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# Someone else is living in my house

## RDP house dream turned nightmare, Martha Mohlala's house built for someone else



Martha Mohlala from Ramogwerane Village has been waiting for her RDP house for the past ten years, which appears to be given to another person in Marble Hall.

### RAMOGWERANE

**M**artha Mohlala, a pensioner from Ramogwerane Village in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), has spent more than a decade waiting for an RDP house that, on paper, was already approved and built for someone.

Her name appears on the 2015/2016 housing allocation list, yet the brick structure that should have risen on her yard was, according to Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) records, erected in Marble Hall, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), for someone else entirely.

Mohlala has been living in a one-room corrugated-iron shelter that has been her home for years.

"I have been patient enough, I don't want to die in this shack. Life is very hard living in this shack for many years. I appeal to authorities to build me a proper house," the elderly Mohlala said with her voice trembling.

She survives on a modest social grant, and the lack of a permanent dwelling forces her to endure cold winters, rain leaks, and constant insecurity.

"I'm asking the government to hear my cry," she said.

Mohlala's ordeal is not isolated. Across Elias Motsoaledi Municipality, dozens of families report similar stories, alleging approved RDP houses that never materialize, or that are diverted to other beneficiaries, often without explanation.

Residents say they have applied three, sometimes four times, only to be met with silence or vague promises.

Councillor Herbert Radingwana, who represents the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) in EMLM, said he uncovered the misallocation after checking Mohlala's ID in the (CoGHSTA) system.

"It reflects in the system that the house belonging to Mohlala was long built for someone in Marble Hall. This is one of the houses that were stolen and sold to non-qualifying people by corrupt officials and councillors," explained Radingwana.

Radingwana's investigation has revealed a pattern of "house theft" in the municipality, where RDP units are recorded as completed but are either sold on the black market or handed to individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria.

"It is painful to see elderly citizens being neglected in a way that their RDP houses are sold to non-deserving people," he added, urging provincial and national authorities to intervene. Radingwana said he will demand a full audit of all RDP allocations in Elias Motsoaledi, a public register of beneficiaries, and the immediate construction of houses for those whose names appear on approved lists.

"I will also call for criminal investigations into officials suspected of diverting houses for personal gain," he said.

In past statements, CoGHSTA in Limpopo has acknowledged systemic challenges in housing delivery, including blocked projects, poor monitoring, and under-performing contractors.

In a 2023 hearing before the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), CoGHSTA officials admitted that many houses remain at foundation level or are left half-built, causing "serious inconvenience to beneficiaries".



Martha Mohlala from Ramogwerane could be living in an RDP house like this one, but hers was given to someone else. image by SABC



**Bernice van Wyk**

Veterinary Science Bursar

## Limpopo scholar transport operators given 60-Day window to comply

**LIMPOPO** - The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety has announced that scholar transport operators across the province will have 60 days, starting Monday 16 February 2026, to finalize their operating licence applications.

The department said during this period, vehicles will only be impounded if operators fail to meet specific compliance criteria. According to Matome Tauatsoala, departmental spokesperson, impoundment will occur for any scholar transport that will be found with un-roadworthy vehicles, failure to produce parent contracts, indemnity forms, or school endorsement letters and those will be using Light Delivery Vehicles (LDVs) or Bakkies to transport learners, and any other traffic law infringement.

"To obtain a scholar transport licence, operators must follow an eight-step application process. They must submit their application in person to the PRE helpdesk for capturing at the nearest district office of the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety," he said.

Tauatsoala added that the PRE will verify the application, checking tax compliance, criminal records, and other

requirements.

"The PRE will notify planning authorities and municipalities of the application. The application will be published in the government gazette. A hearing and adjudication meeting will be convened by the PRE to discuss the application," explained Tauatsoala.

He indicated that the PRE will render a decision, if approved, the operator will be granted an operating licence and asked to submit vehicle documents.

"Finally, an optional eighth step allows applicants to appeal the decision to the Transport Appeal Tribunal (TAT) if necessary. Required documentation includes a certified copy of ID or CK, a valid SARS Tax Clearance Certificate, a clear route description, a timetable, a list of learners signed by parents, the prescribed fee of R627.66, subject to change," said Tauatsoala.

He said scholar transport operators will also be required to a fully completed Form 1B application form, and vehicle documents which are not compulsory at the application stage.

"Applicants must also have no criminal record related to public transport operations," said Tauatsoala.



