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## R1.2 Billion irregular expenditures at Sekhukhune District Municipality

According to the Auditor-General report presented to the council of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) recently, it was revealed that the district municipality has a staggering amount of R1.2 Billion in irregular expenditure. The Socialist Agenda of Dispossessed Africans (SADA), which is an official opposition in the municipality, says the irregular expenditure is a great concern noting a water provision and sanitation backlog facing communities. Lethabile Kgwedi, SADA councillor in the district municipality, said they learned with a great shock that the district municipality has made payments in contravention of the supply chain management requirements, resulting in irregular expenditure to a tune of R1 278 537 109 during 2021/2022 financial period. In addition, the report indicated that some of the contracts were not awarded in an economical manner as required by section 217(1) of the Constitution of South Africa, 1996, read with section 62(1)(a) of Municipal Finance Management Act 56, 2003, which prescribes for a cost-effective process of procurement by an organ of state. Furthermore, the report revealed that contracts and quotations were awarded to bidders that did not score the highest points in the evaluation process and that in some cases the municipality did not apply the preferential point system for goods and services above R30 000-00 as required by section 2(1)(a) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5, 2000. The report subsequently indicated that some of the accepted quotations were coming from bidders who did not submit a declaration

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# Minor disruptions experienced in Sekhukhune during National Shutdown



According to the reports, the much anticipated National Shutdown, headed by the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) on Monday 20 March was a peaceful one in Sekhukhune, despite some of the minor violent incidents that happened at Jane Furse in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) and Burgersfort in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM). It was reported that during the protests, a group of demonstrators were allegedly dispersed by the police when they were barricading roads when they allegedly forced entry at the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality offices in Jane Furse. A number of protestors was also allegedly assaulted by taxi drivers in Burgersfort when they were trying to prevent passengers from going to the taxi ranks. In Dennilton, EFF members were seen chanting at the Moutse Mall entrance peacefully while allowing the traffic flow smoothly on the R25 Road without any disruptions. However, the majority of shopping malls and foreign owned shops in the region were closed for business during the day, with law enforcement agencies deployed in numbers to monitor the situation. EFF Chairperson in Sekhukhune Region, Ali Maloba, applauded members for coming out in numbers to support the party's peaceful shutdown to demand the immediate resignation of President Cyril Ramaphosa and the ending of loadshedding. "We are happy that the shutdown had an impact to benefit the society as changes were implemented immediately when the load-shedding was downgraded from stage 6 to zero," he said. Maloba indicated that they are worried about local business owners who opted to act against the shutdown, which affects the entire nation and their businesses during load-shedding periods. "Instead of supporting the fight against societal challenges, the businesses opted to use their financial muscles to act against the shutdown. We have noted the arrogance portrayed Moutse Mall Property Developers, Groblersdal Mall Property Developers and Marble Hall Complex," he said. Maloba lambasted police arrogance which he said resulted in their members being intimidated and assaulted by private security companies and taxi drivers. "More than two bak-kies belonging to EFF members damaged their windscreens during the scuffle," he said. Maloba said the party will now focus on resolving paramount issues and calling for traditional leadership, youth, the elderly and all the people of Sekhukhune to reject the ANC and place their trust in the EFF. The EFF in Sekhukhune shall continue fighting against load-shedding, fighting for water, fighting against racism in Groblersdal, Marble Hall, some parts of Burgersfort and Steelpoort farms. We shall continue representing our poor vulnerable communities against exploitation in the mines," he said.

**EFF members in from various villages in Moutse chanting at the Moutse Mall entrance during the National Lock-down headed by the party on Monday.**

