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Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs, Basikopo Makamu



Sekhukhune District Municipality MMC for Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation, Carpos Ngobeni at the municipal chamber in Groblersdal.



Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality MMC for Budget and Treasury, Ndumiso Ndlovu.

Masakaneng bulk infrastructure projects well underway

MASAKANENG

Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Basikopo Makamu visited Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) to receive first-hand information regarding the developments underway at Masakaneng Township's bulk infrastructure projects outside Groblersdal last Wednesday.

MEC Makamu received information that 899 sites have been identified in Masakaneng Township and all those are serviced with water and sewerage pipes.

It was further reported that 102 employment opportunities were created through the projects for the people of Masakaneng.

The MEC expressed his satisfaction on the immense progress of the project and commended the district and local municipalities for their dedication and teamwork in ensuring that the development is on track.

Makamu stated, "The positive

progress of this project is a clear indication of the commitment and interest both the district and local municipality have in providing quality services to the people of Masakaneng."

The oversight visit in the area covered engineering projects of the bulk infrastructure projects. CoGHSTA is currently connecting the over 800 households to water and sewerage pipelines.

Makamu was accompanied by EMLM Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) responsible for Budget and Treasury Ndumiso Ndlovu and MMC responsible for Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation at Sekhukhune District Municipality, Carpos Ngobeni.

Residents in the area expressed delight over the implementation of the project to improve the quality of their lives.

They further lauded government on the job opportunities with which the development has created for members of the public.

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Premier Ramathuba unveils newly built schools in Sekhukhune



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, officially opening Mpelegeng Primary School at Ga-Moloi Village.



Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, handing-over the newly built Dikgalaopeng Primary School at Dikgalaopeng Village on Tuesday 25 February.

DIKGALAOPENG/GA-MOLOI

Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has on Tuesday 25 February 2025 officially opened the two newly built Dikgalaopeng Primary School at Dikgalaopeng Village in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) and Mpelegeng Primary at Ga-Moloi Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM).

During the hand-over events, Ramathuba was joined by MEC for Education in the province, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya and the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula.

The hand-over was part of government's infrastructure projects, which marks a significant milestone in commitment towards improving the quality of education and provide a better learning environment at foundation phase.

The schools were also given laptops for administration purpose, school bags and shoes for disadvantaged pupils.

Delivering a keynote address, Premier Ramathuba said handing-over the newly built schools was not merely the opening of constructing building but it was the government efforts to laying the groundwork for tomorrow's leaders, innovators and change-makers.

"In these safe havens, our children will find more than shelter from the storms and the chill of winter, they will discover a nurturing environment where dreams can take flight. A secure and conducive learning environment is paramount. When the rains pour and the winter winds blow, these schools will offer a warm embrace, a roof of safety and a sanctuary of knowledge. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that these

infrastructures remain inviolate," she said.

The premier urged community members to support and safeguard the schools against vandalism and other immoral activities in the villages.

"I call upon every community member and resident to vigilantly look after these assets and to report any act of vandalism. In that spirit, let us unite our strengths, let us be guardians of our learners' education and the integrity of this vision for years to come. May this school inspire a synergy among parents, teachers and communities where every success story penned adds another brushstroke to the vibrant canvas of our history," she said.

Ramathuba indicated that the opening of the school was not only the completion of two vital educational institutions but also their promise to build more schools, ensuring that every child has access to quality education.

"Let these schools be a beacon of hope, a symbol that when we invest in education, we invest in the future of our nation. Let these institutions serve as a luminous guide, inspiring generations to come," she said.

Parents were excited for the completed schools. Reneilwe Rachoshi, from Ga-Moloi Village, is one of the parents who were excited about the completed schools. Her child attends at Mpelegeng Primary School in the village.

Rachoshi thanked government for responding to their call for building a new school. Mpelegeng Primary learners were subjected to attending under trees and in mobile classrooms.

