

## Metsimaholo Municipality Unveils R21 Million Fleet to Boost Service Delivery



In a bold step towards improving service delivery, Metsimaholo Local Municipality has procured a brand-new fleet valued at over R21 million to enhance municipal operations and service delivery in Sasolburg, Deneysville, and Oranjeville. The much-needed fleet, which includes tipper trucks and vans, was officially unveiled on the 31 March 2025 at the Public Safety Office in Sasolburg. The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jack Malindi, led the ceremony, accompanied by Speaker Cllr Lucas Fisher, Council Whip Cllr Fikile Mosokweni, and two MMCs, Cllr Mosiuoa Poho

and Cllr Mahadi Nkheloane, two senior managers, Mr Sello Mokoena and Ms Fikile Mareka.

This strategic investment is aimed at accelerating response times to critical municipal services, particularly in addressing water, sewer, and electricity complaints. With these additional resources, the municipality is determined to improve efficiency, reduce delays, and ensure that residents receive essential services without unnecessary interruptions. The acquisition of this fleet represents a commitment to modernizing municipal operations and providing much-needed support to frontline workers tasked with maintaining infrastructure across the three towns.



Service delivery is the backbone of any thriving community, and without proper vehicles and equipment, municipalities struggle to respond effectively to emergencies and daily operational demands. The newly acquired tipper trucks will assist in road maintenance and waste management, while the vans will enable rapid deployment of technicians to repair water leaks, sewer blockages, and electrical faults. This initiative will not only enhance the quality of life for residents but also contribute to economic development, as well-maintained infrastructure attracts investment and improves overall living conditions.

According to municipal spokesperson, Dr Gino Alberts, as Metsimaholo Municipality, we continue to prioritize service excellence, this fleet marks a significant step towards building a more responsive, capable, and efficient administration. Residents can now look forward to quicker resolutions to service-related issues, reinforcing the municipality's commitment to delivering on its mandate. The leadership expressed confidence that these new vehicles will play a crucial role in addressing backlogs and ensuring that no community is left behind.

With this investment, the municipality is setting a new standard for service delivery, proving that when resources are allocated effectively, positive change follows. The unveiling of this fleet is more than just a ceremony, it is a promise of progress and a future where every resident receives the quality services they deserve, concludes Alberts.

## Thrills, Triumphs, and Tradition: The 30th Sasol Sasolburg Marathon Captivates Runners and Spectators



Sasolburg came alive this morning, Saturday, 29 March 2025, as the town hosted the highly anticipated 30th Sasol Sasolburg Marathon. Thousands of runners, from elite athletes to weekend warriors, gathered at the DP de Villiers Stadium to take part in the prestigious race, proudly sponsored by Sasol for three decades.

The atmosphere was electric as participants lined up for the four race categories: the grueling 42.2km marathon, the competitive 21.1km half-marathon, the 10km race, and the eagerly awaited fun run. At precisely 06:00, the marathon and half-marathon competitors surged forward, setting off on a scenic yet challenging course that wound past the iconic Sasol One factory, through the picturesque Highveld Garden, and along lush, tree-lined residential streets.

Throughout the race, participants were treated to well-stocked water points stationed every 3km, generously manned by Sasol employees and local businesses. These refreshment stations provided much-needed hydration and encouragement, ensuring runners remained energized and motivated to cross the finish line.

The marathon was not only a showcase of physical endurance but also a celebration of community spirit. Crowds lined the streets, cheering on the runners, while local vendors and entertainment acts added to the festive atmosphere. Metsimaholo Local Municipality, represented by Cllr Jack Malindi, and Member of Parliament Matsholo Mmolotsane, graced the occasion, alongside other distinguished dignitaries, municipal officials, and enthusiastic members of the public. Their presence highlighted the significance of the event, not just as an athletic competition, but as a vital community gathering that fosters unity and well-being.



## Uniting for Progress: IDP Stakeholder Consultation Charts the Future of Metsimaholo

This morning, 18 March 2025, the DP de Villiers Stadium Hall became a hub of strategic discourse as key stakeholders gathered for the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative and Stakeholder Consultation session. The high-level engagement saw the participation of the Executive Mayor, Cllr Jack Malindi, alongside Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMC), municipal officials, councillors, and representatives from various sectors, including business, community organisations, non-profit entities, and national and provincial government structures.