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"Shockingly, the report revealed that the leadership of the municipality did not have an adequate record keeping system to enable reliable reporting on performance achievement and retrieving of supporting information used to prepare the annual financial statement," explained Kgweedi. He added that sitting at the apex of the whole scenario is the revelations that the municipality failed to take reasonable steps to prevent or investigate to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure. Kgweedi said some of the main contributors towards this reckless financial mismanagement and abuse of authority included that several tenders were awarded to persons or relatives of persons employed by the state, which is in contravention of section(s) 45 and 46 of the Municipal Supply Chain Management (SCM) Regulations. "Attorneys were appointed to assist with the recovery of an amount of R22 210 223 previously paid to service providers for services not yet rendered relating to 2013/2014 reporting period. The money paid to the service providers was still under investigation at the date of the report. The performance of some of the contractors was not monitored on a monthly basis as required by section 116(2) (b) of MFMA. Goods and services with a transaction value of below R200 000 were procured without obtaining the required price quotation in contravention of SCM Regulation 17(1)(a) (c). Attorneys were appointed to assist with the investigations of R26 000 000 relating to the irregular appointment of eight service providers relating to Covid-19 expenditure and to date nothing has happened," explained Kgweedi. Kgweedi stated that it is apparent that there is an urgent need, firstly, for effective consequence management in the municipality, in order to root out the tendency of mismanagement of the public purse, abuse of public authority, corruption, maladministration and tender irregularities. "Secondly, there is a need for the intervention of MEC of Treasury as guided by the provisions of section 139(5) of the Constitution of South Africa, 1996. It is abundantly clear that the municipality does not want to hold officials accountable for their actions but instead, allows these politically connected bureaucrats to turn the municipality into a corruption hub or milking cow to feed their ever-growing appetite for lavish lifestyle," he said. Kgweedi said the party will urge the Executive Mayor Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji, to institute forensic investigation process to determine the root causes of maladministration and abuse of public authority and recover all these expenditures incurred by the district municipality, through the application of processes established by the provisions of section 32 of MFMA. "As SADA, we are confounded as to why do the Auditor-General not issue a certificate of debt against responsible officials of the municipality since it is noted in the report that these are mostly recurring irregularities. We are therefore calling on the office of the AG to apply the provisions of Public Audit Amendment Act 5, 2018, which among others empowers the Auditor-General to take appropriate remedial action to address the failure to implement the recommendations. And if the matter persist, the AG should issue a certificate of debt to the accounting officer to recover the financial loss," he said. The district municipality was not available to comment at the time of going to press.



## Makhuduthamaga Municipality scores SALGA accolades

Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality has been once again, for the fourth year in succession, bestowed with awards at the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Awards in recognition of its service excellence at the ceremony held at the Ranch Hotel outside Polokwane on Wednesday 23 March.

The municipality was recognized and awarded for having sustained its Unqualified Audit Opinion for the 2021/2022 financial year. The awards are organized annually in recognition of accountability and achievements towards good governance and on how municipalities respond to local government and its people. Acting Premier, Basikopo Makamu, who is also the MEC for CoGHSTA in Limpopo reminded the municipalities of the pressure to sustain Unqualified Audit outcomes and ensuring that they not only stay on top, but also work towards clean administration in the coming financial years and also deliver services that speaks to the hearts of communities.

Makhuduthamaga Municipal Manager, Ronald Moganedi, said the local municipality is on course to attain clean administration, through the implementation of audit action plans flagged in the previous year by the Auditor General (AG) and improve on internal financial controls amongst others.

## Water Monitoring Committee set to address water crisis issues in Sekhukhune

The African National Congress (ANC) in Sekhukhune Region has resolved to establish a Water Monitoring Committee set to oversee water scarcity issues in the district. The committee was formed during the party's Regional Executive Committee (REC) virtual meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023, in compliance with the ANC constitution. ANC Spokesperson in the region, Sam Uwane, said the organization has identified inadequate water provision to our communities as a ticking bomb, which may render the organisation unpopular and may result in the ANC losing political power. "The REC resolved to strengthen its capacity to turnaround the situation immediately and appointed the team to monitor the provision of water to communities," he said. Justice Makunyane was appointed committee chairperson while Mbusi Mahlangu, Mokhulwane Mathale, Lungile Mbonani, Mary Ramphele, Dorcas Nkosi, Dorah Mphethi, Magetlane Mohlala and Rhodes Msiza, were appointed additional members in the committee. Uwane added that the meeting had also deliberated on the political overview from the Acting Regional Chairperson, Minah Bahula. "The deliberations focused on the importance of the Human Rights day as the day to commemorate and honour those who fought during the liberation struggle," he said. Uwane said the meeting applauded various stakeholders and the people of Sekhukhuneland who worked tirelessly to render the planned shutdown a failure in the region. "The REC encouraged stakeholders never to disband such operations to avoid further disruptions as we move towards the national and provincial elections in 2024. We overemphasize the need to strive for unity of purpose in all the structures. The unity remain sacrosanct," he said.



**Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Councillor Sam Malaka, Municipal Manager Ronald Moganedi and Council Speaker Judy Mphelane after receiving the SALGA awards at the Ranch Hotel outside Polokwane.**

## Three arrested for reporting fake hijacking

Three suspects, Shadrack Thobejane (37), Calvin Muodzo (43) and Shah Jamal Mohammad (29), were arrested by the Nebo police after reporting a false hijacking and robbery of building and fencing materials on Saturday 18 March 2023. The driver, his crew and the owner of the warehouse, were arrested by members of the Limpopo Provincial Organized Crime and the National Crime Intelligence Units, assisted by the Local Criminal Local Centre, after conducting a snap operation, following a case of truck hijacking that was opened at Jane Furse Police Station. "The truck driver and his crew, when opening a case, claimed that their truck was hijacked and the cargo, building and fencing materials were stolen. The shipment was been transporting from Benoni in Gauteng Province to Steelpoort outside Burgersfort," said Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mojapelo said after the fake case was reported, the police operationalized the information received, which led them to a warehouse in Jane Furse, owned by a foreign national where the stolen materials were recovered. "This after it was established that the suspects sold the materials to a warehouse, owned by a foreign national businessman. The owner was arrested on the spot and the other two suspects were arrested at separate locations," explained Mojapelo. He said the suspects appeared before the Nebo Magistrate's Court on Wednesday 22 March and were remanded in custody for further police investigations. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo praised the police members for a well coordinated operation that led to the arrest of the suspects and the recovery of the stolen properties. "This success is a manifestation of the importance of coordination that has to take place among various environments that are involved in fighting crime," she said.

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## Mathabatha commits to improve Limpopo economy

The Premier of Limpopo Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, has informed his council that whilst latest statistics reflect lower employment figures in the province as compared to the previous quarter, this is not yet enough to fight poverty and unemployment. The provincial council has six technical working groups focusing on agriculture and tourism, development finance, trade and investment; integrated infrastructure development; ICT, innovation and knowledge-enabled economy, nation building and social cohesion and industrial and enterprise development. Mathabatha said despite the adverse macroeconomic pressures, the province created 133 000 jobs in Quarter 4 of 2022. "Limpopo is among the top five provinces that recorded the largest increases in employment. Trade created 44 000 jobs, mining follows with 35 000 and finance also created 31 000 jobs. Official unemployment rate is now 2,1 per cent point down from 33,9 per cent in Q4 in 2021 to 31,8 per cent in Q4 2022," he said. Mathabatha further indicated that the government will use the opportunity to work beyond these figures and allow for the provincial economy to grow. "We should capitalise on competitive urge, the geographical location allows for more usage towards solar energy and other forms of energy. This will create employment and grow the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the province," he said. The premier said there was a greater appreciation on the progress being made in integrated infrastructure, especially the partnership between the mines and the provincial government in the construction of roads in various parts of the province. "The R37 in Sekhukhune that links north to south is one such example wherein the mining houses have invested in its rehabilitation. It is expected that, in the long term, the link between Burgersfort and Polokwane would be smoother as the initial construction of 20 kilometres has begun from Burgersfort," explained Mathabatha. He said the construction of steel bridge at Ga-Malekana outside Jane Furse was another example of a fruitful partnership between nine mines in the eastern limb and the provincial government. "Other roads projects highlighted were those that will be totally funded by government like the interchange on the R71 Road around Moria to allow ease of access to St.Engenas ZCC church. Plans are also afoot for the rehabilitation of the N11 as well R555. The N1 upgrade will see it as a catalytic development that will easily connect the SADC and the Limpopo Province," he said.

The industrialisation of the province was also high on the council agenda with notable progress reported in the two special economic zones, Musina-Makhado and Fetakgomo-Tubatse Industrial Park. The Council was alerted about progress made on the north site of the MMSEZ, as well as process towards designation of Fetakgomo-Tubatse as an SEZ.

