



"In our quest to attain Social Cohesion and Nation Building, we will at the center have Young People given priority."





PROVINCIAL BUDGET SPEECH PRESENTED BY MEC FOR ARTS, CULTURE, SPORTS AND RECREATION – RRE MOKONE COLLEN MAINE AT THE NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON THE 30 JULY 2024

Honourable Speaker, Desbo Mohono

Honourable Premier, Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi

Honourable Deputy Speaker, Tshepo Khoza

Honourable Chief Whip, Motlalepule Rosho

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Honourable Members of the Legislature

Representative of House of Traditional and Khoisan Leaders

Executive Mayors and Councilors

Head of Department, Mr Itumeleng Mogorosi

Chairperson and Board Members for Mmabana, Arts, Culture and Sport

Foundation, as well as the Acting Chief Executive Officer

All Sector Stakeholders

Distinguished Guests

Media Present

Ladies and Gentlemen

Baagi ba Bokone Bophirima

Madume go lona









Hon Speaker, the presentation of this budget speech comes at a tail end of the Mandela Month. During this month people from across the world and in our beloved country have been hard at work touching the lives of the poor, marginalized and economically disenfranchised.

Hon Members, in the next two days we will be ushering in another important month in the calendar of the country's post democratic dispensation. Our fight for liberation was among others inspired by women of great stature, fortitude and wisdom.

Our province prides itself with brave and courageous women like Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati, Mme Kotane, Rita Alice Ndzanga, Getrude Mphekwa and many others who led charge of the 9th of August women's march in protest of apartheid pass laws.

Proverbs 31 verse 20 says this about a strong woman: "She does not wait to be served but rises early, even before sunrise, to delegate tasks and engage in business. She possesses "a range of manual, commercial, administrative, and interpersonal skills." This woman "opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy".

It is their resilience and courage which served as a source of inspiration to youth and activist like Onkgopotse Tiro. Tiro who was born in Dinokana, changed the course of youth activism in our country. As a history teacher at Isaac Morrison High School, Tiro inspired youth activists like Tsietsi Mashinini to fight against the Bantu Education Act as well as the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in schools. This culminated into student's protests which we celebrate and commemorate annually as a Youth Day.





Oliver Tambo as the longest serving President of the African Nation Congress has long maintained that: "The children of any nation are its future. A country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth and children does not deserve its future".

Therefore, this budget speech supports the Honourable Premier Mokgosi's assertion of making youth development an apex priority of the 7th Administration.





On Job Creation and building a capable and developmental state

Hon Speaker, to capacitate the Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation with a competent and capable workforce, the department has in 2023/24 filled a total of sixty-one (61) vacant funded posts.

We further created eight hundred and twenty-two (822) job opportunities, inclusive of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and temporary employment created in events, productions, etc.

We need to constantly remind the youth to draw strength from

1st Corinthians 16:9 which states thus: "A wide door of opportunity is open for me, and there are many adversaries." Anytime you have opportunity—anytime you're about to move forward and take new ground— there will be opposition, people trying to discourage you, things you don't understand. The people that reach their destiny aren't moved by what's not working out"

In the 2024/25 financial year, key management vacancies earmarked to be filled includes the one of Chief Director: Sports and Recreation and Director: Recreation Management.

The department will create one thousand (1000) work opportunities and will also place thirty (30) work integrated / internships on different programmes to give them experience. We will through Mmabana implement the creative arts programmes that will create a further five hundred and five (505) work opportunities.

The department will also finalise the organizational structure to align to strategy, and implement the National Policy decision to appoint Librarians and Assistant Librarians funded through a Library Conditional Grant on a permanent basis.







We will focus our efforts to create stability in management at Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sport Foundation. To this effect, the filling of the following posts will be expedited: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Regional Director: Taung, Director: Mmabana Taung, Regional Director: Lehurutshe, Regional Director: Bojanala, and Director: Performing Arts

On building safer communities

Madam Speaker, the department has in the 2023/24 financial year, implemented twenty eight (28) interventions in response to the National Strategic Plan on Gender Based Violence, R2m was spent.

