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“Free Zuma” protests hit Moutse

Following the nationwide “Free Zuma” protests that caused instability in the country, a group of community members from Moutse Villages took advantage of the situation and went on a rampage attempting to loot shops at Moutse Mall in Dennilton, during the night of Monday 12 June. According to community members,



The truck that was set alight on the R25 Road during the “Free Zuma” protest in Moutse.

a group of men from various villages, allegedly from Ntwane, Phooko, OR Tambo and Elandsdoorn intercepted the mall around 20:30. “Their aim was to break into the shops and loot but they were dispersed by the security guards who reinforced after receiving tip offs,” said one community member who wishes to remain anonymous. He added that after failing to loot the mall, the group proceeded to loot a foreign owned shop opposite Moutse Mall before setting it alight. “A few moments later, the men blocked the R25 Road with stones, disrupting the traffic and later burned a passing truck. A Putco bus was also torched in Elandsdoorn the same night,” he said. Mpumalanga Party (MP) Spokesperson, Fana Masinga, condemned the incidents, saying they are perpetuated with intent to commit crimes. “This is a clear criminal act and no longer a support for the release of Zuma. The worst part of it is that they will affect our economy in a very bad way. People will lose

their jobs and food prices will go high as a result of this instability,” he said. Masinga indicated that there are fears that investors who operate businesses at Moutse Mall will pull out, leaving thousands of Moutse residents without jobs and a reliable place to do their shopping. “We call for the police to arrest everyone involved in these barbaric acts. We cannot promote actions that lead our people to desperation,” he said. Masinga advised people to rather follow proper procedure and engage in legal marches instead of staging violent protests. “We are concerned that the actions could also contribute to the increase of the number of Covid-19 infections, which is already worrisome as we speak,” he said. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, referred the Sekhukhune Dispatch to the national police office for a comment. National Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Vishnu Naidoo, was not available at the time of going to press.

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Residents, fifty years old and above, get vaccinated

The Limpopo Department of Health has, on Friday 9 July, rolled-out a Covid-19 outreach programme at Ntwane Village in Dennilton Moutse. The programme formed part of the department's roll-out campaign set to vaccinate citizens from the age of 50 and above. According to the department, the clarion call comes at the backdrop of the successful launch of the vaccination program for persons who are 50 years and above. "Since the opening for the registration of persons above 50 years on the 1 July 2021, the department has been inundated with calls of individuals who have registered but aren't getting scheduled for vaccination," said Neil Shikwambana, Health Department Spokesperson. About 150 Ntwane citizens, mainly the elderly, attended the vaccination site. Limpopo Department of Health MEC, Dr Phophi Ramathuba and Home Affairs Minister, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, paid homage to Mafefe Clinic outside Jane Furse with the same program, while also handing over smart ID cards. The minister also received his second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Kgoši SetlamoragoThobejane of the Bapediba Mafefe and Kgoši Mathabatha of the Bapediba Mathabatha were also inoculated as part of the vaccination for the 50 years and above citizens. The Health Department indicated that over 380 000 persons who are 60 years and above were successfully vaccinated throughout the province. It further encouraged anyone who is 35 years and older to register for their Covid-19 vaccination using the Electronic Vaccination Delivery System(EVDS), WhatsApp or through SMSes so that they can be vaccinated.

Vaccination centre open in Elandsdoorn

In concerted efforts by government to build a mass vaccination programme, the Ndlovu Research Centre (NRC), has been granted permission to assist the Department of Health to roll-out the vaccination programme.

The NRC mass vaccination efforts have kick-started on Monday 12 July at the Ndlovu Care Group headquarters in Elandsdoorn, Moutse. The NRC vaccination programme is set for the community members from the age of 50 and above and will be taking place from Monday to Saturday. NRC Research Operations Manager, Mary-Jane Ratlhagana, told the Sekhukhune Dispatch that the vaccination roll-out had been going as planned on the first day, with over 300 people vaccinated. "The first batch of Pfizer vaccine was well received last week by our pharmacies. We have a capability to vaccinate at least 1000 people per day, which will assist the Department of Health immensely. However, our challenge is that some elders do not have cellphones to properly register to be vaccinated," she said. Ratlhagana added that besides some elders being without cellphones to register for vaccination, registration and verification of the majority of community members is currently running smooth by doctors, nurses and other staff members who work tirelessly to ensure that the programme is ongoing. "By the time we commenced the programme on Monday, the vaccination site was well prepared and a dedicated, well trained team was ready for this tremendous task," she said. Ratlhagana indicated that the vaccination site is free for use to everyone and requested the public who come for vaccination to bring along their ID documents for registration purposes. "We welcome anyone from any part of the country to come vaccinate, as long as they are over the age of 50," she said. Ratlhagana said currently, the centre has no arrangements for home visits to people who live with disabilities, as the vaccine is stored in a strict controlled temperature and could not be moved. "We encourage the public to accompany their relative who live with disabilities to come and vaccinate. We have our systems ready to assist anyone who needs to be vaccinated," detailed Ratlhagana. She said she could not confirm whether NRC will be part of the vaccination programme targeting community members from the age of 35 and above.