In his opening remarks, Mayor Malindi welcomed all attendees and underscored the significance of the IDP as a people-centered roadmap for sustainable municipal development. He emphasized that the consultation process is a vital step in ensuring that community needs and strategic priorities are effectively incorporated into the IDP framework. He further reiterated that the success of the IDP hinges on collaborative efforts between the municipality and stakeholders to drive impactful service delivery.



A crucial part of the session was the presentation of the 2025/2026 Reviewed Integrated Development Plan by Cllr Lebohang Makhefu, the MMC for Finance and IDP. His presentation provided an in-depth analysis of the municipality's development trajectory, highlighting key focus areas, and priority projects aimed at addressing service delivery challenges. He outlined the municipality's commitment to infrastructure improvements, economic growth initiatives, and enhanced public service accessibility, ensuring that residents benefit from well-planned and sustainable development programs.



The Acting Municipal Manager, Mr. Sello Mokoena, provided a strategic overview of the municipality's development agenda. He acknowledged the pressing service delivery challenges but assured stakeholders that the municipality is resolute in its commitment to enhancing efficiency and accountability. He emphasized the need for a results-driven approach, where all departments work in unison to ensure visible and measurable progress in areas such as water supply, road maintenance, waste management, and economic development.



As the session concluded, it was evident that the consultation had set a strong foundation for the municipality's developmental agenda. The spirit of collaboration and shared responsibility among stakeholders underscored the importance of inclusive planning in shaping a prosperous and service-orientated Metsimaholo Local Municipality.

## EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (EPWP) STEERING COMMITTEE SESSION



On 18 March 2025, the Fezile Dabi District Steering Committee convened at the Council Chambers in the Metsimaholo Local Municipality, Sasolburg, to assess and discuss the ongoing implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) across our local municipalities in the district.

Municipal Champions of all four municipalities in the district, took the stage, presenting their Implementation reports, highlighting both achievements and areas needing improvement. These reports serve as important benchmarks in our commitment to enhancing job creation and community development through public works initiatives. The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) provided a Performance Overview, further detailing the impact of the EPWP initiatives in our district. Their Monitoring & Evaluation team also shared valuable insights on the EPWP reporting system, outlining various requirements and addressing the challenges faced in the current landscape.

That day's discussions were pivotal in ensuring that we remain accountable and proactive in our efforts to elevate the EPWP's effectiveness. Together, we are building a resilient framework to empower our communities and drive sustainable development.



## Hope and Dignity Restored: A Heartwarming Back-to-School Mayoral Campaign

The air was filled with excitement and joy as the Back-to-School Mayoral Campaign brought hope and dignity to young learners in Zamdela. On the morning of 13 March 2025, two schools, namely Kopanelang Thuto Primary School and Tsatsi Primary School, became the center of a heartfelt initiative aimed at uplifting the lives of children in need. Organized by the Office of the Executive Mayor in partnership with Seriti Coal Mine, this noble initiative sought to ensure that every child steps into the classroom with confidence, dressed in a full school uniform that not only enhances their appearance but also fosters a sense of pride and belonging.



At both schools, the moment was nothing short of magical as learners beamed with excitement, their eyes lighting up with pure joy as they received their brand-new uniforms. The generous donation included school shoes, trousers, socks, and other essential uniform items, ensuring that no child felt left out or disadvantaged. The campaign's core mission was to put a smile on the faces of these young learners, affirming that they, too, deserve to feel beautiful, valued, and equipped for success.

The event was graced by Executive Mayor, Cllr Jack Malindi, alongside MMC for Special Programs, Cllr Angy Mofokeng, representatives from Seriti Coal Mine led by Community Officer Mme Dibuseng Montshana, municipal officials, as well as teachers and learners from both schools. Their presence not only emphasized the importance of community support in education but also reinforced the commitment of local leadership to the well-being of the future generation. In their remarks, the dignitaries underscored the power of education as a tool for transformation, encouraging learners to embrace their studies with dedication and enthusiasm.



