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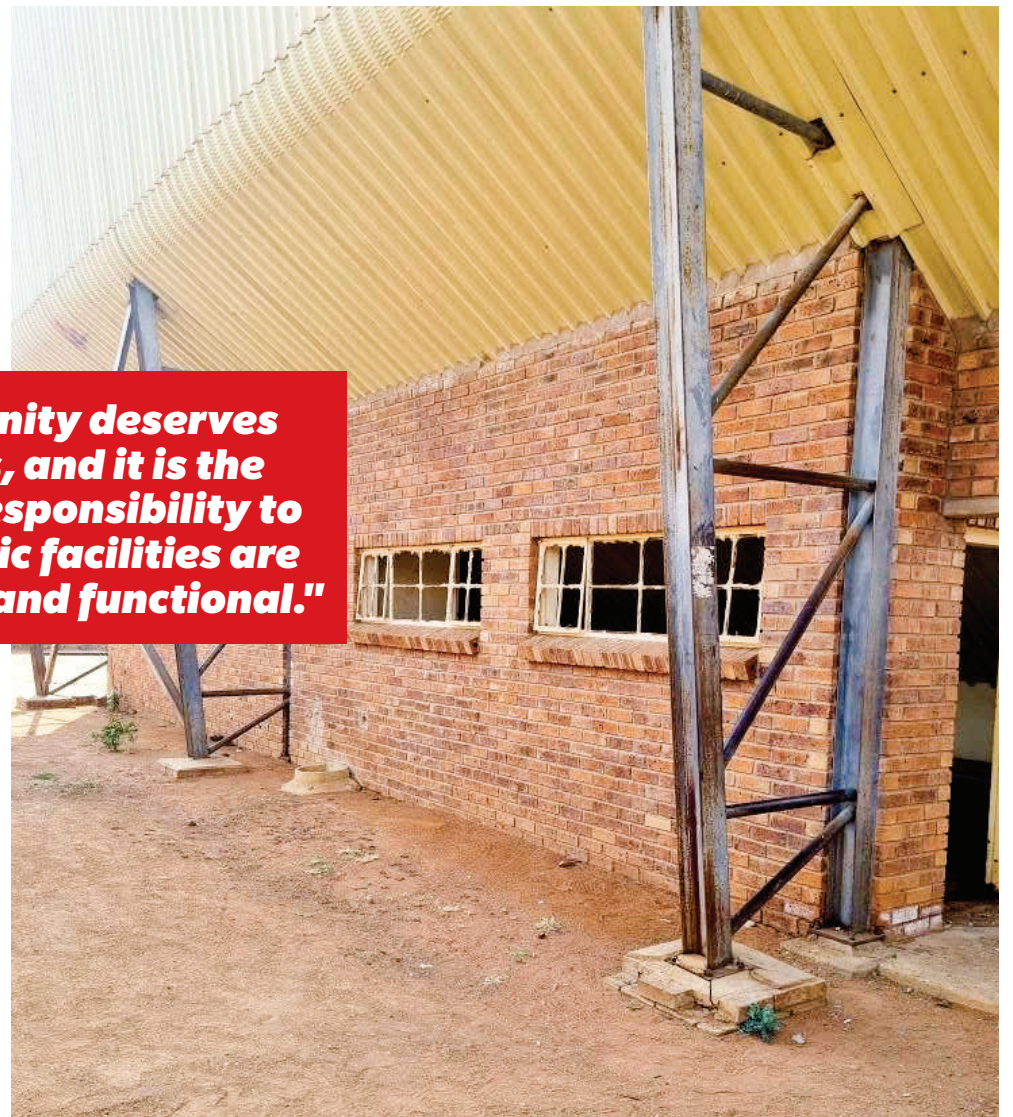
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Elandskraal Sports Facility in shambles



"The community deserves better services, and it is the municipality's responsibility to ensure that public facilities are well-maintained and functional."

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MEC Mashego monitors progress at St Rita's Hospital



Limpopo MEC for Health, Dieketseng Mashego (Left), interacting with staff members during her re-visit at the facility with a purpose to assess the hospital's progress since the unannounced visit by Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, last month.

GLEN COWIE

MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, paid a visit to St Ritas Hospital in Glen Cowie on Thursday 4 September 2025, with the purpose of assessing the hospital's progress since the unannounced visit by Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, and MEC Mashego herself on 5 August 2025.

During the August visit, the hospital's top management, including CEO Mokgano Mahloele, was publicly criticized and side-lined due to poor service delivery.