The Education Department MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya said they have been on a trail to unveil completed infrastructure projects across all districts in the province.



The new schools hand-over is part of the government's infrastructure projects currently taking place across all districts in Limpopo Province.



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Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) to notify the public that the Municipality intends to fully implement the provisions of the Street Advertising By law, read together with the approved Tariff Policy for the 2024/25 Financial year.

Members of the public who have erected unauthorized advertising signs within Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Jurisdictions are urged to formalize such signs by applying to the Municipality in a manner prescribed in the latter by-law, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failure to comply with the aforesaid shall constitute an offence in terms of section 38 of the latter by-law, where the municipality shall remove such advertising materials/boards and/or signs without compensation of any person in respect of such advertising sign or hoarding, in any way of loss or damage resulting from its removal.

The approved Tariff Policy for 2024/25 Financial Year, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Street Advertising By-law and prescribed application forms are available for public perusal during normal office hours, Monday to Thursday (07:30-16:30) and on Friday (07:30 -15:00) at the Municipal head office, located at No 1 Groblersdal Road, Jane Furse, office of the Assistant Manager Building Control and/or Acting Manager Economic Development and Planning, or can be accessed 24hrs a day, from the Municipal website, www.makhuduthamaga.gov.za

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Two more suspects arrested for attack on off-duty police officer

MASHISHING

An additional two male suspects, aged 31 and 36, were on Friday 21 February 2025 apprehended in connection with an armed robbery and attempted murder incident of an off-duty warrant officer committed at Mashishing Village in Jane Furse policing area on Tuesday 14 January 2024.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to the information, an off-duty police official, stationed at Burgersfort, was parking his white Toyota Hilux bakkie outside at Mashishing Village next to Library Gardens when a group of five unknown armed men approached him.

"They opened fire on his upper body and the member came out of his vehicle in an attempt to defend himself only to be shot again in the lower body and left unconscious. The suspects then fled the scene with his service pistol, private firearm and two cellphones," explained Ledwaba.

He added that the victim was discovered by a passer-by who managed to call the emergency medical personnel and he was then transported to a local hospital for medical attention.

"On Friday 21 February

2025 midday, members of Nebo Jane Furse tracking team and detective commander received information about the whereabouts of the alleged suspects. The team established an operation that led them to Gauteng Province in Springs, where the first suspect was apprehended. Thorough investigations led the members to Pretoria where the second suspect was arrested," Ledwaba said.

He said one of the suspects led the team to Madibong Village in Jane Furse, where he pointed out where the firearm was hidden at his residential place.

"The firearm's serial number was filed off and it will be taken for ballistic test. Anyone with information that can assist should contact Investigating Officer Captain Fana Mkhwanazi on 082 319 9526, the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111 or make use of MySAPSApp," said Ledwaba. He said the suspects are expected to appear before Nebo Magistrate court soon.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised Jane Furse residents for trusting the police with this sensitive information, which led to additional two suspects and seizure of an unlicensed firearm.



The firearm which was recovered by the police during the arrest of the two additional suspects who were nabbed in connection with the attack of an off-duty police officer.

Limpopo political parties unite under Action SA's Green Umbrella

PHOKWANE

The Democratic United Party (DUP), a political party which was formed in 2022 at Phokwane Village in Sekhukhune, has officially joined Action SA political party under the "Green Umbrella" initiative.

Three of Limpopo established political organizations, DUP, Capricorn Independent Community Activists Forum (CICAF) and Magoshi Swaranang Movement (MSM) were the political parties merged under the Green Umbrella on Thursday 20 February 2025 in Polokwane.

Action SA's Green Umbrella initiative is the political party's realignment drive to lobby smaller political parties in the country to unite under one big political organization.

DUP President, Tonic Manchidi, said joining the Green Umbrella is a bold and necessary step in the right direction for people of Sekhukhune and beyond.