As young boys and girls tried on their new school shoes and neatly pressed uniforms, their laughter and gratitude painted a picture of hope and renewed confidence. For many, this was more than just receiving clothing, it was a reminder that they are seen, supported, and capable of achieving greatness. The campaign's impact stretched beyond material donations; it ignited a sense of dignity, belonging, and motivation among learners, empowering them to walk into their classrooms with pride.

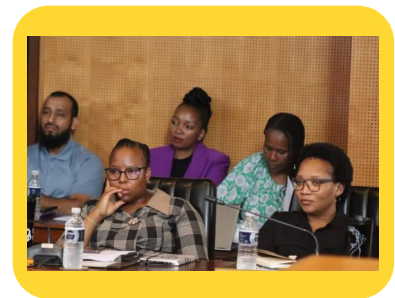
## Strengthening Accountability: Metsimaholo Local Municipality Hosts Critical Risk Management and Ethics Workshop

In a proactive move towards fostering accountability and ethical governance, the Metsimaholo Local Municipality hosted a Risk Management, Ethics, and Compliance Training Workshop at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Sasolburg, on 4 March 2025. The workshop brought together managers and supervisors to sharpen their understanding of risk management, ethics, and compliance—cornerstones of effective governance and service delivery.



The session was spearheaded by Dr. Len Konar, the Risk Management Chairperson, whose presentation delved into the intricate dynamics of risk oversight in local government. Setting the tone for the day, Chief Risk Officer Mrs. Tswanelo Mokoari articulated the purpose of the workshop, emphasizing the necessity of instilling a culture of accountability and transparency within municipal operations.

At the heart of the discussions was the critical role played by Risk Owners and Risk Champions in mitigating threats that could undermine the municipality's service delivery and public trust. Risk Owners, typically senior officials, are responsible for identifying, assessing, and addressing risks within their respective departments. They serve as the first line of defense, ensuring that risks are not only documented but proactively managed before they escalate into crises.



Risk Champions, on the other hand, act as facilitators of risk awareness and compliance. They bridge the gap between policy and practice, ensuring that risk management strategies are effectively implemented at all levels. Their vigilance in monitoring operational vulnerabilities helps in fostering a resilient municipal framework where risks are anticipated, rather than merely reacted to.

A pressing concern that took center stage was the role of ethical leadership in combating fraud and corruption. Municipalities, as custodians of public resources, are highly susceptible to unethical conduct, making ethics management a non-negotiable priority.

Ethical leadership, as defined in the workshop, is not just about compliance with policies but about fostering a culture where integrity is the standard, not the exception. Leaders were urged to lead by example, demonstrating a commitment to transparency, fairness, and accountability in decision-making. A municipality's credibility, it was emphasized, hinges not only on its ability to provide services but also on the moral integrity of those in charge.

## Empowered Youth, Bright Future: A Bold Step Towards Transforming Tomorrow

On the 21st of February 2025, a groundbreaking event unfolded at the Multipurpose Sports Centre, where a powerful coalition of stakeholders united under the banner of hope and opportunity for the youth of Metsimaholo. Spearheaded by the Office of the Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Local Municipality, the Youth Development Unit partnered with key organizations, including Youth Life NPO, Fezile Dabi District Schools, the Department of Employment and Labour, and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), to launch the Free State High Impact Programme, an initiative designed to unlock a world of possibilities for the youth in our community.



The event, marked by vibrant energy and eager anticipation, focused on one primary objective: to equip the next generation with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to succeed. With a strong emphasis on the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative, the program is strategically designed to provide young people with vital employment and educational opportunities, while fostering motivation and resilience. This was not just a day of speeches, but a pivotal moment for building a future where dreams are no longer distant aspirations but tangible realities.



The event featured a diverse lineup of inspirational speakers who captivated the audience with stories of perseverance and success, reinforcing the message that hard work, determination, and access to the right resources can pave the way for greatness. From career guidance to mentorship and skills training, the attendees were presented with a holistic approach to tackling the challenges that often stand in the way of youth empowerment.



As the event concluded, the energy in the room was palpable. The youth left with a renewed sense of purpose, armed with new opportunities to explore, skills to acquire, and the confidence to chase their dreams. This day was a beacon of hope, a promise that the future is not just something to wait for but something to actively shape.