Minister Motsoaledi expressed dissatisfaction with the hospital's

conditions, citing a lack of leadership and filth.

"We receive beautiful reports from HODs and CFOs, but the reality on the ground is shocking," Premier Ramathuba noted during the visit.

MEC Mashego's latest visit aimed to monitor the hospital's progress in addressing the issues raised during the previous visit.

In a statement, MEC Mashego emphasized the importance of accountability in healthcare provision, a sentiment she echoed during an unannounced visit to Knobel Hospital earlier.

"We will leave no stone unturned when addressing government employees who choose to undermine Batho Pele principles and

treat the communities without humanity," she said.

The visit to St Ritas Hospital is part of MEC Mashego's efforts to ensure that healthcare facilities in Limpopo adhere to the principles of Batho Pele, which prioritize the needs of the community.

Engaging directly with hospital management and staff, MEC Mashego said she aims to drive improvements in service delivery and promote a culture of accountability.

As the Limpopo Department of Health (LDoH) continues to work towards improving healthcare services, MEC Mashego said her leadership and commitment to quality care are crucial in driving positive change.



MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, says the follow-up visit at St Rita's Hospital aimed to drive improvements in service delivery and promote a culture of accountability.

With initiatives like the Rural Health Matters Programme, which brings life-changing medical care to rural communities, the department is making strides in addressing healthcare disparities and promoting the well-being of Limpopo residents.

Ga-Moretsele man sentenced to 30 years for brutal murder of girlfriend

GA-MORETSELE - On Thursday 04 September 2025, the Polokwane High Court has imposed a lengthy jail term on a 46-year-old man, Mpho Ephraim Phetla, who brutally murdered his girlfriend in Ga-Moretsele Village under the Jane Furse policing area.

Phetla was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for murder and 3 years for theft, with both sentences running concurrently.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Provincial Spokesperson of the Police in Limpopo, the incident occurred on 27 June 2024, when Phetla hacked his 43-year-old girlfriend to death with a sharp object following a heated argument.

"The victim who had sustained severe injuries on the upper body died instantly on the scene. The accused fled the scene with the victim's cellphone, but our detectives were able

to track him down and apprehend him," Ledwaba said.

He said members of Nebo and Jane Furse Tracking Team were alerted about the incident and they managed to trace Ephraim Phetla who was intending to flee to Gauteng Province and was apprehended while at his hideout in Maserumule Park Section on Saturday 29 June 2024 at about 01:00.

"He was found in possession of the deceased's cellphone. Sergeant Mogale Pilusa, attached to Nebo Detectives, opposed bail, and Phetla was subsequently found guilty by the Polokwane High Court," explained Ledwaba.

Furthermore, ledwaba said the accused is still facing another murder case that was committed at Vosman Township in Witbank, Mpumalanga Province.



Mpho Ephraim Phetla from Ga-Moretsele Village outside Jane Furse was sentenced to 30 years for murder of his girlfriend and additional three years for theft.



Sergeant Mogale Pilusa, attached to Nebo Detectives, thoroughly investigated the case and opposed bail which subsequently led to the conviction and sentencing of Mpho Phetla.

Meet Dr Ntoden Norha Ndwamato, Limpopo Health Department's New HOD

LIMPOPO

The Limpopo Department of Health (LDoH) has appointed Dr Ntoden Norha Ndwamato as its new Head of Department (HOD).

With over three decades of experience in clinical practice, academia, and public health leadership, Dr Ndwamato brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in family medicine, health systems management, and capacity development to her new role within the province. As a seasoned medical professional, Dr Ndwamato's career spans over 30 years, where her career journey began as Medical Officer and Principal Specialist at

Tshilidzaini Hospital, where she served for two decades before transitioning into academic and policy leadership. She has held various senior leadership positions, including Acting HOD since 2023, Acting Deputy Director-General (DDG) for Tertiary Health Services and Academic Development, and Head of Clinical Department, Family Medicine at Mankweng Hospital.

Ndwamato holds an MBChB, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public and Developmental Management, and an MMED in Family Medicine.

An accomplished scholar and mentor, the new HOD has played a

pivotal role in training and supervising medical students, interns, and community service doctors.

Her academic contributions include serving as a reviewer for scientific journals and contributing to research that advances public health.

