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# Dipaleseng News



***“Centre of quality, affordable service,  
good governance and  
sustainable economic opportunities”***





**MR. LWAZI CINDI  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

I took over the administration of Dipaleseng Local Municipality in September 2022 with a fist gripped mandate to command the municipality towards a clean audit, sound governance and sharp focus on service delivery accelerated by infrastructure upgrading and maintenance.

As the head of administration, subject to the policy directions of the Dipaleseng Local Municipality Council, responsible and accountable for tasks and functions provided for in, but not limited to Section 55 (1) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000

## ***MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S FOREWORD.....***

and Chapter 8 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Act 56 of 2003 and other functions and tasks as provided for in other legislations as well as those delegated by the Executive Mayor and Council.

With reference to the above, I, together with the following five (5) departments which are directly accountable to the Municipal Manager: Infrastructure Services; Planning & Economic Development; Corporate Services; Community Services & Public Safety; and Budget & Treasury work tirelessly to advance the institution to greener pastures.

Three (3) additional specialized units located within the Office of the Municipal Manager, namely: Performance Management; Internal Audit; Risk Management; and Public Participation also play significant role in edging the institution closer and closer to its goals.

True to the saying "Divided we fall" the spirit of collective rallying, commitment and unity within the institution across varying ranks and levels goes a long way in shaping the municipal trajectory.





## A WORD FROM THE TOP

Dipaleseng Local Municipality continues to remain supportive to initiatives of community development and upliftment especially those humanitarian in nature, moreover around the time of the year when we celebrate Nelson Mandela's birthday.

Nelson Mandela himself once said "If there are dreams about a beautiful South Africa, there are also roads that lead to their goals" Two of those roads could be named good ness and forgiveness. Although our good deeds might seem minute and insignificant, I truly believe that they go a long way to bringing closer to the goal of a beautiful South Africa.

In my State of the Municipality Address, I made reference to the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 31 verse 8-9 which says "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy"

This is why we grabbed the opportunity to team up with our local institutions to touch the lives of our communities, especially disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.

It is crucial that we apologize to our communities who regrettably suffered disruptions to services due to the unfortunate stunt by our employees during the month of August. While we applaud our community for their constant understanding and cooperation during these times, I equally wish to remind all our municipal officials that they have to always remember that working for government should be an honour that we all perform with pride.



**CLLR. KHETHIWE MOEKETSI  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

We have to serve our communities at all times and always be willing to go an extra mile to meet their needs.

We are also pleased with the successful implementation and completion of some of our projects, particularly those of infrastructure development.

As the institution commences the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year, it builds on solid bases of past successes which can only jump start us to improved outcomes in terms of governance and performance measures.

We will continue to strive to attain the best possible performance outcomes in terms of the five key priorities being; Financial viability, Good governance & Public participation, Organizational transformation & Institutional development, Local Economic Development as well as Basic Infrastructure.

# MANDELA DAY CELEBRATED BY SERVING OTHERS

Nelson Mandela Day commemorative activities commenced at Bonukukhanya Primary School in Siyathemba. The Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi together with the General Manager of Grootvlei Power Station, Ms. Tshepiso Temo arrived to handover over one hundred (100) school shoes to the learners.

The Executive Mayor took to the podium to educate the learners about the past apartheid regime and the significant role that Nelson Mandela and his fellow comrades played in fighting and overcoming the oppressive state of the past.

Cllr. Moeketsi pleaded with the learners to be serious about their education and remain respectful and focused on building a bright future for themselves.

DEMSA, a local company owned by Mr. Zuko Ziswana also pledged support to the school by committing their 67 minutes to the school. The company committed to attend to all maintenance needs of the school.

This will go a long way in ensuring that quality learning and teaching takes place in a warm, safe and conducive environment.