Covid-19 Delta variant detected in Limpopo

The Limpopo Department of Health has informed that the rapid spreading Delta variant of the Covid-19 pandemic has been detected in Limpopo.

"The department believes that the variant might be responsible for the rapid spike of Covid-19 cases and driving the third wave in the province," said Limpopo Department of Health Spokesperson Neil Shikwambana. He said figures in the province have recently jumped from 385 cases to 1780 cases in just four days and urged community members to be vigilant and observe health and safety protocols.

Health Department MEC, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, raised a serious concern and urged the public to be extra careful to stop the rapid spread of the virus. "Our people need to understand that this variant will make it extra difficult to keep numbers low. Therefore, we need to warn that there is an urgent need for an extreme turn around in behavioural change," she said. Ramathuba emphasized that with the discovery of the Delta variant, unrepentant behavioural patterns such as social and political gatherings are a recipe for disaster. "If our people will continue to defiantly organize parties and other social jamborees, the spread will be too difficult to contain," warns the MEC.

According to Ramathuba, the province has also seen increased numbers on low age categories. She said over 70 cases of children between 0-9 years have been reported while about 638 cases are for people between the ages of 15 to 34.

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COUNCIL APPROVES SDM'S BUDGET

The approval was unanimously supported, without a single objection by any political party.

A total annual expenditure budget of R1.5 billion. This is what Council of Sekhukhune District Municipality approved during a special meeting on 27 May 2021. It is for the 2021/22 financial year that starts in July 2021. But what sticks out in this budget, is that the municipality has begun connecting metered water standpipes into yards, in villages, gradually doing away with standpipes in the street. This year's total budget saw a decrease of about 7% in comparison to the 2020/2021 financial year budget. The R 1.5 billion total annual expenditure budget constitutes an allocation of R1.1 billion in operational expenses and just over R 400 million in capital expenditure for the 2021/22 financial year. The approval was unanimously supported, without a single objection by any political party. The ANC, EFF, DA, Bolshevik and Azapo represent the people of Sekhukhune in the Council of the district municipality. Council commended the fact that it is a funded budget. The budget tabled by the Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila, outlines the allocation of funds toward service delivery priorities of the district municipality. In putting this budget together, the municipality sought to maintain fiscal discipline, while catering for the basic and pressing needs of people. As a water service authority, the district municipality has an obligation to achieve the objectives of Section 27

of the Bill of Rights. That section says: the State must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of rights such as access to water.

THE BACKLOG IS HUGE, AND RESOURCES ARE LIMITED

Sekhukhune being a predominantly rural area, the district municipality is grappling with a massively historical water service infrastructure backlog. The situation is that the financial position of the municipality is heavily reliant on conditional grants and subsidies from the National Treasury, Water & Sanitation Department and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Department. When tabling the budget, Ramaila announced that: "The total annual capital budget for our district is R 424 million for the 2021/22 financial year. The annual capital expenditure is funded through the R 413 million in Municipal Infrastructure Grant, (MIG) R2.3 million in Rural Road Asset Management Systems Grant (RRAMS) and R8.1 million in own revenue funds." He said this expenditure includes allocation of R3.9 million to purchase three new water carts. This seeks to provide residents who do not have access to infrastructure with water. "Overall total capital expenditure from conditional grants decreased from R505 million to R 424 million in the 2021/2022 and 2020/2021 financial

years respectively. Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) allocation has decreased from R53.4 million to R 50 million in-kind, while MIG and RRAMS are allocated R413.6 million and R2.3 million in the 2021/2022 financial year." MIG, which will go toward both water and sanitation services, is estimated to increase by 20%. The RRAMS allocation which enables the district municipality to research and assess conditions of district roads, to assist the province and national with invaluable data, will increase by 5% in the 2023/2024 financial year.