We worked with various stakeholders in the implementation of strategic plan and will continue to roll out the programmes to create awareness and educational programmes using the creative sector to fight this pandemic. In 2024/25, we will implement thirty (30) interventions on fighting GBV. We will through Mmabana, Arts, Culture and Sports Foundation, continue to implement programmes such as Karate self-defense lessons to women, working with various stakeholders as part of the efforts to fight gender-based violence.

The book of Proverbs 31:8-9 – teaches us that we need to 'Speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy". Psalm 82:3 – "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute".

On Education and Skills Development

Twenty-five (25) young people were placed on work integrated / internship opportunities in various fields. This was done in partnership with different Sectoral Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), and these learners were provided with stipends. Currently, the department and the entity are





providing fourteen (14) students with bursaries to equip them with necessary skills. We will in 2024/25 allocate a further eleven (11) bursaries for officials to upskill them in order to improve performance.

On fighting corruption and promoting integrity

Madam Speaker, the department has adopted a zero tolerance to fraud, misconduct and non- compliance with laws and regulations. To this end, the department is in the process of investigating suspected fraud cases.

Three (3) criminal cases have been opened with the South African Police Services. One (1) service provider has been apprehended and has appeared in court, internal investigations are ongoing.

On strengthening governance and accountability

In our quest to strengthen governance and accountability, the department has during the 2022/23 financial year attained an unqualified audit outcome with only one (01) paragraph on the performance information.

Hon Speaker, we are inspired and still in pursuit of the clean audit target for the 2023/24 financial year with reference to the audit outcomes that has just been concluded, we believe the target will be attained.

Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla

The department acknowledges the need to rigorously increase revenue generation. In the coming Medium Term Expenditure Framework, we will implement strategies to improve our revenue collection.







On Creative and Cultural Industries

Hon Speaker, we have a mandate to promote and support diverse creative industries, festivals, books, visual mandate to promote arts, cultural projects, invest in museums, promotion of languages and to protect our heritage.

We have successfully hosted the Annual Mahika Mahikeng Cultural Festival, in the 2022/23, and 2023/24 financial years, which saw thousands of patrons descending to Mahikeng, impacting positively on the hospitality, transportation, and the general local economy. We will from the $05^{th}-08^{th}$ December 2024 host our Annual Mahika Mahikeng Cultural Festival as a strategic government flagship project.

Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla, the Taung Cultural Calabash is the pride of the Taung and North West people generally, this programme will be resuscitated to ensure that it become what it used to be. The department will ensure that there is an improvement in organizing the event.

Heritage Liberation Route

Hon Speaker, the department has installed and unveiled Mme Rebecca Kotane's tombstone in Ga Matlhako (Pella).

We partnered with Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati Foundation and supported the annual Pilgrimage of Dr Ruth Mompati on 14th of September 2023. The library in Raditshane Secondary School in Tlapeng, Kagisano Molopo Local Municipality was completed, and named after Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati.





We also hosted the memorial Lecture and Pilgrimage of Onkgopetse Tiro on 8th of December 2023.





We have constructed an interpretation center and an ablution block at the JB Marks Capture site and an amount of R 1m was spent. The site will continue to be developed into a proper heritage site over the MTEF.

The department will in the 2024/25 financial year, continue to support these heritage sites and will furthermore, initiate processes to create documentaries on JB Marks, Moses Kotane, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Sol Plaatje, and the work will be completed over MTEF period. This is significant as we are preserving the work they have done in fighting for freedom and democracy.

Support to Artists

Hon Speaker, during the 2023/2024 financial year, the department issued a call for proposals for partnerships to ascertain sector requirements, a total of 190 (hundred and ninety) applications from accross the province was received requring a total budget of R 194m. Due to inadequate budget, we were only able to support 13 (thirteen) applications with a total amount of R1.5m. This is a clear indication that the sector needs further support.

Twenty-one (21) artist structures, groups and veterans were financially supported, through National Treasury Regulation 21.1 issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, with an amount of R2m.

The department created a platform for seven (7) crafters in the province to participate and showcase their work during the DECOREX exhibition hosted in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Hon Speaker, we will in the 2024/25 financial year host a North West Film festival at which we will showcase work done by creatives in this sector.