## 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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The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety say they will take "zero tolerance" against scholar transport operators who will be found without valid operating permits after the 60-Day window period.

# Lebowakgomo husband convicted for wife's murder

**LEBOWAKGOMO** - The Polokwane High Court has on Thursday 12 February 2026, found 58-year-old Molabe Fannie Seribishane guilty on all charges relating to the murder of his 52-year-old wife, Mumy Seribishane who was a nurse in profession. The accused faces four counts, including murder, contravention of a protection order, unlawful possession of a firearm, and unlawful possession of ammunition.

During the trial, High Court Division Judge Pillay concluded that the state had proven its case beyond reasonable doubt and ordered that the accused remain in custody, remanding the matter to 15 April 2026 for sentencing.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the tragic incident occurred on 22 October 2024 at about 18:00, when Mumy Seribishane, who worked as a nurse at Lebowakgomo Hospital, was shot and killed near the hospital gate while reporting for night duty.

"The suspect fled the scene

in a white VW Golf 7. A case was opened at Lebowakgomo SAPS and later transferred to the Limpopo Provincial Office, where it was assigned to Captain Phaladi Makola for further investigation," informed Ledwaba. He added that on 13 November 2024, members of the Provincial Police Tracking Team and the Provincial Investigation Unit (PIU) arrested the suspect in Lebowakgomo.

"During the arrest, police seized a 9mm pistol that had previously been reported stolen in Seshego, as well as the white VW Golf 7 believed to have been used in the commission of the crime. Further ballistic investigations positively linked the recovered firearm to the murder of the deceased," explained Ledwaba.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the conviction and further reiterated that gender-based violence is a serious problem within our society.

"We applaud the hard work by the investigation team under



The accused, Molabe Fannie Seribishane, was convicted for the murder of his wife Mumy Seribishane.

Captain Makola, who put together a compelling and convincing case before the court. We commend the good work by the National Prosecution team who worked with the police to ensure justice is served to the family and the relatives of the deceased woman," said Hadebe.



The 9mm pistol that was seized by the police during the arrest of Molabe Fannie Seribishane who is accused of his wife's murder.

# Operation Shanela delivers decisive results across Limpopo



The Limpopo police Operation Shanela has managed to put 382 suspects behind bars in a sustained high-density crime-combating initiative



Drugs and money were recovered in possession of some of the suspects during Operation Shanela conducted across Limpopo Province.

**LIMPOPO** - Operation Shanela, a sustained high-density crime-combating initiative, delivered decisive results across Limpopo Province from Monday 9 to Sunday 15 February 2026, with police arresting 382 suspects for a range of offences.

Among those detained, 20 suspects were taken into custody for rape, highlighting the police's firm stance against gender-based violence and crimes that target the most vulnerable members of society.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the operation also yielded arrests for 7 suspects nabbed for murder, 5 for attempted murder, 1 for robbery at a residential premises, 8 for robberies at business premises, eight cases opened for illegal mining, one suspect arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and motorcycle, 43 arrested for instances of malicious damage to property and 100 arrested for contraventions of the Immigration Act.

"An additional 107 suspects were arrested for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, 71 for common assaults, one for illegal possession of a firearm, two for illegal possession of ammunition, 18 for possession of dangerous weapons, 15 for possession of drugs, 65 for illegal dealing in liquor, seventeen for driving under the influence of alcohol, eleven for burglaries at residential premises, five for burglaries at business premises, and 2 for car hijacking," explained Ledwaba.

He added that during the sweep, the police confiscated one firearm, 31 rounds of ammunition, 30 dangerous weapons, 112 654,77 litres of alcoholic beverages, 1,04 kg of dagga,

0,16 g of crystal meth, and 0,004 g of nyaope.

"Operational actions included inspecting 1 454 liquor outlets, with 77 unlicensed premises closed, checking 697 second-hand goods dealers, searching 244 scrap yards, inspecting 6 168 informal businesses such as spaza shops, searching 15 852 persons, examining 7 880 vehicles, and conducting 3 313 stop-and-search operations," Ledwaba informed.

The operations were conducted through coordinated actions, investigations, patrols, roadblocks, stop-and-search activities, and compliance inspections.

"All arrested suspects have begun appearing before various magistrates' courts while investigations continue," Ledwaba said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, commended the law enforcement members for their relentless efforts, particularly in addressing gender-based violence.