YARDS CONNECTIONS TO REPLACE COMMUNAL TAPS IN THE STREET

"In several areas we have already begun with the connections of standpipes inside yards," Ramaila said the municipality has decided to implement water reticulation projects differently henceforth. Due to the enormous water infrastructure backlog in villages, and limited financial resources, the municipality had until now put communal standpipes out in the streets. While this assisted in ensuring that more people shared the communal standpipe, but the model is not sustainable because people who afford, don't pay for water. Also, the communal system is susceptible to illegal connections. Ramaila says the communal system is gradually being phased out. "In several areas we have already begun with

the connections of standpipes inside yards. An amount of R63 million is set aside to complete the construction of reservoirs, bulk pipeline and reticulation in Ga-Maroga and Motlolo villages. The yards connection projects in these two villages are well underway," Ramaila says. He adds: "We have also set aside R29.4 million to complete the yards connection project in Motlailana, wherein work is at 45 percent and to start new separate yards connection projects in Makgemeng and Taung villages." "A total of R32.7 million is budgeted to complete construction of reservoirs, bulk line and yards connections in Driekop, Ga-Riba, Frans, Ga-Madiseng and Mandela villages. For the villages of Makgeru, Ratau and Matekane, we have set aside R85 million for the continuation of the reticulation network, which will also connect into yards." R28.6 million will go toward completing the bulk line and service reservoirs in Schonoord, Sengapudi, Manamane and another parts of Ga Ratau villages. For Ga-Mogashoa (Sengapudi) and Ga-Mogashoa (Manamane), R4.7 million was set aside for a reticulation network project, which will also connect into yards. "The backlog is huge. It's for that reason that we will put at nothing to ensure the people of Sekhukhune get value for their money," Ramaila adds. PAID EDITORIAL - MOLOKO MOTO



These men and women are hard at work in Motlolo Village, Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, where the Sekhukhune District Municipality, as a water service authority, is currently implementing a water reticulation project that connects metered standpipes inside yards. A total of 1437 households will be connected by the end of this project.

SPLUMA: What is it and does it affect me?

By now, most of us have heard of SPLUMA. The Spatial Planning & Land Use Management Act (Act No 16 of 2013). If you have not heard of it yet, I assure you that you will as soon as you want to sell your property, get building plans approved, etc. In the following short article, we would like to elaborate on the applicability and necessity of SPLUMA, specifically from a Town Planning and Land Surveying point of view.

The implementation of SPLUMA:

SPLUMA is a national piece of Legislation which creates a comprehensive framework for Spatial Planning, Land Use Management and policies for South Africa as a whole, including informal- and rural settlements. SPLUMA intends to provide a simplified, uniform Land Use Management system. The heart of this planning system is considered to be Land Use Management schemes (LUMS) & Spatial Development Plans or Frameworks (SDF).

Land Use Management:

The Spatial Environment in which we live in is considered to be one of the most important determinants of our life chances & well-being. This relates to certain opportunities, the availability of essential resources,

schools, businesses and access to public services. SPLUMA enables Municipalities to adopt their own Land Use Schemes. Land Use Schemes identify the different Land Uses (Residential, Business, Industrial, etc.) of erven within the specific townships. These schemes then help the Local Municipality and all external stakeholders to manage certain activities. It is then the Town Planner & Land Surveyor (along with other multi-disciplinary specialists) role to ensure that Spatial-, social-, and Economic growth takes place efficiently to ensure Sustainability. It is therefore of utmost importance to consult with the above-mentioned specialists when considering changes in Land Use.

Development Planning principles & SPLUMA:

It was mentioned that zoning schemes & spatial plans are at the heart of this planning system. However, SPLUMA also allows for other spatial development to take place in an orderly manner and in accordance with all relevant policies & legislation through all spheres of Government. This spatial development activities may include Subdivisions, Consolidations, Registration- and/or Cancellation of Servitudes, Township Establishments, consent-uses and Removal, amendment or suspension of restrictive or absolute conditions of title.