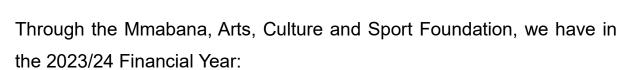
Creativity and creative skill are God-given gifts. In Exodus 35:35 we are told that "The Lord has given [His people] special skills as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple, and scarlet thread on fine linen cloth and weavers

Madam Speaker, already in this current financial year (2024/25), nine (9) crafters were again supported by the department and attended the DECOREX exhibition in Cape Town and this will further be held in Sandton- Gauteng Province from the 01st to 4th of August 2024.









- ♣ supported fifteen (15) groups for physical theatre productions comprising of ninety- six (96) young artists, including a theatre production produced by a disabled practitioner.
- ♣ supported five (5) online productions comprising of eighty-four (84) young artists to perform at the Makhanda National Arts Festival.
- financially supported 28 (twenty-eight) projects through the North West Arts and Culture Artists Funding.

In 2024/25, the entity has already supported the following groups to perform at the (Makhanda) National Arts Festival:

- ♣ Ten (10) groups for physical theatre productions comprising of one hundred and twenty-nine (129) artists,
- ♣ Six (6) groups of sixty-six (66) artists for online productions.

Artists were given the opportunity to showcase their performances at a prestigious arts event. Notably, one of the North West productions, "Roped" from Dr. RSM District, was honoured with the Festival's Ovation Award. Special thanks goes to a female director, Tebogo Lechaba, who spearheaded this production to this remarkable achievement.

In the 2024/25 financial year, we will through the Mmabana Foundation implement the creative arts programmes (performing and visual arts) which will reach an estimated seven thousand (7000) beneficiaries through various activities.







We will further implement the finale of the Mmabana Talent search and ensure that identified artists are developed and supported.

On Cultural Villages.

Hon Speaker, the department has completed the building of four (4) projects of cultural villages in Moshana, Dinokana, Morokweng and Ganalaagte.

Working le Dikgosi tsa rona, we will handover these cultural villages to them for implementation of programmes. In 2024/25, we will focus on the following cultural villages: Kudunkgwane, Tseoge, Matloding, Tshedilamolomo, and Sione. These will be completed and handed-over for use by the Traditional Communities.

Celebrating our Diversity

We have a mandate to celebrate all national commemorative days as part of our contribution towards social cohesion and nation building.

In the 2023/24 Financial year, the Province, led by this department, celebrated all the national commemorative days.

We will also in the 2024/25 financial year celebrate these days, as we have successfuly celebrated the Provincial Freedom Day in Lehurutshe and Provincial Youth Day in Derby.

On the 30th of August 2024, we will celebrate provincial womens day in Atamelang, in Tswaing Local Municipality. We will further host the provincial Heritage Day on the 27 September 2024 in Manthe, Greater Taung Local Municipality.





On Museums

Hon Speaker, the department in collaboration with the National Department of Tourism is implementing a project to refurbish Mahikeng Museum, this work started in October 2023 at the cost of R6.9m. The first phase of the project which was refurbishment is complete, the next phase will be implemented in the current financial year.

We have set aside R 1.1m to support the following museums: Ikageng Museum, HC Bosman Museum, Klerksdorp Cultural History Museum, Kraaipan Museum and North West Committee of Museums.

The following departmental agencies, structures and Non-Profit Organization were supported with funding in the 2023/24 financial year and achieved the following:

Bokone Bophirima Publishing House: R1.4m

- ♣ Assisted Prof Sekepe Matjila to publish his book called Poetry and Patronage. The Book received an international platform and Prof. Matjila was reviewing this book from the 28th to the 31st of March 2024 at the University of Austin in the United State of America.
- ♣ Received hundred and eight (108) manuscripts from aspiring writers. Out of these, thirty-two (32) books were published, fifty-five (55) were sent for editing and proofreading, twenty-one (21) manuscripts were sent back to authors for further development.
- Successfully facilitated writers workshops for thirty-eight (38) Military Veteran Writers held in Vryburg, Klerksdorp, Groot Marico and Swartruggens.





Provincial Language Committee: R1.4m.

♣ Facilitated the engagements with North West School for the Deaf in Leeudoringstad, the Department of Education as well as our department will provide support in the employment of professional Sign Language Interpreters for the school. The school recorded an increase in pass rate as a result of this intervention.

The North West Provincial Heritage Resources Authority: R1.6m.

♣ Adjudicated and issued nine (9) permits for total/ partial demolition alterations subdivision and restoration for buildings more than sixty (60) years old.