"Operation Shanela demonstrates our unwavering commitment to protecting vulnerable groups, especially women and children. The arrest of 20 rape suspects sends a strong message that perpetrators of gender-based violence will be pursued and brought before the courts. We remain resolute in ensuring safer communities across Limpopo," she said.

## PUBLIC NOTICE: ALIENATION OF PROPERTY BY MEANS OF AN UNSOLICITED BID

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 36 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy of 2025/2026, and Section 79 (18) of the Local Government Ordinance, Ordinance 17 of 1939 (as amended), read together with Sections 14, 21 and 90 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 (as amended), Section 113 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, Regulations 5 to 8 of the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations of 2008 and Regulation 37 of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations published in terms of Notice 868 of 30 May 2005 (as amended). The Council intends to dispose of the below mentioned property:

PROPERTY	MARKET VALUE	COMPANY
Closure and Sale of Portion of Gutche Street Groblersdal. Between Erf 350 and Erf 349 Extension 2.	R 280 000,00 (Exc VAT and Registration Fees)	Matsheding Trading Enterprise (Pty) Ltd

In adherence to the principles outlined in Section 14 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, and the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality's Assets Management Policy, the principles of fairness, equity, transparency, competitiveness and consistency with the Supply Chain Management Policy, that the Municipality would like to dispose of the abovementioned property by way of an Unsolicited Bid. Furthermore, the Municipality hereby calls for comments from affected parties to respond to this notice by addressing any comments to the Municipal Manager and delivering such comments to the Office of the Municipal Manager in writing within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the issue of this notice.

Queries in respect of the above can be directed to Senior Manager Planning: Mr. B Sethojoa at the Elais Motsoaledi Local Municipality, 2 Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal, tel 013-262 3056 or e-mail bsethojoa@emlm.gov.za. The relevant documentation which supports the above may be perused by interested citizens at the municipal offices, 2 Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal between the hours of 07:30 and 16:00. Please note that certain proprietary information may be regarded as confidential. Written comments may be provided to the Municipal Manager at P.O. Box 48, Groblersdal 0470 by 28 March 2026.

Any person who cannot read and write may visit the offices during office hours, before 28 March 2026 where such person access to the documents referred to in this notice, explain the contents of this notice and the said documents to such person and also assist such person to transcribe his/her comments or representations to the intention of the Municipality, if any.

Ms. NR MAHLAKWANE PR Tech Eng. MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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## EMLM and SDM present Joint 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report to traditional leaders



Traditional leaders from different parts of Sekhukhune provided valuable inputs during the Joint 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report conducted by EMLM and SDM.

**GROBLERSDAL** - Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), in collaboration with Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), have on Thursday February 2026, convened a joint meeting to present the 2024/2025 Draft Annual Reports to traditional leadership.

The engagement, held at the EMLM Municipal Chamber in Groblersdal, brought together traditional leaders and the leadership of both municipalities.

During the engagement, the 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report for Elias Motsoaledi Municipality was presented by MMC Ndumiso Ndlovu.

His presentation outlined key service-delivery achievements, financial performance, governance matters, and challenges experienced during the financial year under review.

Sekhukhune District Municipality's 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report was delivered by MMC Kokie Sefala, who highlighted the district's overall performance, development programmes, infrastructure projects, and ongoing interventions aimed at improving service delivery across the district.

Furthermore, attending traditional leaders provided

valuable inputs and constructive feedback on both drafts.

Among key issues raised included service-delivery improvements and accelerated implementation of projects.

The meeting also highlighted a need for infrastructure development, with emphasis on roads and public facilities and water and sanitation provision, calling for faster rollout and better maintenance.

Roads maintenance was among critical issues raised, with traditional leaders urging regular upkeep to support local economies.

The traditional leaders also urged the municipalities to put

focus on enhanced community development initiatives, seeking more inclusive programmes.

The traditional leaders also stressed the need for strengthened communication, improved response times to community concerns, and closer collaboration between municipalities and traditional leadership structures.

Both municipalities welcomed the feedback and reaffirmed their commitment to transparency, accountability, and cooperative governance. The recommendations will be incorporated as the 2024/2025 Annual Reports are finalised.



MMC Kokie Sefala highlighted the district's overall performance during a Joint 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report presented by EMLM and SDM.

## Bahula challenges SDA to "awaken its economic slumber and unlock opportunities"



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, says they will strive for SDA to contribute to the economy of the district municipality.