## A Beacon of Hope: Free State Provincial Government Career Expo Illuminates Paths to Success

In a momentous gathering at the House of Praise Ministries International in Zamdela, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, the Free State Provincial Government hosted a Career Development Services Expo that ignited the hopes and aspirations of countless young learners. With the Honourable Premier of the Free State, Maqueen Letsoha Mathae, in attendance, alongside MEC for Education, Dr. Mamiki Maboya, the Speaker, Cllr Lucas Fisher, Councillors, and various esteemed stakeholders in education, the event underscored a shared commitment to shaping the future of the province's youth.



Delivering a powerful welcoming address, Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Local Municipality, Cllr Jack Malindi, emphasized the significance of the occasion, describing it as more than just an event but a turning point in the lives of the young people present. "Today marks a significant moment for the youth of Zamdela and the broader Free State, as we open doors of opportunity, guidance, and empowerment through this Career Development Services Expo," he declared. His words resonated deeply with the audience, setting the tone for an impactful day of exploration and discovery.



The expo served as a beacon of hope, providing learners with the necessary tools to navigate the complex landscape of career choices. Recognizing that selecting a career is one of the most critical decisions a young person will make, the event sought to demystify this process by offering direct engagement with professionals, educators, and industry experts. Various institutions showcased the myriad of career paths available, equipping learners with insights into diverse fields of study, essential skills, and the evolving job market demands.



As learners, educators, and parents departed from the expo, the atmosphere was filled with renewed determination and optimism. The Career Development Services Expo was not just an information-sharing platform, it was a movement toward empowerment, a collective effort to shape a generation that is confident, skilled, and ready to embrace the future. Through collaboration and commitment, the Free State Provincial Government sent a powerful message: the success of the youth is not only a priority but a shared responsibility that will define the region's progress for years to come.

## A Fresh Start: Metsimaholo Unites for Cleaner Schools and Brighter Futures

On the morning of 31 January 2025, the spirit of unity and purpose filled the air at Tsatsi Primary School in Zamdela as the Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Local Municipality, Cllr Jack Malidi, the MMC for Special Programs, Cllr Angy Mofokeng, municipal officials, and members of the community came together for a powerful initiative, the Back-to-School Mayoral Cleaning Special Program. With brooms, garbage bags, and a shared determination, they transformed the school grounds into a beacon of cleanliness and renewal, setting the stage for a fresh academic year.



The sight was both inspiring and humbling. Educators and learners beamed with joy as they watched their school being revitalized, the dull traces of dust and disorder replaced by a newfound vibrancy. It wasn't just about sweeping floors or clearing debris; it was about restoring dignity, instilling pride, and reaffirming the belief that every child deserves to learn in a clean and safe environment.

A school is more than just a building; it is a second home for learners, a place where dreams take shape and futures are moulded. But how can young minds truly thrive when their surroundings are cluttered, unkempt, or unhealthy? Studies have shown that a clean learning space reduces illnesses, enhances concentration, and fosters a sense of responsibility among students. When classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds are well-maintained, learners feel valued, motivated, and eager to excel.

A clean school nurtures a healthy mind, and a healthy mind forms the foundation of success. The speakers urged the community to uphold the spirit of cleanliness beyond just one event, stressing that this must be a continuous effort. By instilling this habit in children from an early age, they emphasized that we are building a generation that values hygiene, order, and respect for their environment. As community members worked side by side with teachers and learners, laughter and camaraderie filled the air, turning what might have been an ordinary cleanup into a celebration of shared responsibility. Every sweep of the broom, every wiped-down surface, and every collected piece of litter symbolized a commitment, not just to the school, but to the belief that a clean space creates room for greatness.

By midday, Tsatsi Primary School stood a bit transformed, a place where young minds could now walk in with renewed confidence, where educators could teach in an atmosphere free from clutter, and where the community could take pride in knowing they had played a role in shaping a brighter future.

As the sun shone over Zamdela, the message was clear: keeping our schools clean is not just a duty; it is a promise to our children, a promise that their education matters, their well-being matters, and their dreams deserve a pristine foundation to grow upon.



## Public Consultations on the first draft sets of electoral wards

**Municipality** METSIMAHOLO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**Date** 16 MAY 2025

**Time** 10:00

**Venue** HARRY GWALA MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE  
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