"Today is not just a good day for those of us gathered here but also, importantly, for all the residents across several local governments who are represented by the parties and councillors who have realized that we can only be stronger when uniting around a shared basket of values and ideals to hold hands and work together for an irreversible betterment of the lives of all our communities," he said.

Manchidi said as the Green umbrella leadership, they recommit to put first the needs of people of South Africa.

"Upfront, I must declare that the DUP is committed in making this Green

Umbrella stable and successful for it is the result of the will of the members and people of South Africa. We have repositioned South African politics and the umbrella shall remain wide open for the like-minded political parties," he said.

Manchidi stressed that the change that voters demanded needs to be practically seen, felt and experienced.

"The plan laid out as we join the Green Umbrella is the reset button and an opening of a new chapter for our country under collective wisdom, skills, and capabilities of leaders who chose to work together for the sake of the people of South Africa," informed Manchidi.

He said the DUP believes that local government is a critical sphere of government to impact development and change in the lives of the people of South Africa.

"Our people believe in the power of government to make a difference. And we are happy that through coming together of like-minded political parties, we will deliver the much needed services to our communities. We view this collaboration as a responsive, empowering, force for good. We will continue working hand in hand with community forums as per our culture," he said.

Manchidi said assured that the DUP is committed to a national dialogue to address social cohesion, landlessness and the growing gap between rich and poor.

"We are committed to creating a stability in the Green Umbrella that is responsive and delivers," he said.



DUP President Tonic Manchidi (Left), being welcomed by Action SA President, Herman Mashaba in the party's Green Umbrella.



CICAF President, Shobane Mafona (Left), welcoming the political realignment from Action SA President Herman Mashaba during the Green Umbrella announcement.



MSM Leader, phawue Mphahlele (Left), receiving a warm welcome from Action SA President Herman Mashaba during the Green Umbrella initiative.

DA Limpopo seeks answers on Veritas Digital contract expenditure

LIMPOPO - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo is calling for Health Portfolio Committee Chairperson, Dr. William Malebana to summon Health MEC, Dieketseng Mashego and the department's senior officials to appear before the committee.

The DA wants MEC Mashego and the senior departmental officials to provide further details on the excessive expenditure of the Veritas Digital contract to scan and digitise medical files.

Lindy Wilson, DA Provincial spokesperson on Health, said that in response to a DA parliamentary question, the department indicated that it has already spent over R1 billion since the appointment of Veritas Digital until November 2024.

Wilson cited that in the same response, the department indicated that an additional R250 million was budgeted to the end of 2024 financial year with further allocations to be determined after review process in March 2025.

"The contract is only for the scanning, archiving and storing of medical records and has been progressing at a snail's pace and far from completion despite excessive spending.

Five hundred and twenty-three health facilities form part of the contract but only 64 facilities had their scanning completed by November 2024. It is even more concerning that this only refers to inactive files and no active files have been scanned," stated Wilson.

She added, "The contract awarded



Democratic Alliance Limpopo Provincial spokesperson for Health, Lindy Wilson.

to Veritas Digital has become a noose around the neck of Limpopo's health system. Limpopo has numerous challenges such as doctor and nurse shortages, lack of equipment and dilapidated infrastructure that are much more pressing and must be addressed."

Wilson stressed that the expenditure on digitising files is unacceptably excessive and at current spending levels, it is likely that the department will need more billions of rands to complete all the 523 health facilities.

"During the review process, the department should consider ways to make this process more affordable so that more resources are available for the core business of the department and to prevent the province's ailing health system from collapsing," concluded Wilson.

MLM unveils 2023/2024 Draft Annual Report

The local municipality called for comments from the public on the Draft Annual Report, which has been published and is available on the municipal website: www.Makhuduthamaga.gov.za. Alternatively, comments and inputs can be directed to Mr. Chiloane Thabiso (PMS Officer) at chiloanet@makhuduthamaga.gov.za or 0132658612.