**GROBLERSDAL** - The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has made a call to "awaken the SDA from its economic slumberland."

Bahula said during the Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) Strategic Planning Session, held at SDM Council chambers in Groblersdal on Thursday 12 February 2026.

The session brought together public and private stakeholders to chart a new course for regional growth.

Established in 2010, the SDA is the SDM entity, tasked with steering Sekhukhune toward global standards of economic development while ensuring local beneficiation. Mayor Bahula stressed that municipal support will be ramped up to boost investment promotion and facilitation capacity.

"This strategic planning session must awaken the SDA from its economic slumberland. We must

## BPSA demands probe into FTLM's R24 million questionable cession payments

**BURGERSFORT** - The Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) has called for an urgent forensic audit into more than R24 million of questionable cession and subcontractor payments within the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM).

The party's demand follows the Second-Quarter Audit Committee Report for January 2025, which flagged a series of irregularities in the 2024/2025 financial year.

According to the party, the report revealed a series of questionable unauthorized transactions, including a R1.9 million which was paid to cession without written agreements, R9.1 million under unconfirmed cession deals, R919,304 processed but never recorded, R12.1 million paid on pro-forma invoices instead of tax invoices, and R689,698 signed by an unauthorized official.

The report also notes multiple breaches of Supply Chain Management (SCM) policies, including missing tax-compliance checks and absent Central Supplier Database (CSD) verification.

Seun Mogotji, BPSA Secretary General, said these findings were presented by chairperson of the Audit and Performance Audit Committee over a year ago, but no actions were taken by the municipality since.

"The committee resolved that a full forensic investigation be considered and that the matter be referred to the Municipal Public

Accounts Committee (MPAC). Yet, more than a year later, no forensic report has been tabled," said Mogotji.

The delay prompted BPSA Councillor in FTLM, Simon Kupa, to demand immediate commissioning and tabling of a comprehensive forensic report, full disclosure of all officials and external parties involved, recovery plans for any irregular, fruitless, or wasteful expenditure, referral of suspected criminal conduct to the Hawks and the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).

The councillor had also asked for a written declaration from FTLM Mayor Cllr Eddie Maila on any personal, political, or financial interest in the contractors linked to the payments.

"The people of Fetakgomo Tubatse have a constitutional right to know whether over R24 million of public funds were lawfully spent. Silence and delay only deepen suspicion. If there is nothing to hide, there should be nothing to withhold," said Mogotji.

The party has given the municipality seven days to respond with concrete steps toward the forensic probe and an explanation for the delay.

Failure to act, it warns, will trigger escalation to Limpopo Provincial Government, the Auditor-General, and National Treasury.

At press time, the FTLM has not responded to enquiries sent by the publication.



The BPSA demands the FTLM to urgently institute a forensic audit into more than R24 million of questionable cession and subcontractor payments.

become economically vibrant and proactive, and decisively move out of the poverty bracket that was declared in 2001 by former President Thabo Mbeki. Why are our dams, De Hoop and Flag Boshielo, not contributing to the economy at the same level as Hartbeespoort Dam? We have approximately 30 mines within the borders of the Sekhukhune District," Bahula said.

The meeting gathered insights from a range of public and private institutions across various economic sectors.

Lethabo Maphopha of Brought-cargo presented on a digital marketplace that connects SMMEs within the informal economy, while Mr Malebana of the Independent Development Corporation (IDC), outlined funding opportunities for green tourism and natural indigenous products, citing Setšong Tea Crafters as a model.

Serofe Mkhabela from

Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, was also given the platform and expressed willingness to work with the SDA to unlock De Hoop Dam.

Mr JThothela of the Local Government SETA (LGSETA), highlighted areas for partnership with municipal entities like the SDA, while Construction SETA's Mr R.Semenya detailed its funding schemes.

Mahlogonolo Mengwai, from Veltera Platinum, committed to collaborating on high-impact projects aimed at addressing persistent challenges in the district.

Delegates also recommended reviving the Executive Mayor's Mining Managers' Forum, a platform for direct dialogue on mining challenges and opportunities.

"It is time to unlock this potential and position Sekhukhune as a leading hub of economic growth and sustainable development," Mayor Bahula concluded.



Scores of residents from Tafelkop Village blockade Tafelkop Mall entrance to raise their long-standing frustrations against the spilling sewer.



Affected community members from Tafelkop embarked on a temporary shut-down Tafelkop Mall protest to demonstrate against sewer spillage.