Benefits of SPLUMA:

Considering the objectives and principals of SPLUMA, it is evident that the implementation hereof in a developing Country is essential. SPLUMA may be considered to increase the value of one's property

in most instances. e.g. a property's value will increase as soon as the property is zoned to allow for businesses in stead of merely Residential. Furthermore, SPLUMA forces landowners to obtain a SPLUMA-certificate before selling their land/ erf. This certificate ensures the buyer that all regulations in accordance with SPLUMA are met (such as the Zoning, Building Lines, etc.).

Conclusion:

It is my opinion that South Africa has some of the best policies & legislation in the world regarding land use. However, in most instances, the implementation thereof usually fails us. Therefore, it is our responsibility as the public- and private sector, and citizens, that we implement SPLUMA in line with its principles to help manage the Spatial Planning and Land Uses within our own cities.

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Molepane road project issues reach violent heights

At least seven houses were torched and a number of unconfirmed vehicles were also set alight during community unrest at Molepane Village outside Jane Furse. The burning incident, which occurred on Thursday 8 July, was triggered after a resident, who is believed to be on the forefront of opposing the construction of the D4280 Tar Road Project in the area was tortured by unknown people and hospitalized. The 10 km project is aiming to benefit residents of Makhuduthamaga



Vehicles belonging to community members were torched by angry community members at Molepane Village, following disagreements in the road project.

Local Municipality Ward 11 villages including Molepane, Mokwete and Ntwane. The project was set to commence in February 2021 but halted by some unhappy community members who were demanding higher daily rates from the main contractor. Since then, a number of protests were staged by disgruntled villagers, demanding that Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality officials intervene by engaging with the main contractor to urge a daily rate increment. During the latest unrest on Thursday, a group of community members, gathered and started setting alight seven houses and a number of vehicles. The property belongs to people who they suspect are behind the torture of their leader and are aiming to benefit from the road construction. A community member, who did not want to be named, said the suspension of the protest was politically motivated. "The only group that is complaining is from the EFF and aiming to sabotage the ANC ahead of the upcoming local government election. The community is quiet because it fears them," she said. She said the majority of residents are unemployed and agreed with the terms of the main contractor on daily rates he was offering since February. "We need to get that job to support our families but couldn't as the project is now suspended. The only people who cause these unrests are persuaded by politics and not the interests of the majority," she said. Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Spokesperson, Lemson Moropjane, said they are aware of the community of Molepane's engagement in violent protests. "The Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Cllr Minah Bahula has noted that although the municipality respects the community's constitutional rights to protest, the mayor however, condemns and does not condone violence and destruction of public infrastructure," he said. Moropjane said the mayor and the leadership collective of the municipality calls for calm and will continue to engage the community further on their service delivery demands. "The mayor believes that such disputes should be resolved through talks and engages and do not believe that violence would yield positive results," he said. When reached for official police report, Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said he will investigate the matter and promised to send a police statement to the Dispatch. Mojapelo's report could not reach the Dispatch publication at the time of going to print.

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Killers of Modikwa Mine workers get hefty sentences

Three suspects, who were convicted for murder of six Modikwa Mine workers were sentenced to a combined 18 life sentences and over 1000 years imprisonment.

During the trial, Limpopo Division of the High Court in Polokwane found that the accused, Siphon Khumalo(32), Philemon Makwana (37)



Sipho Khumalo(32), Philemon Makwana (37) and Thabo Mogala(31); each sentenced to 6 life imprisonments, 470 years for 47 counts of attempted murder and 5 years for malicious damage to property.

and Thabo Mogala(31), had on 2 April 2018 at about 02:00 petrol bombed a bus transporting the Modikwa Platinum Mine workers along the R37 road outside Jane Furse. The fourth accused, Kgaogelo Moime(30), was convicted in 2019 after he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for six counts of murder and 10 years for forty seven counts of attempted murder.”During the incident, six mine workers were burnt beyond recognition and forty seven others managed to escape with burn wounds,” said Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mojapelo added that a task team consisting of Crime Intelligence, Limpopo Tracking Team, Limpopo PIU and Cluster Detectives was established soon after the incident and the team managed to arrest the suspects and positively linked them to the crimes. The first accused, Sipho Khumalo, was sentenced to 6 life imprisonments and 470 years for 47 counts of attempted murder, as well as 5 years for malicious damage to property. The second accused, Thabo Mogala, was sentenced to 6 life imprisonments and 470 years for 47

counts of attempted murder. He was also given 5 years for malicious damage to property. The third accused, Philemon Makwana, was sentenced to 6 life imprisonment and 470 years for 47 counts of attempted murder, as well

as 5 years for malicious damage to property. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe and the provincial police management have welcomed the harsh sentence.