Head of Infrastructure Development in MLM, Cllr Sam Malaka outlined the municipality's 2023/2024 Draft Annual Report at the Kgaola Mafiri Municipal Building in Jane Furse.



Various stakeholders from different parts of MLM attended in numbers during the municipality's 2023/2024 Draft Annual Report.

Fifty-eight youth-owned businesses benefit from Makhuduthamaga Youth Fund

JANE FURSE

The Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), led by the Mayor Cllr Merah Mahlase, in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), have on Thursday 20 February 2025 announced the successful completion and awarding of the Makhuduthamaga Youth Fund's (MYF) first cohort at the MLM Municipal Chamber in Jane Furse.

The historic ceremony was addressed by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Cllr Minah Bahula, underlining the need for economic resuscitation through tourism projects and increased support for youth development programmes.

Since its launch in May 2024, the Makhuduthamaga youth fund's steering committee has received 119 applications through NYDA's enterprise resource planning (ERP) online portal.

Makhuduthamaga is South Africa's first municipality to create a youth fund in partnership with the NYDA. After the fund's inception, both the Makhuduthamaga Municipality and the NYDA allocated R2 million in 2024, to support and fund start-ups and well-established youth-owned businesses within the local municipality boundaries.

During the fund's overview presentation, MLM Municipal Manager, Ronald Moganedi, informed that the youth fund's steering committee approved 58 out of 119 applicants, with an estimated expenditure of more than R1.4 million.

The fund's recipients include a variety of businesses such as salons, restaurants, car washes

and agricultural projects that applied for Threshold one, which is a funding ranging from R1000 to R10 000 and Threshold two, a funding starting from R10 000 to R 50 000.

According to the municipality, it is projected that funding this first cohort of businesses will result in 174 jobs being created.

The municipality said it will soon announce the second round of the fund's application process.

The NYDA stated that it has committed to transferring an additional R445 000 into the MYF account to help fund the second phase application intake. The available money to commence the second phase will be R1 million.

Mayor Mahlase congratulated all recipients and encouraged them to grow and position their enterprises as key players in the local economic market, assist the government and other parties in creating more jobs for our communities.

The occasion was graced by the attendance Member of Legislature (MPL), Faith Sehopela, Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) Cllr Kanana Leokana, MLM Council Chief-Whip, Cllr Mosedi Thamaga, EXCO members including Cllr Moses Namudi Matjomane, Cllr Peter Rankoe, Cllr Makanyoge Morwamakoti, Ward Cllr. Dineo Moshabane who also serves as Chairperson of Portfolio on Corporate Services, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Chairperson of the MYF Steering Committee, Collen Mathabatha, MLM Youth Officer Mathunye Kgari, NYDA Acting Executive Director Operations Manager, Tshepo Manyama, NYDA Limpopo Acting Regional Manager Alpheus Mosoma and other dignitaries.



A total of 58 youth-owned businesses from various parts of Makhuduthamaga received funding from the newly inception MYF.



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SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula (Left), flanked by MLM Mayor, Cllr Merah Mahlase (Right), handing-over a cheque amounting to R44 617 to Koppies Growers company during the hand-over event.

SDM narrative changed for the better – Executive Mayor Bahula



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, addressing the municipality's Strategic Planning Session at the Loskop Valley Forever Resort.

NOTICE OF GRANTED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION RE PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION – TWYFELAAR 119 KT [PORTION OF]

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014, the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA) and related Regulations & Listing Notices.

DECISION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA): Makidimela Holdings (Pty) Ltd had applied for Environmental Authorisation in terms of section 24 of the NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) in relation to mineral prospecting activities for PGMs + Copper + Nickel + Cobalt + Gold + Silver on farm **Twyfelaar 119 KT [Portion of]** in the magisterial district of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality. **The DMRE Ref. No. is LP30/5/1/1/2/15022PR.** The Mine Environmental Sub-directorate of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has decided to grant Makidimela Holdings (Pty) Ltd the Environmental Authorisation on 25 February 2025 and issued the same on 25 February 2025.