## Tafelkop residents shut down local mall over spilling sewage

**TAFELKOP** - The community of Tafelkop Village have on Saturday 14 February 2025, rose in outrage, marching on and temporarily shutting down Tafelkop Mall in a protest over a long-standing sewage spillage that has been seeping into residents' yards since the mall's opening.

Furious locals say they have repeatedly raised the issue with Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 25 Councillor Sarah Makua and the mall's management, only to be met with "a cold shoulder."

The situation has mounted to the point where a large number of residents have gathered to express their frustration and concern.

The protest escalated into a rampage, with dozens of residents blocking shopping mall entrances, chanting slogans, and demanding that municipal authorities intervene before the health of their families deteriorates further.

"We have been living with raw sewage in our streets for

years, it is like we are invisible to the municipality," said Thabo Mahlangu, a resident who lives directly behind the mall.

"Our children play in that water, and we are forced to breathe that foul smell every day. It's a public health disaster," he added.

Another resident, who did not want to be named, said they have been trying to get attention of Tafelkop Mall management and the municipality for a very long time.

"We written letters, we have called, we have even visited the municipal offices, but nothing changes. The sewage just keeps flowing, and now we are forced to take to the streets to be heard," she said.

In response to the community's outcry, Councillor Herbert Radingwana of the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA), penned an urgent letter to the Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi, outlining the severity of the crisis and demands immediate municipal intervention.

Radingwana said he was concerned about the raw sewage flowing through residential sections near the mall area, creating extremely unsafe and unhealthy living conditions.

The letter lists five urgent issues requiring immediate attention, which includes continuous sewage spillage in residential streets, raw sewage flowing openly through the village, children playing in contaminated areas, strong odours and environmental pollution, and serious public health risks to residents.

"This situation poses immediate danger, particularly to children and vulnerable residents. Exposure to raw sewage may result in waterborne diseases such as cholera, dysentery, diarrhoeal infections, and other serious illnesses," Radingwana warned.

The community's demands, as articulated in Radingwana's letter, include immediate deployment of municipal water and sanitation teams to assess and contain the sewage spillage, temporary emergency measures to prevent further contamination, a clear written explanation of the cause of the sewage failure, a timeline

for permanent repair of the sewer infrastructure and public communication to residents regarding health precautions.

"Access to sanitation is a basic constitutional right and a fundamental component of human dignity. The current conditions are unacceptable and require urgent intervention from the municipality. We trust that office of the mayor will treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves and respond urgently to prevent further health and environmental damage," pleaded Radingwana.

The EMLM acknowledged receiving the complaints, and furthered apologised for the inconvenience caused to the community of Tafelkop.

"The municipality sincerely apologises for the inconvenience, distress, and health concerns caused by this unfortunate situation. Matters relating to sanitation and public health are treated with the utmost seriousness and urgency," said Simon Makua, EMLM Spokesperson.

He added that as a government that is closest to the people, the municipality assures the community that this matter has been formally registered in the Customer Care Complaints Register.

"It has further been escalated to the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Unit to coordinate with the Sekhukhune District Municipality and the Department of Health to ensure a comprehensive and urgent response," informed Makua.

He said the community will be formally notified as soon as official communication is received from the Sekhukhune District Municipality regarding the intervention measures and the way forward.

"The municipality will continue to follow up with the relevant stakeholders to ensure that the matter is addressed without undue delay and that a sustainable solution is implemented. The municipality remains committed to ensuring safe, dignified, and sustainable sanitation services for all residents. The municipality once again apologises for the inconvenience caused by this matter," stressed Makua.



### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION BY: DHLULANATHI TRADING AND PROJECTS (PTY) LTD

Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 41(2) (c) of the Regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

**Dhlulanathi Trading and Projects (Pty) Ltd** applied for a **Mining Permit** for mineral **Aggregate and Gravel** in terms of Section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. The project will be following the Basic Assessment Report procedures in terms of regulation 41(3) (b) (i) of the NEMA: EIA Regulation, 2014. The project will trigger Activity 21 of Listing Notice (LN) 1 of the EIA Regulations "Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the mining permit."

The applications cover farm:

**JAGDLUST 418 KS**

**DMPR REF: LP 30/5/1/3/2/13363MP.**

Located in the magisterial district of **Sekhukhune**. You can be involved in the Public Participation Process by:

- sending a fax, email or mail with your name, contact details and concerns/questions relating to the project.
- Providing us with the names of additional people that can be contacted.

