

*"Putting Our
People First"*

METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY EMBARKS ON BUDGET ROAD SHOWS IN ALL WARDS

The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Municipality, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Members of the Mayoral Committee, Ward Councillors and Municipal Officials met with the residents of all wards during the Budget Road shows for the 2023/2024 Draft Budget. These road shows started on the 17 April 2023 for Ward 5 at the Metsimaholo Community Hall in Oranjeville and ended on the 05 May 2023 with a Stakeholder Holder Engagement Session at the Harry Gwala Multipurpose Community Centre in Zamdela. The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane engage with the community on issues of service delivery such as electricity and water supply, refuse removal and sharing the details of the budget with the community. The community came out in big numbers participating actively and robustly in the issues of service delivery affecting them. The mandate and vision of the municipality remains, that delivering better services and improving the lives of all residents in Sasolburg, Deneyville and Oranjeville.



MEC COGTA—KETSO MAKUME MEETS WITH METSIMAHOLO POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

The District Development Model (DDM) is an operational model for improving Cooperative Governance aimed at building a capable, ethical Developmental State. This means that all three spheres of government have a part to play in its success. The District Development Model (DDM) encourages all the three spheres of government to coordinate, integrate and mobilise the capacity and resources of government and civil society, including business, labor and community, in pursuit of inclusive growth and job creation.



The Acting Premier of Free State, Mr Ketso Makume accompanied by the MEC for Social Development, Ms Motshidise Kolozi and Finance MEC, Ms Gadija Brown, visited Metsimaholo Municipality in Sasolburg for the Imbizo programme which was held at the Harry Gwala Multipurpose Centre on 12 June 2023. The purpose of the Imbizo initiative is part of the District Development Model (DDM) which aims to improve the coherence and impact of government service delivery in municipalities across the Free State province.



Different Stakeholders such as NGO's and the local business sector, during the session got an opportunity to interface and raise their concerns with the Members of provincial government and Metsimaholo Political Office bearers at Multipurpose Centre in Sasolburg. Stakeholders raised their concerns regarding the quality of services delivered to them by the Municipality. The Acting Premier, Mr Ketso Makume made a plea to the community of MLM to speak out their service delivery challenges so that government and private sector can be able to assist.



"LET US PROTECT CHILDREN DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND "

National Child Protection Week is commemorated in the country annually to raise awareness of the rights of children as articulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and Children's Act (Act No. 38 of 2005). Metsimaholo Local Municipality in partnership with various stakeholders which includes Department of Social Development (DSD), Child Welfare South Africa, Education Department, South African Prosecuting Authority (NPA), South African Police Services (SAPS), Department of Correctional Services and many hosted a successful 2023 Child Protection programme at Kraanvoelvlakte primary school in Oranjeville on the 09 June 2023. It is our responsibility to stop the cycle of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children. Every child should be seen, heard, and believed in these were the words and sentiments uttered by most of the stakeholders as they were addressing the learners of Kraanvoelvlakte Primary school. The event was also graced by a Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Social Services, Cllr Ruanda Meyer, and the Ward 5 Councillor Mapule Mofokeng.



Workshop on MPACs, Council Committees, Municipal Finance and Audit Outcomes, Anti-Corruption and Ethics Training Workshop for councillors and municipal officials

The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs convened a two-leg workshop on MPACs, Council Committees, Municipal Finance and Audit Outcomes, Anti-Corruption and Ethics Training Workshop for councillors and municipal officials. The training for all councillors took place on the 07 June 2023 and for municipal officials on the 08 June 2023 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Sasolburg. Different topics on issues of fraud and corruption were presented by the representatives from the Auditor General Office, Special Investigating Unit, and other stakeholders.

The sessions dealt with issues related to:

- ♦ Support on MPACs, Council Committees and Oversight related areas.
- ♦ Preventative efforts in the fight against corruption understand the initiative of the Local Government Anti-Corruption Forum (LGACF)
- ♦ Monitor and assess the implementation of Municipal audit action plans.
- ♦ Improvement of Municipal records management.
- ♦ Implementation of local government: Structures Amendment Act, 2021 including compliance with the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Together We Can Achieve Greatness!



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A TOOL TO DECREASE YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND CREATE BETTER COMMUNITIES' YOUTH SUMMIT

Youth entrepreneurship is considered an important factor in economic growth, job creation, and poverty alleviation. Metsimaholo Municipality held a two-day youth summit at the Refengkgotso Community Hall in Deneyville. The Youth Summit is to commemorate #YouthMonth, through considerations as guided by National #youthday2023 and #YouthMonth2023 under the theme "Accelerating youth economic emancipation for sustainable future".

The youth from the three towns namely Sasolburg, Deneyville and Oranjeville came in big numbers to come and hear on opportunities that are available for them to change and better their lives. Harmonious youth of Metsimaholo municipality with a common goal to become an impactful group to help building the skills and capacity needed to start and grow sustainable businesses attended the Youth summit on the 19 and June 2023. Youth structures, government departments and various stakeholders including SEDA and DESTEA were in attendance. The Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Community Services and Special Programs, Cllr Ruanda Meyer welcomed distinguished guests, the youth and Stakeholders attended the Youth Summit.



The Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Spatial planning and Human Settlement, Cllr Thulani Mbana in his support message outlined the importance of youth participation on issues related governance in the municipality. Cllr Mbana made a plea to the youth of Metsimaholo municipality to utilise the opportunity by attending programs such as youth summit and other youth related development programmes. Cllr Mbana said the youth summit is critical to youth development because it serve as a platform on which to engage young people and expose them to captains of industry, the private sector and government in an effort to realise the innovations of tomorrow, which depend on the opportunities made available and accessible for young people. Cllr Mbana further said, youth unemployment is a problem that requires different diagnoses from different stakeholders.

METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY GIVES OUT MORE THAN 100 TITLE DEEDS



The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo municipality Cllr Jeff Zwane started a title deed drive this morning in Phase Four and Phase Five Ward One in Zamdela. The Executive Mayor was accompanied by the MMC for Human Settlement Cllr Thulane Mbana, Ward Councillor Bondo Radebe, the municipal manager Adv Leaoa Mofokeng and municipal officials for this important and joyous event for the residents of Zamdela. A total number of 123 title deeds will be issued during the drive.

When addressing the Beneficiaries, the Executive Mayor made a humble plea to beneficiaries to not avail their houses for spaza shops etc. He also indicated that the title deeds belong to them and to no one else and they must keep them safe. One of the Beneficiaries Ms Martha Mokoena indicated that she is very happy that she finally has received her long awaiting title deed after so many years. She also thanked the mayor for finally giving them their title deeds.



CHOLERA

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES



1

What is cholera?

Cholera is an infectious disease that causes severe watery diarrhoea, which can lead to dehydration and even death if untreated. It is caused by eating food or drinking water contaminated with a bacterium called *Vibrio cholerae*.

2

What are the signs and symptoms of cholera?

Symptoms are often mild and can begin as soon as a few hours or as long as five days after infection. They typically include:

- Large volumes of explosive watery diarrhea, sometimes called "rice water stools" because it can look like water that has been used to wash rice
- Vomiting
- Leg cramps
- Dehydration occurs rapidly and if untreated can be fatal

3

Who is at risk of getting cholera?

People at risk of contracting cholera are those exposed to unsafe drinking water, contaminated rivers (bathing/ swimming) poor sanitation and inadequate hygiene.

4

How does a person get cholera?

You can get cholera by drinking water or eating food contaminated with human faeces. Soiled hands can also contaminate clean drinking water and food.

5

What should you do if you or someone you know gets sick?

If you think you or a member of your family might have cholera, seek medical attention immediately.

6

How is cholera treated?

Cholera can be treated by immediate replacement of the fluid and salts lost through diarrhea. Patients can be treated with Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS).

7

How can you avoid getting cholera?

Use safe water

In areas where water supplies may be contaminated, the most cost-effective method is chlorination of water in a storage container using household bleach:

- Add one teaspoon (5 ml or one capful if bottle has a screw cap) of household bleach to 20-25 litres of water.
- Thoroughly mix solution with the water and allow to stand for at least two hours (preferably overnight) before use.
- Water should be stored covered in clean containers.

Boiling is also effective, however, there is a potential for microbial re-growth if the boiled water is stored beyond 1 - 2 days. Filtration may be necessary in addition to boiling if the only water available contains much particulate matter:

- Use a piece of clean white cloth to cover the opening of a 20-25 litre water container.
- Pour water through the clean cloth into the container.
- Clean the cloth and make sure it is always clean for future use

Hygiene: Wash your hands often with soap and clean water, especially before you eat or prepare food and after using the bathroom. If no water and soap are available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol.

Food safety: Make sure you use only safe water for drinking and preparing food.



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Cholera Prevention



Drink and use
safe water



Wash hands regularly
with soap and safe
water

Cholera Symptoms



Watery
diarrhoea



Vomiting



Leg
cramps



**TID Rollover
Countdown to**

2024

Is your Prepaid Meter Rolled Over?

WHAT IS TID?

- A unique token Identifier (TID) is calculated and coded into the token every time a token is created at the POS.
- The TID is currently calculated as the number of minutes that have elapsed since a base date of 1993.
- The meter records the TID when the token is entered into the meter—this prevents token replay.
- Think of your car Odometer rolling over to zero.

LIMITATIONS OF TID?

- The TID has a limited range of 31.9 years
- On **24 November 2024** the TID will reset (roll over to zero).
- Any new tokens after this date will not be accepted by the meter as the meter will consider these as being **"OLD"**.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

- The remedy is to clear the meter's memory of previously accepted TIDs and to change the meter's cryptographic key at the same time in order to prevent token replay
- We need to ensure that all meters be "key changed" to continue working
- This process involved 2 sets of 20-digit tokens being inputted into the existing meter
- **Metsimaholo Local Municipality** will utilize a dedicated field-service team (with identification) to visit each meter (starting from 1 May 2023) and then enter the key change token pair.

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#TIDRolloverCountdownTo2024



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Submit Your Meter Readings Electronically

<https://www.metsimaholo.gov.za/services/>

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Report Faults

During working hours:

Water, Potholes and Sewer : 016 973 8415

Electricity : 016 973 8309

Outside working hours

(After hours, weekends and holidays):

All faults : 016 976 0945

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