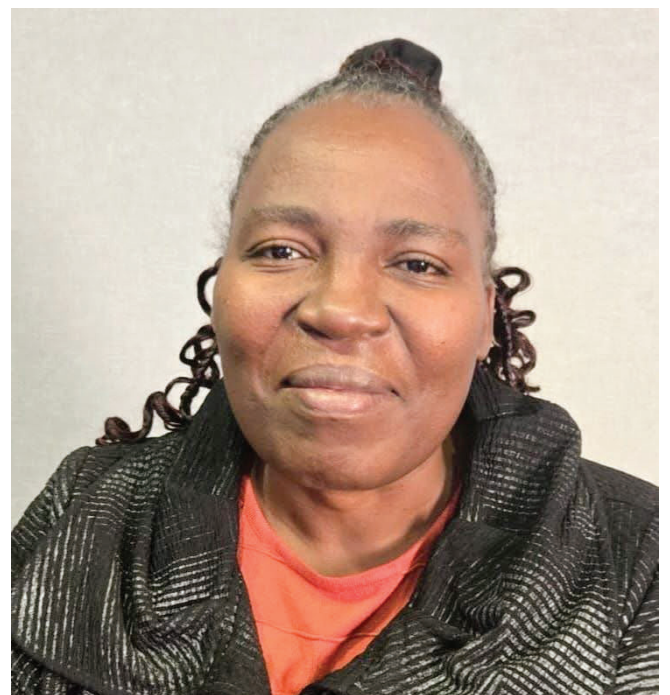
Beyond her professional duties, Dr. Ndwamato has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service.

She previously chaired the Rural Doctors Association of South Africa and served as a board member of the Medical and Dental Professions Board of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

Guided by a passion for quality healthcare, equity, and health systems strengthening, Dr. Ndwamato continues to shape the healthcare landscape of Limpopo with integrity, vision, and dedication.

Her appointment is expected to bring positive changes to the department, building on her experience and expertise in healthcare leadership across Limpopo Province.

With Dr. Ndwamato at the helm, the Limpopo Department of Health is poised to make significant strides in improving healthcare services and promoting the well-being of the province's residents.



Dr Ntoden Norha Ndwamato was appointed as the new HOD by the Limpopo Health Department.



Bafaladi Primary School learners during their participation in the Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness Campaign conducted by EMLM and other stakeholders.



PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BOOK STALLS FOR THE THEMBISILE HANI FARMERS MARKET

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) hereby invites Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in the Agricultural Sector who are selling fresh produce to book stalls at the 2nd Instalment of the Thembisile Hani Farmers Market event that is scheduled to take place on the 31st of October 2025.

This event is a municipality initiative aimed at supporting small-scale farmers and entrepreneurs under the pillar number five initiatives of the municipality, which anchors socio-economic development by offering a vibrant space where people can access fresh, locally grown produce and other quality products from the local talented individuals.

Limited stalls will be available, and they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The closing date for submissions (stall bookings) is Friday, the 26th of September 2025.

Bookings and enquiries can be directed to our Local Economic Development Manager, Mr. William Msiza, through msizaw@thembisilehanilm.gov.za and/ or 013 986 9146, or Ms. Ntombi Ndala, through 013 986 9146/ or ndalan@thembisilehanilm.gov.za.

Mr. D.J.D. Mahlangu
Municipal Manager
Thembisile Hani Local Municipality
05 September 2025

"To build a truly African City that is citizen centred and driven"

RAMOGWERANE

The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Community Services Department, has on Thursday 4 September 2025, conducted a Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness Campaign at Bafaladi Primary School in Ramogwerane Village outside Groblersdal, EMLM Ward 29.

Led by EMLM Ward 29 Councillor Reginah Makua, the initiative aimed to educate learners about various disaster-related issues, covering disaster-related topics including fire hazards, floods, storms and strong winds, road accidents, electrical hazards, health emergencies, droughts and water scarcity, community safety and climate-related risks.

The initiative was also seeking to promote a culture of safety, preparedness, and resilience among the youth, the initiative seeks to empower learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to mitigate the impact of these disasters.

The campaign brought together key

stakeholders, including Provincial Disaster Management, District Disaster Management, Sekhukhune Fire and Rescue, the Department of Social Development (DSD), South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Road Safety Department, the Community Safety Forum (CSF), and South African Police Service (SAPS).

This effort is particularly crucial in the context of South Africa, where disaster risk reduction and management are critical concerns.

As noted in a recent study on dissemination and participation in early warnings and disaster risk reduction, community participation and information dissemination are key to achieving sustainability in disaster recovery.

