/AIDS.

B. Mr Daniel Mokgokong from Molemole Youth Forum - Emotional scars of domestic violence.

He focused on the lasting effects of emotional trauma on the personality of the one who experienced it, which also targets your insecurities or vulnerabilities. He further said that it also manifests in children who have experienced bullying at school and end up having low self-esteem. "People should report any form of abuse immediately before damage is caused to the victim", concluded Mr. Mokgokong.

X. Ms Mmasheha Khoza Civil Society Chairperson - Rising from domestic violence.

She focused her presentation on women who continue to stay in abusive relationships thinking that they don't have an option. She advised women to stand for themselves and most importantly educate themselves on gender related issues, how to handle rape cases, civil or customary marriages, cohabitation, domestic violence and maintenance issues.

Δ. Mr Rufus Moyaha Chairperson of Molemole Disability Forum – Violence against women with Disabilities.

In his presentation Mr Moyaha mentioned that it is very difficult for women leaving with disabilities in South Africa as they are overlooked and people forget that they also have families to feed. "Living off government grants only is not enough. They need proper education and jobs in order to survive. Most women with disabilities are survivors of domestic violence because men take advantage of their situation and their cases are not even reported or sometimes not taken seriously when they report them

E. Ms Kgabo Sisakwe from Center for positive care - Poverty and sexual Violence.

Ms Sisakwe mentioned that one of the main courses of GBV is poverty which contributes to sexual abuse on girl children. "Poverty is humiliation, a sense of being dependent on someone and of being forced to accept rudeness, insults and indifference when seeking such help". He advised society to educate their children on GBV and to report them to the authorities as soon as possible.

Φ. Mr Sibitso Sebone from Eisleben Community Development - Men's involvement on prevention of GBV against women and children.

He opened his presentation with this touching statement "**MEN love your wives and WOMEN respect your husbands, children respect your elders for your days to be prolonged**". His concluding statement was on point: "You cannot abuse a person if you love/respect them. Men must scale up efforts to prevent and reduce GBV from society"

During the Presentation of the Key note address the Mayor said for the Municipality this is not necessarily a commemoration day, but it is a day where we should ask whether our intervention efforts to deal with pandemic are really bearing fruit;

In conclusion the Mayor pledged full support by the municipality on any event that seeks to empower the community especially the youth of today as most issues involves them either at school or in their homes.

MOLEMOLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL APPOINTS THE NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER



From Left to Right: Mr. Makgatho, Councillor Matlou (Speaker) and Ms sZulu (Acting Municipal Manager) during the Council meeting to appoint Mr. Makgatho as the new Municipal Manager for a period of five years

Molemole Local Municipality is happy to announce that the Municipal Council has approved the appointment of Mr. Kgabo Emmanuel Makgatho as the new Municipal Manager for the next five years. The appointment of Mr. Makgatho was approved in a special Council meeting held on the 12th December 2022 and he will assume his duties from the 1st January 2023. The Mayor of Molemole, Councillor Masilo Edward Paya expressed confidence that Mr. Makgatho will ensure there is stability in the municipality because he has been part of a competent team that helped the municipality to maintain the unqualified audit opinion for the past five years.

"We expect you to take us forward and ensure we obtain a clean audit because we are not far off. Be assured that you have the full support and backing of this Council to do whatever you are required to do to make this municipality a place where people and nature prosper.", urged the Mayor.

Mr. Makgatho has obtained a Masters in Management and Development. Prior that he obtained two Honours degrees in Public Management and Education and Training Development. He possesses a Certificate Programme in Municipal Development. We are confident that he is bringing with him a vast managerial experience having served the municipality for the past five years as the Senior Manager for Corporate Services. He is not new to the position and responsibilities of the Municipal Manager's position, having acted before in the position on several occasions during the past five years. Before joining Molemole Municipality, Mr Makgatho served for several years as the Senior Project Manager at one of the Entities of Gauteng Provincial Government called Mathew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance. He further served the Gauteng Department of Education as Deputy Chief Education Specialist, responsible for the Human Resource Development of the workforce. Mr Makgatho started his career as a Teacher in Limpopo and then went on to Gauteng. He moved through all the ranks from being Head of Department, Deputy Principal and ultimately appointed as the Principal of Fidelitas Comprehensive School in Diepkloof Soweto under Johannesburg North District. All this occurred before his appointment at Gauteng Provincial Department of Education Head Office.