*Limpopo Premier, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, said the provincial government will be working to grow the economy to increase job creation in its sectors.*



## Elias Motsoaledi recognized during the SALGA Awards

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality has once again walked away with accolades in the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Awards for 100% Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) spending and for the sustaining unqualified audit opinion 2021/2022 for the second consecutive year. The awards were held at The Ranch Resort on Wednesday 22 March, meant to inspire municipal excellence, good governance, and sound fiscal management. The awards are also meant to continually recommit all municipalities to a programme of action that will be in line with the imperatives of the clean audit programme. Elias Motsoaledi Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, said the SALGA recognition is a reflection of the hard work and dedication towards ensuring that the local municipality delivers efficient and effective services to our people. This is the right step towards ensuring that we not only maintain clean books but we are accountable to residents on how we use their rates," he said. Elias Motsoaledi Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, who was accompanying the mayor, praised all staff and stakeholders, saying they played an important role in ensuring that the local municipality maintains highest standards.

## DA to fight alarming GBV cases

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo said it has submitted a motion for the establishment of an ad hoc committee to comprehensively investigate causes of the persistent rise in gender-based violence (GBV) in the province. The motion was submitted to the Limpopo Legislature on Friday 17 March highlighting a concern in the increase of GBV in the province. "In the 3rd quarter of 2022/23, reported cases of rape disturbingly showed a year-on-year increase of 20%. GBV is becoming increasingly fatal and our women in children particularly in hotspots are living in fear," said Katlego Suzan Phala, DA Provincial Spokesperson on Transport and Community Safety. Phala said the police seems paralysed to effectively combat the scourge. "It is also clear that the premier Gender Based Violence technical committee is mere window dressing as GBV increases unabated every quarter. We believe that only an ad hoc committee would possess the necessary scope and powers to investigate the reasons for systemic GBV in Limpopo, challenges faced by stakeholders to combat the scourge and effectively assist victims and to map out achievable multi-disciplinary solutions," explained Phala. She emphasized that the establishment of the committee will have the dignity, respect and safety of the women and the girls Limpopo as its only priority. "It is time to turn the tide against the scourge of GBV by setting clear targets and holding departments accountable for their failure to protect the most vulnerable in our society," she said.

*The DA in Limpopo has submitted a motion calling for establishment of an ad hoc committee to help curb alarming GBV incidents in the province.*



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# DA dismay over collapsing state of Motetema and Masemola Police Stations

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo said it will write to the MEC for Transport and Community Safety in the province, Florence Radzilani, to request an urgent infrastructure audit of all police stations and police barracks across the province.

The party said it was shocked by appalling conditions at the Motetema and Masemola Police Stations during its oversight visits to the two government institutions. Katlego Suzan Phala, DA Provincial Spokesperson for Transport and Community Safety, said during the visit to Motetema Police Station, the party discovered the accommodation office in poor condition, with more than 5 detectives cramped in one office. "The entire police station building is dilapidated with lack of a safe room to store dockets and there is no borehole to provide the station with water. The barracks which accommodate police officers are in a derelict state," she said. Phala said they have discovered that the Masemola Police Station has been without electricity since December 2022. "The conditions exposed that the South



**The DA in Limpopo say they are concerned with delapidating state of Motetema and Masemola Police Stations in Sekhukhune.**

African Police Service, faces serious challenges to protect and serve our communities, considering the fact that Motetema Police Station is a rural police station with 130 officers, serving 52 villages in both the Elias Motsoaledi and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities," Phala said. "It is unacceptable that our police officers, who are already burdened with heavy caseloads, have to endure unbearable working conditions. Regrettably, these issues are widespread in police stations across the province," she said. Phala said the party will further call upon the MEC Radzilani to have a joint meeting with Public Works to address infrastructure challenges and to restore the dignity of the police force.

## Local Gospel Star eager to win MIA Gospel Music Awards

Abicky Kgolane, the "Mphe Matla" gospel hit maker from Groblersdal town, at the Elias Motsoaledi local municipality in Sekhukhune District is moved from being an upcoming artist to the South Africa's best gospel star. Abicky shocked many when he released his debut album in 2021 shifting his followers focus from his journalism writings to his gospel genre. His song "Mphe Matla" gained airplay at all local radio stations in the Sekhukhune district and lead various gospel top 10 shows including the popular Moutse FM gospel top 10 by the Big H Kekana, Mascom FM and SKFM respectively and now his music is premiered at Various television shows. Abicky has already shared

stage with various music giants. His passion for worship and praise saw him nominated to compete at the national gospel awards, namely: MIA Gospel Music Awards 2023 in three categories: Best New Comer, Best Gospel Artist and Best Collaboration. To help him to bring home the trophies, please vote for him by SMS MIAGMA A1911 to 44485 for the Best New Comer, or SMS MIAGMA A709 for Best Gospel Artist or SMS MIAGMA A1008 to 44485 for the Best Collaboration, sms only cost you R2. The MIA Gospel Music Awards will take place in Johannesburg on the 29th of July 2023 where they will be honouring some of the gospel legends. Abicky's music is available at all online stores and can be downloaded. To book him call 072 797 2922.