Investing in disaster risk reduction awareness campaigns, Elias Motsoaledi Municipality is taking proactive steps to build a more resilient community, better equipped to face the challenges posed by disasters.



EMLM Ward 29 Councillor, Reginah Makua, addressing the Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness Campaign organized at Bafaladi Primary School in Ramogwerane Village.



MEC Rachoene leads Operation Tsoga Moshomi in Lebowakgomo



Limpopo Public Works MEC, Ernest Rachoene, led Operation Tsoga Moshomi at the Lebowakgomo Cost Centre to foster a culture of punctuality and accountability among employees, aiming to improve service delivery in the province.

LEBOWAKGOMO - In a bid to foster a culture of punctuality and accountability in the public service, Limpopo MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LPWRI), Ernest Rachoene, led Operation Tsoga Moshomi at the Lebowakgomo Cost Centre in on Monday 8 September 2025.

The initiative aims to monitor employee punctuality and reinforce the importance of professionalism and service delivery within the department.

According to MEC Rachoene, Operation Tsoga Moshomi is part of his ongoing commitment to instilling a sense of pride among public servants and encouraging them to uphold the Batho Pele principles.

“We want to ensure that public servants take pride in their work and put people first, improve service standards, and enhance transparency in government operations,” Rachoene said.

The Batho Pele principles, which translate to “People First” in Sepedi, are a cornerstone of South Africa’s public service delivery framework.

MEC Rachoene’s hands-on leadership style has been praised by many, and Operation Tsoga Moshomi is one of his dedication and efforts to building a responsive and efficient public service in Limpopo, championing a culture of punctuality and accountability, with an aim to create a work environment that values professionalism and service delivery.

As the LPWRI continues to implement Operation Tsoga Moshomi, it is expected that the initiative will have a positive impact on service delivery and public trust in government institutions.

With MEC Rachoene at the helm, the department is poised to make significant strides in promoting a culture of accountability and professionalism.



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- Minimum Qualifications:** Matric / Grade 12 and N3 in Electrical / Mechanical / Instrumentation / Process Control. Valid driver’s license. Medical fitness certificate. Computer skills;
- Additional Qualifications:** Telemetry-related short courses will be an added advantage; and
- Minimum Work Experience:** 1 year of experience as a Control Room Operator will be an added advantage.

Application Process: To apply, please submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae to: ommrecruitment@lebalelo.co.za. Please quote the reference number in the subject line.

Closing Date: 23 September 2025. Should you not have been contacted by 30 December 2025, please consider your application unsuccessful.

The Association subscribes to the promotion of equal opportunities through fair treatment of its workforce as well as applicants for employment. Only candidates with South African citizenship will be considered. Please note no deviations to minimum qualifications will be accommodated.

Ipopeng Cultural Group excels at International Fisheries Competition



Ipopeng Cultural Group has been honoured to entertain visitors from 15 countries during the International Fisheries Competition, held at Matlala Dam in Aloe Park outside Marble Hall.



Bernice van Wyk
Veterinary Science Bursar

This isn't a story, it's a journey.

I'm Bernice, and I am a third-year veterinary science student from Lydenburg.

Growing up, I was surrounded by animals, nurturing a deep passion for their well-being. So, when it came time to choose a career path, becoming a vet was a natural choice.

When I didn't get into vet school on my first try, I didn't let it deter me, I found new hope with Glencore's support, which enabled me to secure my spot the next year.

University life and the workload in veterinary science have been intense, but I've embraced the challenge. I've shadowed veterinarians in Lydenburg, learning about various animal diseases firsthand that has been invaluable to my studies.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the prospect of entering my clinical year. I see myself running my own vet practice one day, catering to both pets and production animals in my hometown. With Glencore by my side, I'm confident in achieving this dream.

My advice to anyone pursuing their dreams is simple: stay passionate and determined.

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GA-MATLALA

Ipopeng Cultural Group, a Sepedi dance group from Dikgalaopeng Village outside Groblersdal, has recently had the honour of welcoming international fishermen and fisherwomen from 15 countries to Aloe Park in Matlala Dam outside Marble Hall, during the International Fisheries Competition that took place from Thursday 4th until Saturday 6th of September 2025.

During the competition, the group's vibrant traditional dances captivated the tourists, displaying the rich cultural heritage of South Africa.

From Thursday 4 and Friday 5 September, the Ipopeng Cultural Group's youth traditional dancers entertained the visitors, while on September 6th, the group's professionals, Young Lions, and champion dancers delivered a breath-taking performance. The group's children also stole the show with their energetic traditional dance.