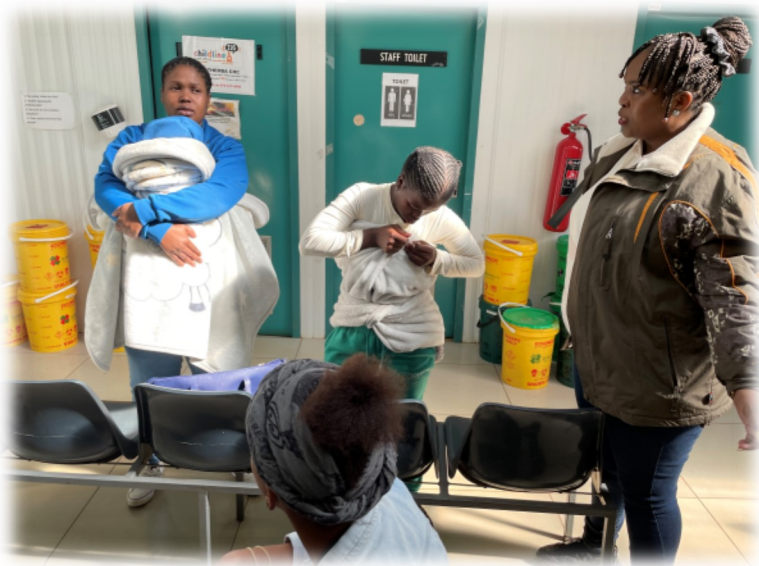


The next stop for the delegation was Bephelong Stimulation Center also in Siyathemba. The delegation included the Executive Mayor, Members of Mayoral Committee, Speaker of Council, Municipal Manager as well as Eskom wherein Eskom committed to install a bore-hole for the center.

Eskom further committed to fix the center's roof and ceiling as the center unfortunately suffered damages to its roof during the December 2022 rain storms.







The journey to good health includes eating well, thus it became of significance to help in feeding patients as part of Mandela Day celebrations. The Executive Mayor and her entourage then went on to visit Siyathemba Clinic where she interacted with staff and community members before dishing up warm, tasty soup to patients at the clinic who were

thankful for the gesture.





As part of the continuing Nelson Mandela Day activities, Dipaleseng Local Municipality also held an indigent registration drive at Siyathemba Community Hall.

Through this program, residents were firstly educated about the advantages of being a registered indigent in the municipality, then they were afforded an opportunity to apply for the indigent registration at the same time.

Residents packed the venue eager to be assisted with queries relating to their account status. Dipaleseng officials from the Budget & Treasury and Public Participation units, ward committee members were present to assist community members with the filling of forms. Balfour Police Station also sent members to assist with affidavits and document certification while councilors were responsible for approving applications on-site.

It was an information packed session with the objective of empowering community members to enjoy their due rights through the municipality. In line with Nelson Mandela's values, tying in with this year's theme, everyone is encouraged to take up random acts of kindness, it is in your hands!





## DLUDLU STREET COMPLETED!

At the backdrop of more than half of the country's unpaved road network being said to be in poor to very poor condition, while about a third of the paved network being in poor to very poor condition.

Dipaleseng Local Municipality implemented a eight hundred and two (802) meter long road paving project along Dlundu Street in Ward 1 in Siyathemba as part of its Capital Projects.

The project budget amount was R12 million with the contractor appointed R9,5 million through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant.







The construction project which commenced back in January 2022 was handed over to the municipality which the political leadership thus officially opened on the 15th August 2023.

Throughout implementation, the project was also able to create 30 job opportunities for locals.



Similar to any other project, this one faced its fair share of challenges, some resulting in numerous service delivery disruptions. The municipality remains appreciative to residents residing in the vicinity as well as the community at large for their patience and understanding during the construction process.



# ***MAYORAL CUP GAMES***

Municipal youth, sports, and culture desk is developed for all inhabitants of Dipaleseng particularly young people. The desk was established to remain mindful of socio-economic challenges affecting our inhabitants. The high rate of drug dependency, crime, violence, sexuality, unemployment and poverty comes as a result of marginalised people primarily manifested in racial segregation, rural based youth, high scarce skills, minimal economic active participation and job scarce environment which works against job seekers particularly young people.



The desk sought to develop a comprehensive context specific to lack of competitiveness in sports, arts and employment skills that poses a serious threat to the municipal long-term socio-economic growth should it not be efficiently addressed. The unit is embarking on a strategy to reposition youth, sports, arts and cultural programmes of action for social cohesion, creation of sustainable jobs and skills development and economic emancipation. The significance progress builds



on the strategic framework that sought to enhance maximum economic participation, development and social cohesion for our community.