## Jerusalem bridge restored

The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Cllr David Tladi, has immediately dispatched a technical team to construct a pedestrian bridge in Jerusalem. The mayor's intervention comes after pictures of community members and the ward councillor in the area constructing a low level bridge went viral on social media on the 24 March 2023. According to the municipality, the low level bridge was washed away by recent heavy rains. The destroyed bridge was also being used by leaners to access school and not vehicles. "The matter was not reported to my office for intervention. I saw the pictures on social media and we have managed to send the yellow fleet to assist the community at large," Tladi. He said a demand for better roads is a right and the municipality is trying its best. "The municipality has just concluded a multi year road construction project over the past three financial years in the same ward that



consisted of tarring of the road as well as bridge construction at a cost of R65 Million," he said. Tladi informed the public that the low level bridge is safe to use after the inspection by the local municipality's technical team.

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## Six nabbed as bags of dagga seized

The Police at Leboeng outside Jane Furse have arrested six suspects, aged between 26 and 44, after they were allegedly found transporting bags of dagga along the R36 on Monday 20 March. The suspects were arrested during intensified "National Shutdown Operations", led by the Station Commander Captain Mashile. "During the operations, the police stopped two suspicious looking motor vehicles at about 18:00. The vehicles, a white Toyota Avanza with a trailer and a grey Honda sedan with six male occupants. The trailer was loaded with bags of dagga. The other bags were packed on the roof of the Avanza. The six men were immediately arrested and the two vehicles as well as the bags of dagga were confiscated," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba said the suspects will appear before the Leboeng Magistrate's Court soon facing charges of possession and dealing in dagga. The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, commended the good work performed by the police members.



Large quantities of dagga were seized by the police during "National Shutdown Operations" in Leboeng outside Jane Furse.

## Six suspects busted with illegal firearms and house breaking equipment

Six suspects, aged between 41 and 53, were arrested by the Hlogotlou Police for possession of unlicensed firearms, ammunition and possession of house breaking equipment on Sunday 19 March at about 23:55. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the police officers were busy with stop and searches during "National Shutdown Operations" at Mpudulle Four Ways in Monsterlus when the six suspects were found in possession of two firearms with ammunition and house breaking implements. "They were immediately arrested and the Toyota Avanza that they were travelling in was also confiscated for further investigation," he said. Ledwaba said the suspects will appear before the Nebo Magistrate's Court soon facing charges of possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition and possession of house breaking implements. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the police in Limpopo, hailed the police members for being vigilant at all times and stopping dangerous criminals in their tracks.



The six suspects who were arrested in possession of unlicensed firearms and house breaking equipment during "National Shutdown" operations in Monsterlus.

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# RAL to upgrade dilapidated roads in eight local municipalities

Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) said it has activated the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) which was signed with eight local municipalities in the province, to develop and improve roads infrastructure.

The municipalities earmarked in the MoA to benefit as part of the District Development Model are Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, Polokwane Local Municipality, Musina Local Municipality, Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Bela-Bela Local Municipality and Makhado Local Municipality. The MoA with the local municipalities was signed in Polokwane during a briefing session conducted by RAL and the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Heads of Districts, who met with 21 appointed contractors to do routine road maintenance and re-gravelling across the province. Luyanda Sithole, RAL Spokesperson, said the agency is targeting to patch about 160 000 square metres of potholes and to re-gravel roads at an estimated budget of R260 Million. "The RAL-Municipality initiative comes at a point where the recent rains have left roads in various municipality jurisdictions in a dire state. The partnership will help these municipalities to address the damage caused and will thus enable mobility of residents," she said.