APPEAL: Land owners, lawful occupants, community and any Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are given the opportunity to access the decision and the reasons for the decision, and may lodge an appeal against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, if such appeal is available in the circumstances of the decision. Please liaise with the Contact Persons of the Applicant below for access to the EA.

Any appeal must be lodged with the Minister of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and a courtesy copy of such appeal must be sent to DMRE (Limpopo Region) and the Applicant within 20 days from the date of notification, and such appeal must be lodged as prescribed by Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014, and by means of the methods as prescribed below:

Appeal to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Attention: Directorate – Appeals and Legal Review
Email: Appeals@dffe.gov.za
By Post: Private Bag X 447, PRETORIA, 0001
By Hand: Environment House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, PRETORIA, 0083.

Copy of the lodged appeal to the DMRE:

Attention: Deputy Director: Mine Environment
By facsimile: 015 297 7230
Email: Thivhulawi.Kolani@dmre.gov.za
By Post: Private Bag X 9467, POLOKWANE, 0700
By Hand: DMR Building, 101 Dorp Street, POLOKWANE, 0699.

Any I&AP who decides to appeal must comply with the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 in relation to notification of the Applicant and all registered interested and affected parties.

CONTACT PERSONS OF THE APPLICANT:

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LOSKOP - Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Executive Mayor, Minah Bahula, has indicated that the narrative of the district municipality has changed for the better with their work receiving the necessary attention from communities.

Executive Mayor Bahula said the communities are beginning to recognise the impact that the municipality is making, particularly on water and sanitation.

Bahula was speaking during her opening address at the three-day strategic planning session at Loskop Valley Forever Resort which commenced on Monday and ended on Wednesday.

The strategic planning session, aimed at developing a clear roadmap for the upcoming financial year, was held under the theme; "Striving Towards Sustainable Water

Management".

The mayor further announced the establishment of Sekhukhune district satellite offices in all the four local municipalities.

The offices are expected to bring services closer to the people, ensuring better access and efficiency in addressing service delivery needs of communities. They are envisaged for official opening next week. Bahula's announcement follows the water infrastructure acceleration initiative last Tuesday when she convened an emergency meeting with contractors working on water-related projects to assess their progress.

She said, "Progress must not only be reflected in expenditure but must also be visible on the ground." Another meeting is expected to take place next week to review further developments.

Elderly woman's rapist and robber sentenced

ROOSSENEKAL - Doctor Phetla (25) convicted of the February 2024 rape and robbery case in Roosenekal Village has on Monday been sentenced to 25 years imprisonment and an additional eight years behind bars by the Groblersdal Regional Court.

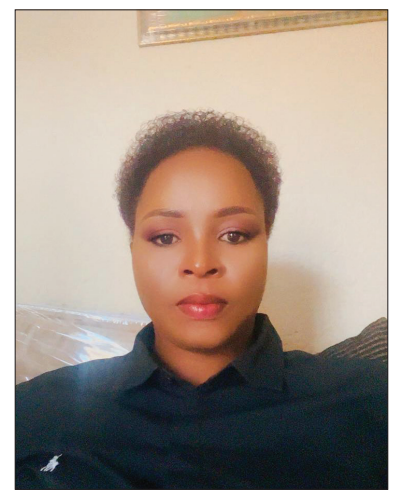
Phetla was slapped with a 25-year imprisonment sentence for rape and eight years for housebreaking and robbery. His sentences will concurrently.

The court heard that on 4 February 2024 evening, an elderly woman aged 76 was at her residence in Roosenekal when she heard a window pane smashing. The victim went outside to investigate and surprisingly, she met an unknown man.

The man pushed her to the ground and threatened to shoot her before he assaulted her by kicking her all over her body.

He then robbed her of two wedding rings, three jewellery pieces, a cellphone, cash, groceries from the refrigerator and a social grant card. The assailant also demanded a pin code for the card, which the elderly gave to him.