It is against this backdrop that the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethwe Moeketsi hosted the Mayoral cup games tournament on the 04<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Siyathemba Stadium, which tournament consisted of four teams from the three nodal points of Dipaleseng, organised



NODAL POINTS	SOCCER TEAMS	NETBALL
Nthoroane	Nthoroane Future Stars	Declined the invitation
Grootvlei	All stars	Pulled out on the last hours
Siyathemba	Chippas Best Amazulu	Netball busters Dream Chasers

First prizes	Second prizes	Third prizes
All stars	Amazulu	Chippas best
1x Trophy, Gold 24 medals, 1x playing attire and 2x soccer balls	24x Silver medals and 2x soccer balls	1x Soccer balls

First prizes	Second prizes	Third prizes
Net busters	Dream Chasers	The was no team that came on the third place due, Nthoroane & Grootvlei teams pulling out of the tournament.
1x Trophy, 15x Gold medals, 1x playing attire and 2 Netball balls	15x Silver medals and 1x Netball balls	











**2023  
LOCAL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT**

**CLLR. KHETHIWE MOEKETSI  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

**“Economic Diversification  
and Investment Attraction in  
Dipaleseng Municipality”**

COME AND JOIN US AS WE TAKE  
STRIDES IN BUILDING OUR  
LOCAL ECONOMY

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023  
09H00  
THUSONG SERVICE CENTRE

stimulation → environment → Economic growth



Subsection 152(1) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa demands that each local municipality promotes social and economic development. In line with this constitutional obligation, the municipality has identified the development of a credible and pragmatic Local Economic Development Strategy which shall serve as a tool for conceptualising, development, implementation and execution of its economic development functions. As it stands, the existing Local Economic Development Strategy is under review and a final plan is planned for finalization in March 2024, in time with the approval of the Draft Reviewed 2024/25 Integrated Development Plan and Budget.

This is the drive behind the municipality having hosted a Local Economic Development Summit with a rider to also re-launching the Local Economic Development Forum for the local stakeholders under the theme *“Economic Diversification and Investment Attraction in Dipaleseng Municipality”*.





The summit, held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the Siyathemba Thuthuzelo Service Centre, was aimed at creating a platform to encourage government, business formations and a wide range of stakeholders such as Non Government Organi-

zations and Non Profit Organizations to participate through vigorous discussions on the economic status quo and opportunities in Dipaleseng Local Municipality that will promote economic diversification, investment attraction and sustainable job creation whilst at the same time embracing the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution, climate change and Just Energy Transition phenomena.

The primary objectives of the Summit were to forge, strengthen partnerships and collaborations between the public and private sector and civil society for inclusive economic growth, diversification and social development in the Municipality. The gaining of efficient and optimal management of LED processes to ensure the acceleration of inclusive and sustainable economic growth based on our superior visionary leadership.

The summit also ensured for a wide spectrum of ideas were shared, including innovative solutions proposed to facilitate the building of a vibrant economy and ensure inward investment was enticed within a short period of time.





The summit commenced with base-line information on some of the topics, but not limited to; Implemented Local Economic Development programmes from the last summit held, Identified sectors in line with the Mpumalanga Economic Growth and Development Plan and Dipaleseng SDF and IDP, Just Energy Transition / Green Economy, 4th Industrial Revolution, Township

Economy, Investment Attraction and its Retention as well as Tourism.

Sector-based Commissions with cross cutting issues were established and clustered into 3 components, namely; Commission 1: Construction, Manufacturing, Land Reforms/ Estate Development, Mining and Energy, Transport Logistics; Commission 2: Women and Youth in Business, Informal and Township Economy and Unemployment organisations, and Commission 3: Agriculture, Tourism, Sports, Arts & Culture and Social Welfare.



These commissions were involved in very robust, honest and sometimes very confrontational deliberations on plans, programs and proposed ideas and proposals that would find expression in the aforementioned final LED Strategy that would assist to fulfil economic diversification while attracting sustainable investment for the locality.

The second day commenced with the wrapping up from the previous day's deliberations through the tabling of reports from the three commissions and discussions thereof. The Summit was also subjected to an introduction of a new building material to be manufactured within Dipaleseng. With the commission reporting being brought to a conclusion, the focus of the house then shifted to the election of chairpersons to lead the various working groups



and the re-launching of the Local Economic Development Forum. In terms of a mutual consensus, eleven working groups would constitute the newly re-launched LED Forum under the overall presiding chairperson, the Honourable Executive Mayor of the Municipality. The following working groups were agreed upon, (1) Youth, (2) Education, (3) Women in Business, (4) NGOs and



NPOs, (5) Mining and Energy, (6) Agriculture and Land Reforms, (7) Tourism, Arts and Culture, (8) Township and Rural Economy, (9) Construction, (10) Manufacturing and (11) Transport Logistics.