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CAPACITATING THE YOUTH FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE



Learners who enrolled for ICT Learnership programme in a welcome ceremony by the Mayor

For the first six months of the 2022/2023 we pride ourselves for having opened up learning opportunities for the youth within Molemole Local Municipality in order to prepare them for the interesting job market. We are hopeful that the beneficiaries of the programmes outlined below will indeed go a long way in changing their career fortunes. Below is a summary of programmes introduced in partnerships with various stakeholders.

Learnership through LG-SETA

The municipality takes pride in announcing that it has through the hard work of the HR unit, under Corporate Services department, managed to secure discretionary grant from LGSETA to run a Learnership programme for the unemployed learners. In the 2022/2023 financial year the Learnership programme will be piloted in Molemole west and 25 learners were recruited as beneficiaries.

The Learnership is a Further Education and Training Certificate in Municipal Finance and Administration

(NQF Level 4). The programme has successfully started on 14 November 2022 and it will run for a period of 12 months. These learners would receive stipends throughout the Learnership Programme for transportation to and from the training venue;

The Learnership will start with Theory in the first four months and thereafter participants will be placed at various workplaces to afford them an opportunity to apply the knowledge gained into practice. Learners who successfully complete the programme stand a better chance for employment opportunities not only in the local government sector, but in public services as well. We have made another application with LG-SETA to cater for the beneficiaries from Molemole East in the coming years. As Molemole Municipality we take the issue of capacity building of the people very seriously as we hope it will increase their chances of getting employment, or even starting their own small businesses, employing other people in the process.

Learnership programme by MIC-SETA

Through a partnership with Inzalo Enterprise Management systems (Pty) Ltd a total of 80 (50 and 30 from Molemole East and West, respectively) have been recruited and currently participating in the programme.

The programme will run for a 4-month period and participating Learners are getting a monthly stipend to cover for transport costs.

Wholesale and Retail SETA (WRSETA) – Skills development programme

Once again the Municipality has entered into a partnership with WR Seta and the South African Youth Movement to enrol about 35 participants for a Learnership programme in the Wholesale and Retail Sector.

It is expected that on completion of this programme the beneficiaries will be able to find job opportunities in the sector;

This programme will commence in the third quarter of the financial year and will run for a 12-month programme;

Community Works Programme (CWP)

The municipality is pleased to announce that the CWP programme is still continuing in the current financial year. The CWP is a government's initiative to provide a job safety net for unemployed people of working age. Beneficiaries of this programme help with community cleaning campaigns in the neighbourhoods for a monthly stipend. At the beginning of the financial year the municipality had about 1 065 participants in the programme. To date more than 250 additional beneficiaries were recruited to increase the overall number of beneficiaries to 1 315. This is part of our commitment to contribute to job creation and enable more people to participate in the economic mainstream. Furthermore, a total of 60 job opportunities were created for EPWP programme deployed within the municipality;

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING! PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT!

Proper waste removal helps improve air and water quality as well as reduces greenhouse gas emissions; The Municipality has just taken delivery of another Skip loader truck in the month of October 2022; which will assist and also strengthen bulk refuse removal in the two towns, all villages, businesses and also government institutions.