On libraries, access to information, and archives

Honourable Speaker, Annually the Department builds libraries and establishes modular structures, provide library books, furniture, educational toys, aid and games and we depend solely on the Library Conditional Grant from the National Department.

In 2023/24, the following libraries were completed: Southey, Tlapeng, Rekgaratlhile, Migdol, Uitkyk, and Redirile. All libraries have been fully equipped with furniture, books, computers and photocopiers for official use as well as for public access.

At the end of 2023/24 financial year, a total of hundred and thirteen (113) libraries, out of the planned hundred and twenty-three (123) libraries were connected to the internet /Wi-Fi. This project was implemented through the support of Office of the Premier and the State Information Technology Agency (SITA).

The department acknowledges challenges in relation to time completion of capital projects and will implement measures to remedy the performance. This includes building internal infrastructure capacity, reviewing the organizational structure, and consideration for establishing a Performance Management Unit.

We will be monitoring Library Projects in Madibe a Makgabana, Dinokana and Wolmaransstad to ensure their completion. It is envisaged that the three (3) will be opened in the 2024/25 financial year.



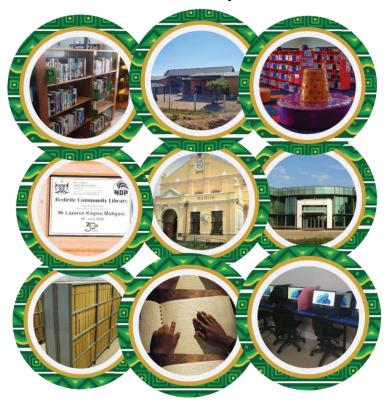


The Library Projects in Matlosana, Bodibe, Boitumelong/Coverdale, Mabeskraal and Ganyesa are still in the planning phase and will move to the construction stage in the 2024/25 financial year.

The Department in partnership with the South African Library for the Blind (SALB) is intensifying library and information service for the blind and visually impaired people.

There are computers in community libraries designated for visually disabled people that are being installed with accessibility software, i.e. talking typing, teacher and Non Visual Desktop Access (NVDA) screen reader.

Eighteen (18) blind and visually impaired people selected around Dr Kenneth Kaunda District were offered basic braille training facilitated by the South African Library for the Blind. The training for Bojanala District will be rolled out in the current financial year.







On Sport and Recreation

Madam Speaker, The North West Province has proven to be a dominant force in the sporting arena. For the past three years, our athletes have been dominating the Comrade Marathon, which is called the "ultimate human race".

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul talks to us like we're runners in a big race. He says that just as athletes train hard to win a prize, we should live our lives chasing after something that lasts forever.

I therefore wish to take this opportunity to pay homage to Tete Dijana, Edward Mothibi, Gordon Lesetedi, Dan Matshailwe, Gift Kelehe and Joseph Manyedi, who have kept the North West Province flag high during the Comrade Marathon.

We also have for the past two years proven our might in the two oceans marathon and I want to recognize Dan Matshailwe for finishing second in 2023, and the greatest efforts of Onalenna Khonkhobe and Thabang Mosiako who won the 2024 Two Oceans Marathon.

The department provided logistical support which included accommodation, catering, transport and attires.

The Department, has in recognition of the dominant force in the road running programme, supported and continues to support the N12 marathon which is a run between Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom.

There are plans to initiate marathons in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Ngaka Modiri Molema Districts of which will require funding. Efforts will be made to engage all the relevant stakeholders to ensure fruition of this concept.





Hon Speaker, The Department also supports the sixteen (16) priority codes, which are as follows: Football, Netball, Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball, Goalball, Swimming, Gymnastics, Hockey, Softball, Chess, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Amateur Boxing. We will also continue to support the non-priority codes.

Recently we had women volleyball team that has won the gold medal in the National Championship. We had gymnastics athletes who went to represent the country in the Africa championships held in Rwanda and came back with the bronze medals, supported by the department.

We have in the 2023/24 financial year, recorded the following achievements in sport and recreation: appointed sixty-five (65) sport coordinators on contract using the conditional grant, trained eight hundred forty-eight (848) people in sport and recreation programmes, against a target of six hundred (600), had twelve thousand six hundred and eleven (12 611) learners participate in District Sport tournaments against a target of eleven thousand three hundred and sixty-two (11 362), five hundred and thirty-nine (539) athletes supported by the Academies against a target of five hundred (500), provided two hundred and eighty (280) schools, clubs, hubs, with equipment and attire, against a target of two hundred forty-six (246).