The Summit assisted the municipality to create a platform for best practice sharing

between practitioners, civil society, and other parties to strategize and plan a development trajectory towards the smart, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth, which led to a development of a joint action plan for the municipality's proactive attempt to circumvent the low growth, high unemployment and inequalities characterizing the municipal jurisdictional space.

All the proceedings were undertaken in the presence and under the watchful eye of the Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs, as the custodian upper structure of local government affairs.







The municipality remains steadfast in its commitment to facilitate a platform for the abovementioned working groups which we further hope will build a rich, vibrant and accountable forum and anticipates to upsurge above these trials and achieve this in the near future through the implementation of the Local Economic Development Strategy.







The municipality is delighted at hosting such a summit and further commits to escalate all the declarations made therein into the economic agenda of Council.

The municipality also thanks all those that sponsored and supported this event and also take serious appreciation of all stakeholders who made time and effort to form part of this ground breaking event within their hectic schedules.



# HAPPY TO OWN HOUSES

Joy and jubilation consumed new residents of Ridgeview, in Siyathemba as they were handed key to their new humble abodes in the area.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi together with the Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shoji, other political leaders accompanied by the Accounting Officer of the institution, Mr. Lwazi Cindi handed over more than forty housing units to eagerly awaiting community members.

Though this project is drawing to its completion with the contractor finalizing the construction of the last units as according to the contract allocation for the project, it has evidently had immeasurable impact on the lives of the beneficiaries who have become proud home owners of the new and blooming township.

Security of tenure for communities is one of government's priorities as it fights to secure this in achieving in-



egrated and sustainable human settlements across the country, Dipaleseng residents are part of these wheels of change.









## LICENSING INFORMATION

**DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

**LEARNERS LICENSE BOOKINGS – DAILY**

**LEARNERS TESTING – TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

**DRIVERS LICENSE**

**BOOKINGS AND TESTING - DAILY**

**VEHICLE ROADWORTHY TESTING – DAILY**

**DIPALESENG OPERATING HOURS**

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
07H45 - 15H00

FRIDAY  
07H45 - 14H00

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

CERTIFIED IDENTITY DOCUMENT

PROOF OF RESIDENCE NOT OLDER THAN 3 MONTHS

FOR INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS- CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM WARD COUNCILOR