Hailey Wells, Aloe Park owner, expressed her appreciation to all participants for promoting South Africa's cultural heritage.

"As we celebrate Heritage Month, we're proud to have

showcased our unique cultural heritage to our international guests. We thank all stakeholders who made this experience memorable and look forward to more events that will boost the local economy," she said.

Nthwaleng Selina Tlaka, Chairperson of Ipopeng Cultural Group, echoed similar sentiments.

"We are honoured to have been part of this event, showcasing our artworks, traditional attire, and performances to 15 international countries. We thank Mr Solly Mojakgomo and Ms Hailey Wells for the opportunity to expose our youth to a global audience," she said.

The event highlighted the importance of partnerships between local communities and event organizers, stressing that working together, they can create platforms that promote cultural heritage, support local economies, and contribute to community development.

The Ipopeng Cultural Group's performance was a token to the richness and diversity of South Africa's cultural heritage, and their enthusiasm and energy left a lasting impression on the international visitors.



Ipopeng Cultural Group mesmerized the visitors with dance performances during the International Fisheries Competition at the Matlala Dam in Aloe Park.

MCC empowers around 1 700 schoolgirls across Four Farms with hygiene packs

BURGERSFORT: Marula Community Chrome (MCC) has distributed hygiene packs to close on 1 700 girls across all high schools in the company's six host communities. The donation of hygiene packs coincides with Women's Month and reflects MCC's commitment to empowering young women and supporting their educational journeys. Each pack includes sanitary pads, a mirror, lip balm, roll-on deodorant, and Vaseline, all essential items aimed at helping young girls manage personal hygiene with dignity and confidence and helping them avoid time off school which impacts their education.

MCC Chairman, Dr Kinesh Pather, commented, "Our support is rooted in addressing the direct needs of our communities, with a strong focus on women and youth. Young girls face numerous challenges that can hinder their ability to learn and thrive. We believe that by providing these hygiene packs, we are not only meeting a basic need but also affirming their worth and potential." Tiny Tebele, from Kesaoboka Foundation, MCC's implementing partner and a community-based organisation, added, "This project is deeply personal to us. As a foundation born from these communities, we witness first-hand the struggles many young women

face.

When MCC approached us with this initiative, we embraced it wholeheartedly, knowing the profound impact it would have. These items may seem small, but they make a significant difference in helping girls stay in school and feel valued. We are sincerely grateful to MCC for this impactful contribution." MCC, a community-owned company holding a 50% stake in the unique Makgomo Chrome Project, has already delivered impactful community development projects across the Four Farms communities with the earnings derived from the chrome project.

These include the provision of alternative energy solutions to over 5 000 less privileged households; the solarisation of 29 schools and ECD centres providing sustainable energy solutions for learners; financial support for small businesses and individuals through short-term loans; and the provision of livestock feed and dips to cattle farmers to bolster local agriculture, among many others. "All our projects have one purpose: to uplift and empower those most in need across the Four Farms communities, enabling sustainable and lasting development as was originally intended with the establishment of MCC," concludes Pather.



Girls from Mohlalamorudi high school receiving their packs

Mob justice suspected in Driekop murder investigation

THANKENG - A gruesome discovery was made in the early hours of Sunday 7 September 2025, at Mooihoeck, Thankeng Village, in the Driekop area, when the body of an unidentified man, believed to be in his thirties and suspected to be a Zimbabwean national, was found with severe multiple injuries.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Provincial Police Spokesperson in Limpopo, preliminary investigations suggest that the victim was assaulted with stones and bottles, pointing towards a possible case of mob justice.

"The police responded to a report of murder at around 06:30 and found the victim dressed in blue jeans and a white T-shirt. Paramedics certified him dead on the scene. The motive for the incident is still under investigation," Ledwaba said.

Colonel Ledwaba reiterated the police's commitment to investigating the incident and bringing the perpetrators to



justice.

"The community is encouraged to work with the police to prevent such incidents and ensure that justice is served through the legal system," he said.

Ledwaba said the police are urging anyone with information that could assist in tracing the deceased's next of kin or lead to the arrest of the suspects to come forward.

Ledwaba encourages anyone who can assist in tracing the deceased's next of kin or assist in the arrests of the perpetrators to contact Detective Sergeant

Mmatlou Nkoana on 082 716 8075, Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station, or the MySAPS App.