We are however disappointed that in some areas residents do illegal dumping by throwing waste next to the bins instead of inside the bins;

Illegal dumping can negatively impact the environment we live in in the following ways:

- **Oil and Water Contamination:** When waste builds up in one place, it impacts soil and water sources nearby like boreholes that supply us with water in the communities;
- **Wildlife disruptions:** Our Animals may become ill or even die if they consume trash;

- **Increased Risk of Fire:** Some of garbage dumped contain flammable substance which build up and cause a serious and deadly fire to the neighbouring houses;
- **Decreasing Property Values:** Illegal dumping will affect the value of the households next to it. Buyers will not be willing to buy a property next to illegal dumping because they know the health implications of living next to such houses;
- **Health Risks:** dumping sites are hotspots for rats and other insects that may transmit diseases to the neighbourhood. We have also seen people burning the waste inside these bins can also be dangerous to the people staying next to them;

We continue to encourage our communities to please use the bins as supplied;

For our part as the municipality we will make sure the bins are emptied as early as they are full;



Illegal Dumping

SUMMARY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES CREATED in the 6 months to December 2022



		BENEFICIARIES	ENROLLED	ON
		LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMMES		
Road infrastructure Projects:	105			
Municipal Electrification projects:	61			
Additional CWP beneficiaries recruited:	250			
Molemole EPWP:	60			
Public Works Beneficiaries :	40			
Road Maintenance project by RAL:	72			
Eskom Electrification project—Ward 15:	30			
Construction of police station -SAPS :	100			
during Construction & 50 after Construction				
Total:	718			
		Total Beneficiaries by LG-Seta:		25
		Total Beneficiaries by MIC-SETA:		80
		Total Beneficiaries by WR-SETA:		35
		Total :		140

MID-YEAR MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Mayor presented the mid-year financial performance for the municipality during the first Mayoral Imbizo held on the 8th December 2022. The report was as follows:

The Annual budget for 2022/23 financial year amounted to R302,723,577. The revenue collected in the first quarter was R 174 793 569 for the period ending 31 December 2022. This represents 58% of the budgeted revenue collected.

The Annual operating budget for 2022/23 financial year was R244,706,177. The actual expenditure including staff benefits

for the period ending 31 December 2022 was R 117,750,242, which is 48%. The municipality is satisfied with the rate of spending by mid-year as it is in line with initial projections.

With regard to Capital Expenditure on service delivery infrastructure the municipality. The Annual Capital acquisition budget for 2022/23 financial year is R58,022,400. The actual capital expenditure for the first six months was R 24,872,614, or 43% of the overall budget. The overall financial outlook for the municipality is positive and we will continue apply properly internal control measures when utilizing the municipal resources.



PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MIG FUNDED PROJECTS



The total MIG allocation for the 2022/2023 financial year is R 39 792 000.00 and expenditure to date is R 19 953 435.89. Percentage expenditure on MIG projects as at December 2022 is standing at 50.14%. This means the municipality has complied with the requirement to spend at least 40% of the allocation by end of December 2022 in order to not forfeit part of the funding.

The progress report for each MIG project as at end of December is as follows:

Project Name	Scope of Work for 2022/23	Percentage expenditure to date	Progress to date	Expected Job opportunities to be created in 2022/2023
• Upgrading of Sako Internal Streets	• 1.7 km of Surfacing	• 73%	• Construction is at 70% complete.	• 20 jobs created to date
• Upgrading of Mokgehle Internal Streets	• 1.5 km of Surfacing.	• 50%	• Construction is at 35% complete.	• 12 jobs created to date
• Upgrading of Maupye Internal Street	• 1.5km of Surfacing	• 19%	• Construction is at 20% complete.	• 10 jobs created to date
• Upgrading of Mogwadi Internal Street	• 600m of Surfacing	• 52%	• Construction is at 19% complete.	• 04 jobs created to date

We are pleased so far with progress on these projects and are encouraging the appointed contractors to never lose focus as we plan to deliver the projects to the community in the latter part of the 3rd quarter.

Contact Name	Numbers
Dendron Police	015 501 0250
Botlokwa Police	015 397 4536
Botlokwa Hospital	015 527 0058
Bochum Hospital	015 505 0750
Water Affairs Bochum	015 505 0832
Water Affairs Botlokwa	015 397 4344
Electricity (Eskom)	086 100304
Electricity (Municipality)	015 501 0243
Accident Response	072965 0664
Mohodi Tribal Office	015 505 0669
Machaka Tribal Office	083 490 5127
Ramokgopa Tribal Office	015 526 2037

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