All correspondence be received within **30 days from receipt of these notice** will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR). All issues raised during the public participation process will responded to in writing to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). I&AP include all parties concerned, who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting/exploration project. The Basic Assessment Report & Environmental Management Plan (EMP & BAR) and Background Information Document (BID) can be requested via email.

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**DATE OF NOTICE: 20 February 2026**

# AG report reveals alarming shortcomings within Limpopo Health Department

**SEKHUKHUNE** - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has called on Health MEC in the province, Dieketseng Mashego, to “accelerate efforts” to remedy a cascade of deficiencies that continue to undermine the quality of care delivered to residents across the province. The demand follows a recent presentation of the Auditor-General (AG) audit report on Limpopo’s provincial health department to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) portfolio committee in the Limpopo Legislature.

The AG’s findings for the province, described as “shocking,” show that 187 clinics failed to meet ideal clinic status, while 287 Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities were not assessed against essential standards and elements.

The report enumerates several systemic challenges that plague both clinics and hospitals throughout the province non-compliant and unhygienic facilities that fall short of basic health-care standards.

It also reflects poor stock management and medical supply shortages, leaving clinicians without essential medicines and equipment, infrastructure hazards that pose safety risks to patients and staff, including dilapidated buildings and faulty electrical systems.

The report also highlights inadequate water supply and unchecked water quality, compromising sanitation and infection control and insufficient human resources, with critical vacancies and overworked personnel. The impact of these failures is stark. According to the audit, only 5 of 30 district hospitals, consisting 17%, 2 of 5 regional hospitals which makes 40%, and 289 of 476 PHC facilities which is 61% achieved “ideal status” in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Moreover, the province continues to grapple with medico-legal claims exceeding R12 billion, a burden that threatens the department’s ability to fund and deliver adequate services.

The AG report also highlighted irregular



The DA in Limpopo has called MEC for Health, Dieketseng Mashego, to urgently address deficiencies marred primary healthcare service in the province.

expenditure amounting to R39.511 million for the supply and delivery of fire-tube boiler coal, and R88.718 million for public-health linen.

“These figures may strongly indicate a breach of the five pillars of procurement—equity, fairness, cost-effectiveness, transparency and competitiveness,” the report warned. Jacques Smalle, DA Limpopo spokesperson on SCOPA, advised that to address these issues, the Limpopo Department of Health must prioritize infrastructure upgrades and maintenance, strengthen supply-chain management, ensure adequate staffing and training, and implement robust quality-assurance measures.

“The people of Limpopo deserve a health system that works for them, not one that constantly fails them. MEC Mashego must act now to fix these glaring problems, otherwise the lives of our citizens will remain at risk,” urged Smalle.

He added the party will hold the department accountable and push for tangible improvements so that every clinic and hospital can meet the standards our communities expect.

“The DA’s call for urgent action comes amid growing public outcry. Community health workers in rural areas report that patients are turned away due to stock-outs, while families of patients with chronic conditions fear for their loved ones’ safety in facilities lacking clean water and proper sanitation. Civil-society groups have already begun mobilising petitions demanding immediate intervention from the provincial government,” Smalle explained.

In response, the provincial health department announced R2.3 billion “Health Revitalisation Plan”, aimed at refurbishing 150 clinics, hiring 1 200 additional health workers, and establishing a centralised supply-chain hub to curb stock shortages.

However, critics argue that without transparent procurement processes and strict oversight, the plan could repeat past mistakes.

“The audit report is a wake-up call. We need concrete steps, not just promises, to restore confidence in Limpopo’s health system and protect the well-being of our people,” concluded Smalle.




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**REFERENCE NUMBER:** NEDA/CS01/02/2026  
**DURATION:** Fixed Term Contract (5 Years)  
**SALARY SCALE:** R1 139 433.00

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A relevant Bachelor’s degree in Law, Governance, Public Administration, Business Administration, or related field