Joint weekly police operations apprehend over 1000 suspects

The police in Limpopo Province continue to eradicate criminal activities, following the arrest of 1396 suspects, aged between 23 and 52, for various offences during joint operations that are being conducted weekly in all the districts. The arrests were effected since 27 June. According to Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the suspects were apprehended for various crimes ranging from murder, attempted murder, possession and dealing in drugs, possession of illegal explosives, illegal immigrants, sexual assault, assault GBH, burglary residential and business, stock theft, malicious damage to properties, arson, possession of illegal firearms and ammunition, to carrying of dangerous weapons.”The police are evidently winning the battle to get illegal firearms off the streets after the recent arrest of more than 10 suspects and recovery of 14 firearms,” he said. Mojapelo said the arrests include two suspects, aged 31, who were apprehended in the Jane Furse policing area, believed to be part of a criminal gang that has been tormenting communities in and around this area.”The suspects were arrested at separate locations during a sting operation by Crime Intelligence Unit, Detectives and Limpopo Highway Patrol. Two 9mm pistols were confiscated. Preliminary police investigations have linked the suspects with business robberies committed in Apel and other parts of Sekhukhune area. The manhunt for the remaining suspects is still underway,” he said. Mojapelo said some of the arrested suspects have already started appearing before the different magistrate courts across the province. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General, Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrests and urged police to maximise crime prevention operations and visibility especially in identified crime hotspots.



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NYC members (from left to right) Thulisile Masanabo, SandileMajola, LungeloMasango and SiphoHleza have enrolled with Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America (USA).

Four members of the Ndlovu Youth Choir (NYC), have taken truly to the Nelson Mandela phrase, "Education is the most powerful tool you can use to change the world", to a whole new level.

The NYC choristers, Sandile Majola, Sipho Hleza, Thulisile Masanabo and Lungelo Masango enrolled with the best music college in the world, the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America (USA). Majola is studying towards a Degree in Music Business Management and Hleza is doing the Live Sound Recording and Mixing

Degree. Both Masanabo and Masango are studying the Music Production Fundamental for Song Writers Degree. According to Majola, who is also NYC Manager, the enrolment is the start of a musical partnership journey between the NYC and Berklee College. "The agreement with Berklee College is that we will be sending more of our members to further their studies in various fields of music, to forge on to global success in the industry. The long-term plan is for the college to open a campus in South Africa," he said. Majola added that they were encouraged to study different courses as they have different interests in the music industry per choir member. "We want to form a team that will make an impact in the music space, which is the reason why we follow different careers in music within the college. Everyone should contribute differently in the group, that's what we want," he said. Despite enjoying being part of the best music college in the world, Majola said they are still facing big challenges including different time zones and the never ending power cuts in the country. "We are ahead of the USA with about six hours, meaning we have to attend online courses throughout the night

which is challenging sometimes. But we have adapted to the system and coping. The difficulty is when we are caught by load shedding, you can't do anything at the time," he said. Majola added by stating toil and turmoil brought by the

impact of Covid-19, saying they have severely impacted the livelihoods of their members. "The past year and a half has been difficult for our members because there is no income as shows are currently prohibited," he said.

Local author secures double awards nominations

Dennilton born young author, actor, motivational speaker and musician, Vusi Mabena, secured two nominations in the National APAPA Awards. Mabena was nominated in the "Best International Author" and "Book of the Year" categories. Both nominations are for his book titled; "Tears of Pain", that was released last year. The young author will be competing with four nominees in the "Best International Author" category and nine in the "Book of the Year" category. The nominees were selected among best young writers across the country and the voting will be opened on 1 August 2021. "Honestly I am still shocked, I never saw it coming and I can't believe I was nominated in both categories in these big awards in the country," he said. Mabena, who described his successes as a living dream, said he has realized that his hard work is finally paying off. "My passion for writing dates years back when I was still in primary school and I knew that one day I will go places with pen and paper," he said. Apart from writing, Mabena is a part time actor, musician and motivational speaker. "Currently, I am busy with my hip hop album titled, 'Vusi and Friends', set to be released early next year," he said. Mabena is also finalizing his fifth book, 'Scars and Tribulation of My Journey Volume 5', featuring well-reckoned writer, Nompumelelo Mthunzi. "My publishing company is busy with final touches and the book will be released soon," he said. Mabena has been featured in a book review called, "VulaincwadinoVusi, on Ikwekwezi FM midday show with Bobo Dabe at Mthombathi. The show is aired every Tuesday at 14:15. He also appears on popular TV soapies including Gomora, The River, Skeem Sam, Generations, The Legacy and The Queen.