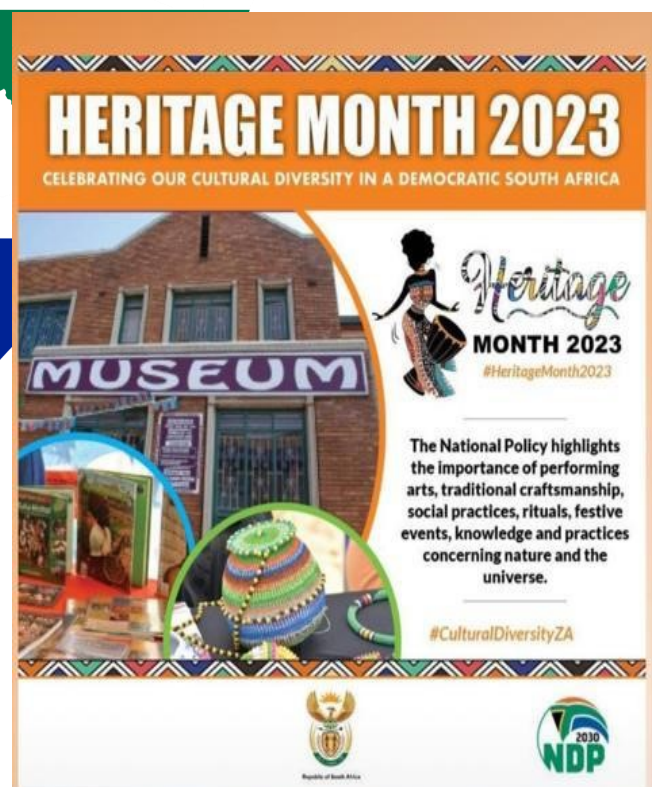






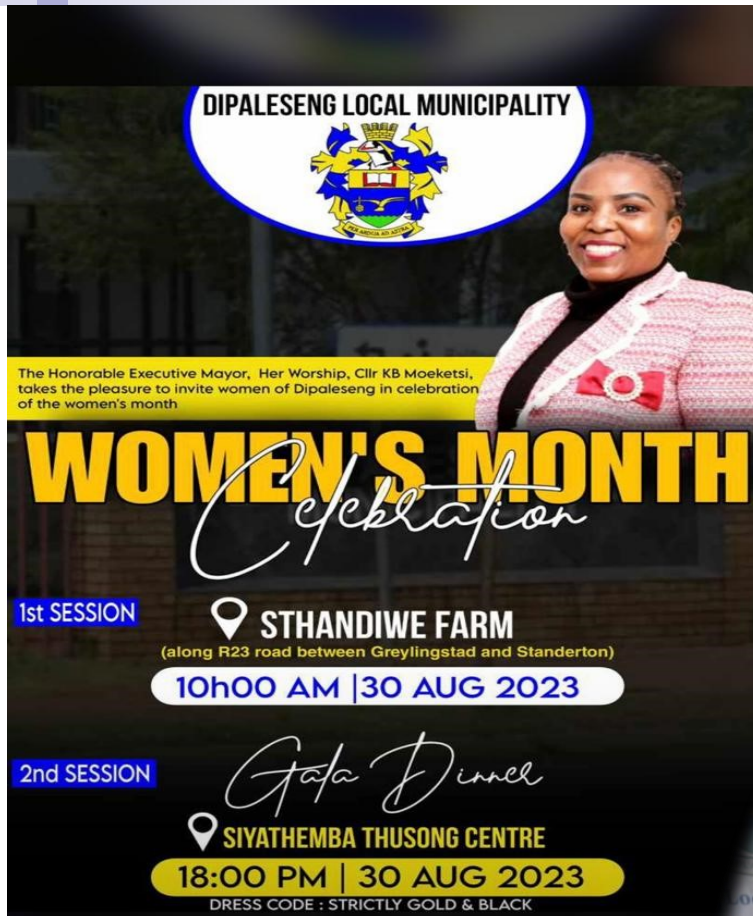








# EXECUTIVE MAYOR CELEBRATES WITH DLM WOMEN







**CLLR. KHETHIWE MOEKETSI**  
**EXECUTIVE MAYOR**



**Accelerating Socio-Economic  
Opportunities for Women's  
Empowerment**

#WomensMonth2023 #WomensDay2023

*The women of 1956 and countless*

*others set the tone for gender equality*

*and empowerment in a democratic South Africa hence during Women's Month, we pay tribute to women in the liberation struggle and the women of today.*

*2023 marks the 67th anniversary of the 1956 women's march to the Union Buildings, thus the 9<sup>th</sup> of August serves as a reminder of the crucial role that women play not only in our country, but in society as whole.*

*South Africa has a plethora of strong laws and policies to advance women's rights and gender equality, however women continue to be disproportionately affected by poverty, unemployment, hunger and inequalities.*

*The focus for the 2023 Women's Month programme is on the acceleration of socio-economic programmes and activities across different sectors to fast track gender mainstreaming across initiatives such as; creating more opportunities for women's inclusion and empowerment; enabling women to either take up employment in apprehensive sectors or develop their entrepreneurship or businesses within these.*

*Drawing on the various on-going economic initiatives and interventions in the country is critical for the inclusion of women into mainstream economic activities. The emphasis is not just on women's employment, but on their participation, representation, ownership and control within the economic sphere. There are ongoing programmes by key government departments to also increase women's access to opportunities for entrepreneurship development, SMMEs and Cooperatives.*

*At a more local level, efforts can be aimed at identify existing challenges for women in penetrating various job sectors, identifying current opportunity areas in terms of employment, job creation, enterprise development and SMMEs as well as within existing value chains.*

*Through relevant structures, exercises that would explore funding opportunities available, create the space for sharing of experiences from women in all their diverse sectors and initiating processes of identifying role models for lobbying and advocacy especially to young women and school going girls for career pathing and leadership pipeline creation should be undertaken.*

*The National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide requires all of civil society to pull together in realizing the plan. It is the responsibility of all South Africans to end the culture of silence around gender-based violence and report perpetrators to the police. All of us, whether in our communities or in our homes must do all we can to promote and protect the rights of women and children.*



# HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY







# CAPITAL PROJECT LIST 2022/23

#	Project name	Project Budget Amount	Expenditure to date	Project Status	Challenges	Implementing Agent	
1	Upgrading of Siyathemba Stadium (Phase 3)	R1.1m	R0.00m	Project under SAPS investigations	The Contractor was terminated	DLM	
2	Construction of 10MVA Balfour Substation – Phase 3	R 0 m	R 0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Awaiting Eskom to connect Electricity	DLM	
3	Electrification of 1 200 Households (HH) in Ridgeview – Phase 2	R 5 m	R 2.2 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 83%)	None	DLM	
4	Upgrading of Fortuna Water Treatment Works (From a 6.5 Ml/day to 19.5 Ml/day)	TBA	R 0.00m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 89%)	Slow progress, Site closed due to a casualty	GSDM	
5	Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management – Phase 3	R 4m	R 2.9 m	Phase 3 Completed	None	DLM	
6	Upgrading of TVET College	R 142m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%)	Unreleased retentions of other subcontractors	DHET	
7	Balfour Community Health Centre	R299m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%)	Bulk water connection to the facility	DoH	
8	Construction of Multi-purpose hall and childcare Centre in Dipaleseng L.M.	R 20.6m	R0.00	Construction stage: (Physical progress 35%)	Very slow progress	DHS	
9	Balfour/ Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 3	TBA	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Some Works cannot be implemented due to Sizanani Land agreement	GSDM	
10	Construction of 802 m long Dluldu Street in Siyathemba Ward 1	R 12m	R 5.3m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 45%)	Appointment of Contractor delayed	DLM	
11	Upgrading of Siyathemba Sewer Pump Station	R 12m	R 2m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 35%)	N/A	DLM	
12	Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 4	R166m	R26m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 57%)	BPT land allocation Acquiring approval for way-leaves	GSDM	
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13	Appointment of a Contractor for the Construction of 2 X 4km Feeder Lines to Ridgeview.	R40m	R8.4m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 12%)	N/A	DLM	



Condi- tional Grant	Job oppor- tunities cre- ated	Consultant	Date Ap- pointed	Contractor	Date Ap- pointed	Appoint- ment amount	Target Dates
MIG	24	NKP Consultants	23-Jan-2018	Big Family Con- struction	13-Aug-2018	R 11.5m	Start Date:
							21/05/2018
							Completion:
							N/A
INEP	19	F&A Consulting	16-Oct-2015	Kgoshi Electri- cal	10 April 2019	R34m	Start Date:
							10/04/2019
							Completion:
INEP	10	Melokuhle Man- agement	12-Nov-2019	Kgoshi Electri- cal	03 Feb 2021	R27.98	30/11/2022
							Start Date:
							03/05/2021
DWS	36	Vumesa	18-June- 2018	Avax SA	20/03/2019	R 102.8 m	Completion:
							03/05/2022
							Start Date:
EEDSM	15	TJM Greentech/ Rock of Africa	30-Sep-2020	TJM Greentech/ Rock of Africa	30-Sep-2019	As per funds sourced	20/03/2019
							Completion:
							30/11/2022
DHET	186	MSW and Con- sulting Engineers	N/A	Shomang Con- struction	N/A	R142m	Start Date:
							01/08/2019
							Completion:
DoH	205	TBA	TBA	ENZA Con- struction	TBA	TBA	TBA
							Start Date:
							07/11/2019
DHS	25	NATHOO MBEN- YANE ENGI- NEERS	TBA	TSSN	07 May 2019	R20.6m	Completion:
							30/01/2023
							Start Date:
RBIG	20	Vumesa	TBA	MPFUMELELO Business Enter- prise	17 Dec 2019	R 199m	24/06/2019
							Completion:
							31/01/2020
MIG	30	Zenkcon Engi- neers	15-Jan-2022	Mpophoma Construction	21 October 2022	R 9.5 m	Start Date:
							13 Jan 2020
							Completion:
MIG	20	Atiso Consulting	15-Jan-2022	VMT Civils	08-Nov-2022	R 9.9m	21/06/2023
							Start Date:
							08/11/2022
RBIG	20	Vumesa Consult- ing	18-June- 2018	GPTN Trading	15-Mar-2022	R166m	Completion:
							08/07/2022
							Start Date:
INEP	20	Melo20kuhle Management	15-Jan-2022	Euremaro In- vestment	27-Oct-2022	R27m	15/03/2022
							Completion:
							15 November 2023
INEP	20	Melo20kuhle Management	15-Jan-2022	Euremaro In- vestment	27-Oct-2022	R27m	Start Date:
							15/11/2022
							Completion:
INEP	20	Melo20kuhle Management	15-Jan-2022	Euremaro In- vestment	27-Oct-2022	R27m	15 November 2023
							Completion:
							15 November 2023

# ***PHOTO GALLERY***











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