He thereafter raped the



Sergeant Pebetse Maile of the Groblersdal FCS Unit played a pivotal role in securing the convicted rapist's hefty jail term.

old woman and fled the scene. Subsequent to investigations by Sergeant Pebetse Maile of the Groblersdal FCS Unit, the convict was traced and linked to the case. He was found in possession of the stolen items.

An identity parade was conducted and Phetla was positively identified by the elderly. The Provincial Commissioner of South African Police Service in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe appreciated the sentence and efforts of everyone who participated in the matter.

"The team conducted an intelligence-driven operation in Bergenek Village within the Westernburg policing area, resulting in the arrest of six undocumented foreign nationals aged between 18 and 37. These individuals were apprehended at various locations and are suspected of being involved in illegal mining activities," explained Ledwaba.

He added that simultaneously, a parallel operation in Vhembe district saw law enforcement officers executing disruptive operations at multiple illegal mining sites. "The team traced undocumented foreign nationals suspected of illegal mining to

Nancefield and Musina CBD. A total of 17 undocumented foreign nationals, aged between 18 and 44, were arrested and charged under the Immigration Act. All the 17 individuals face direct deportation in line with immigration laws," informed Ledwaba.

Ledwaba further said that other seven undocumented foreign nationals aged between 24 and 40 were nabbed around Tzaneen, Mopani district, as part of the disruptive operations.

"The arrested suspects will be processed accordingly and further investigations are underway," concluded Ledwaba.

Disruptive operations crack down on foreign nationals mining illegally



One of the sites where undocumented foreign nationals who mine sand illegally were arrested during the Vala Umgothi Operations on Saturday.

LIMPOPO - The South African Police Service (SAPS) Operation Vala Umgothi in Limpopo led to the arrest of 30 undocumented foreign nationals for contravention of the Immigration Act and for illegal sand mining on Saturday.

SAPS conducted the successful operation in collaboration with the Tactical Joint Operation Command (TACJOC).

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police spokesperson, said five men

aged between 28 and 75 arrested for illegal mining of sand were caught loading the sand into their trucks in the Rakgoadi policing precinct.

Ledwaba further pointed out that a similar operation was conducted in the Capricorn district, led by TACJOC Commander, Colonel David Malisa, alongside Operational Commander, Colonel Choene Magwai and Combat Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Orapeleng Motecwane.

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Sekhukhune Women's Football League registration closes soon



Mashadi Seven Stars is one of the women's football clubs that will be participating within the Sekhukhune Women's Regional Football League.

SEKHUKHUNE

The SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League has announced that registrations for the Sekhukhune Women's Regional Football League are still open for the 2025 football season.

According to the association, the teams' affiliation closing date is Friday 28 February 2025 and players' registrations will be closing on Wednesday 30 April 2025. Teams that have interest to join are required to pay a R1000-00 affiliation fee.

The association said there is no age limit for players and anyone who is interested is welcome to participate in the league.

Frank Maredi, SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League Coordinator, said interested teams are requested to submit their registrations forms at their head office in Jane Furse before the closing.

Maredi said for registrations in the league, the association will require players' ID or birth certificate, two colour ID photos, complete registration form for each player, players' clearance certificate if she is from another team and medical certificate.

"The league will start on the second week of March 2025. The fixture will be available from the first week of March 2025," he said.

Maredi indicated that currently, they already have a few teams that already joined the league including already Dikotope Sports Academy FC from Dennilton, Thoto Ladies FC from Thoto Village, Mashadi Ladies FC from Jane Furse, Kutullo Ladies FC from Ngwaabe and other clubs from Driekop and Mapodile Villages.

Women's football leagues in regions start from February to October each year, with winners gain promotion to the Sasol Provincial Women's Football stream the following season.

Winners in the Sasol Provincial Leagues are promoted to the Hollywoodbets Women's National Football League, a top flight of women football in the country.