**EXPERIENCE:**

- A minimum of 3 years’ Company Secretarial experience is required, with Extensive knowledge of Corporate Governance, Company Law, Risk Management Framework, King IV, and King Code.
- Certified Chartered Secretary (CIS) qualification would be advantageous.
- Experience within the public sector or government environment will be an added advantage.
- Suitably qualified candidates who demonstrate strong governance capability and potential will be considered.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- The role will be responsible for developing an annual working plan for the business unit in line with the overarching Business Strategy.
- Develop Charters for the board and sub-committees.
- Develop the Governance Framework to plan, direct, and coordinate NEDA’s governance activities to ensure that governance practices are consistent and aligned with applicable legislation and regulations.
- Provide guidance and support to the NEDA Board, its committee(s), and the Executive Management on corporate governance.
- Establish terms of reference for the Board, inclusive of function requirements and levels of authority.
- Develop an annual schedule of Board and respective sub-committee meetings and circulate to members.
- Monitor the implementation of Board resolutions and legal compliance requirements to always ensure compliance and keep the Board informed on the status and progress.
- Act as liaison between management, the Board, and the Shareholders. Continuously facilitate the training of Board members and actively raise awareness around Corporate Social Responsibility and the Ethics Code.

**NOTE:**  
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The successful candidates will undergo security and qualifications vetting. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only. Applicants should apply online, attaching: an application letter, a detailed cv together with certified copies of qualifications and identity document, as well as the completed NDM-approved general application form for employment (available from Council’s website [www.nkangaladm.gov.za](http://www.nkangaladm.gov.za)) and apply through the link [recruitment@nkangaladm.gov.za](mailto:recruitment@nkangaladm.gov.za). Nkangala District Municipality reserves the right not to fill any of the positions

**Closing Date: 03 March 2026 @ 16:30**  
**For enquiries: Contact Ms. Susan Silindaon (013) 249 2082**

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This is one of the historic initiatives which have been running from the Fourth Administration of the municipality, and is aimed at providing a rebate to both the household customers as well as the commercial clients with the exception of those who are classified as bigger businesses in terms of the adopted Debt Collection and Credit Control Policy.

The initiative has been communicated on various platforms such as the Ward meetings, Mayoral Imbizos, Radio interviews and all municipal communication channels throughout including the current financial year. The main objective of this initiative is to a reduce the debt of the clients through a 90% discount on settlement of the debt to household clients and 50% to the Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

**The amnesty write off is valid until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2026, and community members are encouraged to apply for the amnesty incentive scheme.**

**Amnesty Incentive Scheme**

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**LIMPOPO**

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

## PROVINCIAL NOTICE: LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY

I, Tshitereke Baldwin Matibe, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism. Do hereby, in terms of Section () of the Limpopo Tourism Act, 2018,

### CALL FOR NOMINATION OF COMPETENT PERSONS TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS OF THE LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY

1. I, Tshitereke Baldwin Matibe, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, do hereby, in terms of Section 9(1) of the Limpopo Tourism Act 04 of 2018, invite nominations for competent persons to serve on the Board of the Limpopo Tourism Agency.

2. Section 8 of the Limpopo Tourism Act of 2018 makes provision for the composition of the Board, which is the Accounting Authority of the Agency responsible for the performance of the functions of the Agency. The Board will be accountable to the Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism.

3. A Board Member shall hold office for a period not exceeding three (3) years from date of appointment.

#### 4. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY:

- 4.1. a detailed curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- 4.2. supporting documents that reflect the nominee's knowledge and experience that will contribute to the functioning of the Agency;
- 4.3. a letter from the nominee accepting the nomination; and
- 4.4. a declaration by the nominee wherein the nominee declares any direct or indirect interest, which may constitute a conflict of interest with regard to that nominee's responsibilities if appointed to the Board.

#### 5. THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BOARD:

- (a) at least three and not exceeding five members with knowledge and experience in tourism marketing, the tourism industry or financial and business management;
- (b) a representative of the Department, nominated by the Head of Department; and
- (c) a representative of the South African Local Government Association, nominated by its chief executive officer.

6. Persons nominated must have experience and skills in any one of the following disciplines:

- 6.1. Tourism skills related to the Tourism Industry e.g. tourism management, tourism marketing, tourism destination development, hospitality; etc.
- 6.2. Financial Management;
- 6.3. Business management;

#### 7. A PERSON MAY NOT BE APPOINTED OR REMAIN A MEMBER IF SUCH PERSON -

- (a) is not fit and proper to hold office as a member;
- (b) is not a South African citizen and ordinarily resident in the Republic;
- (c) is an unrehabilitated insolvent;
- (d) is a member of the provincial legislature;
- (e) has been declared unable to conduct his or her own affairs by a competent court;
- (f) has been declared by a court of law to be of unsound mind;
- (g) has at any time been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty;
- (h) has at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of misconduct; or
- (i) subject to section 8(1)(b)-(c), is employed in the public service or the holder of any other remunerated position within government.