Mob justice incidents have been condemned by authorities in the past, highlighting the dangers of taking the law into one's own hands.

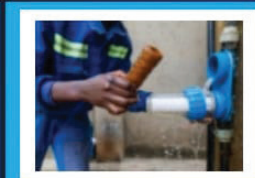
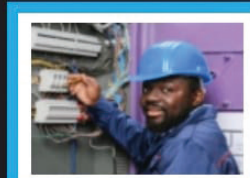
In a similar incident in August 2025, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, emphasized the seriousness of mob justice, stating that it often results in loss of life and hampers legitimate police investigations.



Left to right_Circuit manager and Kesaoboka Foundation representative during handover

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BSDA Super League Under 15 boys competition brings excitement to Mogaladi



Bakone Small Boys FC had their match against Avengers FC postponed due to unforeseen circumstances relating with Avengers.



Ratanang FC suffered a 4-2 defeat from C4 United during the tournament.

MOGALADI - The Mogaladi Hungry Lions Sports Ground in Mogaladi Village, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), was abuzz with excitement on Sunday 7 September 2025, as the Bakone Sports Development Academy (BSDA) Super League Under 15 Boys, kicked off a thrilling day of football matches.

Hosted by GTM Legend FC, the tournament brought together young football enthusiasts from various teams in the EPMLM community.

The day's matches got underway at 10:00am as Ditlou FC taking on Sprinters FC, with Ditlou FC emerging victorious 2-0.

Other matches included C4 United faced Ratanang FC, where C4 United won 4-2, and Happy Fighters FC played against Black Vultures FC, with Happy Fighters FC winning 3-0.

GTM Legend FC, the host team, won 6-0 against Happy Boys FC, while Rocks FC thrashed Seroka FC 8-1.

Unfortunately, the match between Bakone Small Boys FC and Avengers FC was postponed due to unforeseen issues relating with Avengers FC.

Moruti Monama, the league chairman, expressed his gratitude to the parents for their support and enthusiasm.

"During the tournament, we have enjoyed football with the community. Our aim is to keep the young ones from the things that will lead them astray," he said.

Monama also appealed to

the community and potential sponsors to support the league with donations, including small trophies, medals, soccer balls, and referee kits.

"With the support of the community and potential sponsors, the league can continue to thrive and provide opportunities for young football enthusiasts to develop their skills and character," he said.

In addition to the football matches, the BSDA Super League has launched a beauty contest for young girls under 16 years of age.

Monama invited the community to encourage young girls to participate and register for the competition.

"We ask the community to help us recognize those young girls to come and register for the competition," he said.

Monama indicated that the football league advocates to promoting positive values among young people, and parents are encouraged to support this initiative by refraining from bringing alcohol to the matches.

"You can't come to the under 15 super league holding beers in your hands because here we don't promote things that we are fighting against them for this young ones," Monama said.

Monama also arranged for the young players to have something to eat during the day, demonstrating his commitment to their well-being.

"As the chairman of BSDA super league, I engaged business for the boys to have something to eat for the day," he said.

Blue Birds win SADA tournament



SADA's Lethabile Kgwedi (middle) handing prizes to the participants.

GA MAKOFANE

In order to keep the youth busy and to encourage them to focus on sporting activities, the Socialist Agenda of Dispossessed Africans (SADA) organised a top 4 soccer tournament at Ga-Makofane Village. The tournament was held at Blue Birds Sports Grounds on September 6. Titled the Cllr Sparkler Makofane Tourney, this football spectacle was spearheaded by a local councillor at Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality, Sparkler Makofane. Teams from the host community of Ga-Makofane and the neighbouring village of Sekopung competed in the games. The four participants were the Blue Birds, Golden, Royal and Sedibeng football clubs. The final match, which pitted Blue Birds against Golden, was an entertaining affair, buoyed by

the home crowd. Blue Birds scored a 2-1 victory. The top leadership of the party and its supporters attended the matches. Blue Birds received a brand-new soccer kit, a soccer ball and R2 000 prize money. The runners-up, Golden, went home with R1 000 and a soccer ball. Sedibeng and Royal football clubs were also given soccer balls for participating in the tourney.

Speaking after the handover of the prizes, Lethabile Kgwedi from SADA highlighted that sports unites the youth. "This was a perfect platform for our youth to showcase their talents. We thank all the four participating teams and are planning to host a bigger tournament for communities in Ga-Makofane and surroundings in the upcoming months."