Commenting on the initiative, MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Nkakareng Rakgoale said the initiative will bring relief to road users, because these contractors will extend their pothole patching execution to city centres, townships of local municipalities and identified gravel roads leading to villages to enable smooth access for traffic and pedestrians. RAL General Manager of Operations, Martin Ramaboea, said communities are in need of improved roads for ease of mobility and access, "hence we need this programme to be fast-tracked".

Outlining his action plan, Ramaboea indicated that RAL Project Managers, contractors and municipal officials will jointly identify areas of priority which will benefit from this intervention. Speaking on quality of the work that will be undertaken by the agency, Ramaboea emphasized that RAL will be strict and will not allow poor workmanship to spoil the potential benefits of the initiative. He said as part of enforcing this, contractors will be given a one-year defects liability period where a portion of their money will be retained, in case of any defects. The session also included experts in patching potholes who presented on their expertise and services and how they will ensure quality execution in all the projects they are involved in. Dhiren Mehta, from Jetpatcher Company, highlighted that they use the state-of-the-art equipment that has a record speed in pothole patching.

Mutshutshu Nxumalo who presented from Pro-Phalt where a similar method to Jetpatcher is used, said they made an undertaking that although high-end technology is deployed in their methods, they do offer African centred solutions that seek to also train locals on the required skills, to work with them.



*Pro-Phalt representative, Mutshutshu Nxumalo, said they will be preferably working with locals to acquire them with road maintenance skills during the programme.*



*Jetpatcher representative, Dhiren Mehta, said the state-of-the-art equipment used by the company will help in speeding up the patching of the potholes during the programme.*



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# Ben Viljoen shines at SA Athletics Champs

Message from the Principal:

Today my heart is swollen with pride! I would like to say THANK YOU for the firewood you provided for my fireplace when I am old. This is a weekend I will never forget! Thank you very much for proudly representing Hoërskool Ben Viljoen as part of the Limpopo team at the ASA South African athletics championships in higher age groups. Jaco van der Westhuyzen won two gold medals, respectively in the u/16 100m and 200m. Johan Helberg won a silver medal in the u/16 discus. Rorisang Rammupudu won a silver medal in the u/20 400m, while Amo Motlatle also won a silver medal in the u/16 90m hurdles. We also achieved two silver medals in the u/20 4x400m relay. Morgan Maeyane achieved a fifth place during the heats of the u/20 800m while Ellené van der Westhuyzen achieved a 3rd place in the 200m as well as a 5th place in the 100m during the heats. Edunette Kriel, one of our u/14 athletes, achieved fourth place in the u/16 90m hurdles during the heats. Vanessa da Silva achieved 7th place in the 3000m final. Kyra Hancke achieved 8th place in the 100m hurdles final and Dion Sebela 13th place in the heats of the 1500m. I salute you!



Amo Motlatle



Rorisang Rammupudu



Jaco van der Westhuyzen

## SCC takes cricket sporting code to new heights

The Sekhukhune Cricket Council (SCC), together with Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, have partnered with KFC Mini-Cricket to introduce the sporting code to all primary schools in the local municipality. The sporting programme will kick-off at the Jane Furse Artificial Pitch on Saturday 22 April as a building block of introducing cricket sporting code basics to children across Makhuduthamaga Municipality. Lucas Mokgomogane, Sekhukhune Cricket Council Chairperson, said the programme will be involving about 24 primary schools in Makhuduthamaga Sub-Region. "Targeted participants will be age group of boys who are ten years and younger and girls from 6 years to 13 years," he said. Mokgomogane added that the council will be introducing the young cricketers to the sporting code and will be striving to make cricket one of popular sports in the whole Sekhukhune District in the near future. "Our council is intended to introduce as many children as possible in the sporting code as there is lack of cricket clubs in the villages. We want them to be competitive and be able to participate in the national and international levels after being able to play with hard ball on a bigger stage," he said. Mokgomogane indicated that with the help of the local municipality, the council is aiming to make cricket the most impactful significant sporting programmes in Sekhukhune Region. "We want to bring passion of the sporting code to these children so that they will be committed to the game. We are looking

forward to create even more initiatives in the sporting code that will be including a number of competitions that will grow the love of cricket to children," he said.

**SCC is eyeing to introduce cricket sporting code at schools to transform it to be one of the most loved sports in the region.**



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