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Mamatho FC to represent Sekhukhune in provincial playoffs

Mamatho United FC are the reigning champions of SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League. The team, from Moroke Village in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, has recently won the Sekhukhune Regional Playoffs played by winners of all streams within the league. Teams participated in the regional playoffs included Ace Mates FC from Rathoke in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Mamatho United, Living Brothers FC and King Born FC all from Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality. During the regional playoff matches, played at Ga-Phasha Sports Grounds, Ace Mates defeated Living Brothers 4-0 and Mamatho triumph over King Born over a 1-0 win. Mamatho were crowned champions after defeating Ace mates 4-2 in the playoffs final match. Mamatho will be representing Sekhukhune in the provincial playoffs facing teams that have won in the other three regions in the province. Frank Maredi, SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League Coordinator, told the Dispatch the provincial payoffs were scheduled to take place on 25 June, but postponed because of the imposed Alert Level 4 Lockdown Regulations. “We awaiting for SAFA national to set a new date of the provincial playoffs as soon as lockdown regulations are lifted,” he said. Maredi said they are confident that Mamatho will represent Sekhukhune with honor and win the provincial playoffs.

SARTHO suspends Sekhukhune workshops

The South African Religious and Traditional Healers Organization (SARTHO), has suspended all its basic traditional primary healthcare workshops in Sekhukhune scheduled for 2021. The suspension is due to the spiking number of Covid-19 cases in the country. The organization has also urged its members to respect and abide by the restriction set by the government. “We are aware that some of our members have completed their training as required but they are unable to host graduation ceremonies. We urge them to contact their local health promoters to collect or apply for their certificates in line with their training,” said SARTHO Chairperson, Shadrack Mathume Maelane. Maelane urged SARTHO members to refer patients to their local clinics or hospitals in case they suspect or identify symptoms of Covid-19. “We are hundred percent behind the government’s efforts to stop the spread of Covid-19. We urge our members to vaccinate and work hand in hand with the department of health to avoid loss of life due to neglect and ignorance of basic health protocols,” Maelane explained. SARTHO Secretary, Regina Mankge, said the organization received reports about people who pretend to be traditional and religious healers, with an aim of soliciting money from unsuspecting community members. “We are aware of people impersonating traditional and religious healers, which is an act that endangers the life of the society because those people are not trained. Their actions also paint a bad picture about traditional and religious healers in general”, Mankge said. SARTHO Deputy Chairperson, Morose Mathunyane, encouraged organization members to contact their health promoters for their certificates and practice cards to be issued during the time of Alert Level 4 Lockdown. “All workshops are cancelled until further notice. Our members should be patient and we will communicate a way forward soon,”said Mathunyane. The organization advises its members to contact 076 251 2978 or contact their local health promoter for more information.



Health promoter, Ngaka Mankge, with her students Hendrick Mokoana and Thabang Morare who completed their training before the announcement of Lockdown Level 4.

“We have been dominating the provincial playoffs consecutively in the past years and hope Mamatho will make us proud like what other clubs did in the past. Remember we have Ngwaabe City Motors and Dennilton Callies who were promoted after winning the provincial playoffs consecutively. This is an indication that SAFA Sekhukhune is working very hard to achieve positive results,” he said. Maredi said Mamatho is currently receiving necessary support to boost their moral and confidence when partaking in the playoffs. “We compensated them with R20 000 for their expenses and also provided them with transportation to attend the playoffs. The team has also appointed an experienced coach from Gauteng to reinforce their technical department,”explained Maredi. If winning the provincial playoffs, Mamatho will be promoted to the ABC Motsepe League, the third tier of the professional football in the country. They will be joining Sekhukhune based Ditlou FC from Magatle in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Ngwaabe City Motors from Ngwaabe in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Muni-



Sekhukhune reigning champions, Mamatho FC, celebrating after winning the regional playoffs in the SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League.

pality and Dennilton Callies from Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. Maredi called on all Sekhukhune residents to rally behind Mamatho and support them as they will be representing the whole district in the provincial playoffs.

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