8. Interested persons are invited to make written nominations on/or before the **02 APRIL 2026**.

#### ORIGINAL NOMINATIONS CAN BE POSTED TO:

The Office of the MEC  
Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism  
Private Bag X 9484  
Polokwane, 0700

OR

#### Submitted by hand to:

The Office of the MEC, Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Evidiki Towers, 20 Hans Van Rensburg Street Polokwane, 0699

Attention: Ms Sylvia Ndou

For more information please contact:

Ms Sylvia Ndou | Tel: 015 293 8527 or 015 293 8525

# Sports



INSIDE

AG report reveals alarming shortcomings within Limpopo Health Department

## Mojela's brace propels Babina Noko to Betway Premiership third spot



Lehlogonolo Mojela's brace has earned him a man-of-the-match honours and placed Sekhukhune United in the third spot on the Betway Premiership League.

**SEKHUKHUNE** - Sekhukhune United FC delivered a commanding performance on Sunday 15 February 2025, securing a 2-0 victory over Orbit College at the New Peter Mokaba Stadium.

The win, sealed by Lehlohonolo Mojela's early and late goals, lifted them to third position on the Betway Premiership table, overtaking AmaZulu and Kaizer Chiefs and putting them in contention for a continental spot.

The match began with high intensity, as Sekhukhune United asserted their dominance from the kick-off. Just three minutes in, midfielder Thabang Mncube intercepted a loose ball in midfield and quickly played it forward to Lehlohonolo Mojela.

The forward surged into the box and calmly slotted the ball past the Orbit goalkeeper, giving Babina Noko an early lead.

Orbit College struggled to find their footing, with their defensive vulnerabilities exposed by Sekhukhune's relentless pressure.

Despite a few counter-attacks, Orbit lacked the finishing touch to trouble Sekhukhune's backline. The visitors' best chance came when Yanga Madiba's volley sailed inches wide of the far corner, but they failed to capitalize on their opportunities.

Sekhukhune United's second goal came in the 74th minute, sealing the win for Babina Noko. Mojela pounced on a

loose ball inside the Orbit penalty area, skipped past the goalkeeper, and fired into an empty net for his brace, earning man-of-the-match honours.

This double not only boosted Mojela's confidence but also underlined his growing importance to the team, having scored his first league goals of the campaign in this match.

The victory marked a significant milestone for Sekhukhune United, who have shown remarkable resilience and tactical maturity under Coach Eric Tinkler.

Their solid defensive display, coupled with clinical finishing, has made them a force to be reckoned with in the Betway Premiership.

As they climbed to third place, Sekhukhune United's fans are optimistic about their team's chances of securing a top-three finish and potentially qualifying for continental competitions.



## Makhuduthamaga Zonal League to nurture young talent



Jane Furse Blackpool FC is among teams determined to win the Makhuduthamaga Zonal Football League.



Lehwelereng FC is one of the competitive teams within the Makhuduthamaga Zonal Football League.

**JANE FURSE** - The Makhuduthamaga Zonal Football League, established in 1996, has been a cornerstone for developing young football talent in the area.

As a developmental league for the Makhuduthamaga Super League, it provides a platform for aspiring players to expose their skills and potentially earn promotion to the SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League.

The league comprises four streams,

from A to D, each featuring competitive matches that draw local crowds for entertainment.

According to Frank Maredi, the league's Technical Advisor, the Makhuduthamaga Zonal Football League is crucial for nurturing talent at the grassroots level.

"The league gives young players a chance to grow and possibly move up to higher levels of competition," Maredi said.

Maredi, who is also SAFA Sekhukhune

Regional Football League Coordinator, indicated that his involvement in the league is part of a commitment he volunteered to undertake towards the development of football and its role in shaping the future of soccer in the area and the entire region.

As the league continues to thrive, it remains a vital part of the local football ecosystem, fostering community engagement and providing a pathway for talented players to reach their potential.

With its rich history and ongoing success, the Makhuduthamaga Zonal Football League is set to remain a key player in regional football development.

In the latest round of matches, played on Saturday 14 February 2026, Riverside United FC defeat Young Killers FC 2-0, Dithabaneng FC edge out Lehwelereng FC 2-1, and Jane Furse Blackpool secure a 2-0 win over Ngwanamatlang FC.