Hon Speaker, In 2023/24, the Department supported a team to the Special Olympics in Germany and it gives me great pleasure to report that all sixteen (16) athletes that went to the Special Olympics, came back with medals (gold, silver and bronze).

Most of the athletes came from MM Sebitloane Special School in Taung. We have spent around R5m to support athletes participating in sport for people with disability.





We recently hosted the National Blind Cricket Championship in JB Marks Municipality. The Province obtained position three (3) in the deaf marathon in Port Elizabeth.

We continue to support both the South African Sport Association for Physically Disabled (SASAPD) and South African Sports Association for Intellectually Impaired.

Hon Members, We supported both Orbit College FC and Thames FC to play at the ABC Motsepe Playoffs and both teams are now plying their trade in the second division.

We therefore commit our support despite the inadequate financial resources to all sporting programmes. We aspire to have a team from the North West Province playing in the Premier Soccer League (PSL) and we urge all stakeholders to work with the Department to achieve this goal.

Hon Speaker, The North West province continues to host mega sporting events, and in partnership with SASCOC, the Department hosted the Africa Anova Gender Conference in advancing the conversation in relation to gender dynamics and bridge the gender gap by generating strategies to combat this violence based on the experiences of women in the sports sector. We further hosted the National Sports Awards in collaboration with the National Department of Sports, Arts and Culture.

Madam Speaker, Improving Sport infrastructure will significantly benefit athletes, I have engaged MMCs responsible for Sport and Recreation and requested that we all commit to ensure that fifteen (15%) – of the MIG (National Sport and Recreation Plan, read with Schedule 5B of the Constitution) provided to municipalities should be used for sports facilities.

We will be meeting with my counterparts at the Department of Human Settlement and Local Government to seek support as well.



Honourable Members, An amount of R 50.9m has been allocated to Mass Participation and Sport Development Conditional Grant.

We are firm in our believe that, for any country to prosper in Sport, it must be rooted in the strong foundation of development at grass roots, and as such sport in schools is the bedrock of sport in South Africa.

To this effect, the MEC for Education and I have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the collaboration by the two departments so that we can develop and deliver a sustainable school sports programme.

In 2024/25, eight thousand (8000) learners have been identified to participate in school sport tournaments at all four (4) districts. We will work with the Department of Education and Federations to implement this programme.

Madam Speaker, In the 2024/2025 financial year, the department through Mass participation grant will continue to develop clubs, hubs and schools in that fifty thousand (50 000) community members will be participating in organized sports, and active recreation.

During the 2024/25 financial year, two hundred and sixty-four (264) clubs, hubs and schools will be provided with equipment and or attire,

As part of club development, the following activities will be implemented in the 2024/25 financial year:

Rural interprovincial games with R1 million, sports awards and







- Comrade Marathon with R800 thousand
- N12 Provincial marathon with R1.5 million.
- Cricket development with R 500 thousand
- ♣ 2x Combi Courts, with R2 million.
- ♣ Maintenance of recreation centres with R1 million,
- ♣ Maintenance of stadia with R2.7 million

The department will continue to collaborate with the sports structures such as sports confederation to the tune of R1m. Funding for the Provincial Recreation (PROREC) amounts to R1.7m and Sports Academy funded with R7.9m.

The department in collaboration with sport academy will in 2024/25 support five hundred and thirty (530) athletes, and four (4) district satellites sport academies.

We will further support the Provincial sport academy with equipment and personnel, and support five (5) sport focus schools. The department will train six hundred and eighty (680) people in sport and recreation programmes.

Through Mmabana, we supported athletes that represented South Africa on international stages. Our athletes competed in the Gymnastics World Championships in London and the Karate Championships in Mauritius. We gave these participants an opportunity to compete in these esteemed events, reinforcing our mission to develop and showcase the nation's top athletes.

We will invest time and effort to revitalize Mmabana Infrastructure. The National Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC) has allocated an



amount of R 13.3m for renovations at the Head Office for delivery of programmes over the MTEF period.

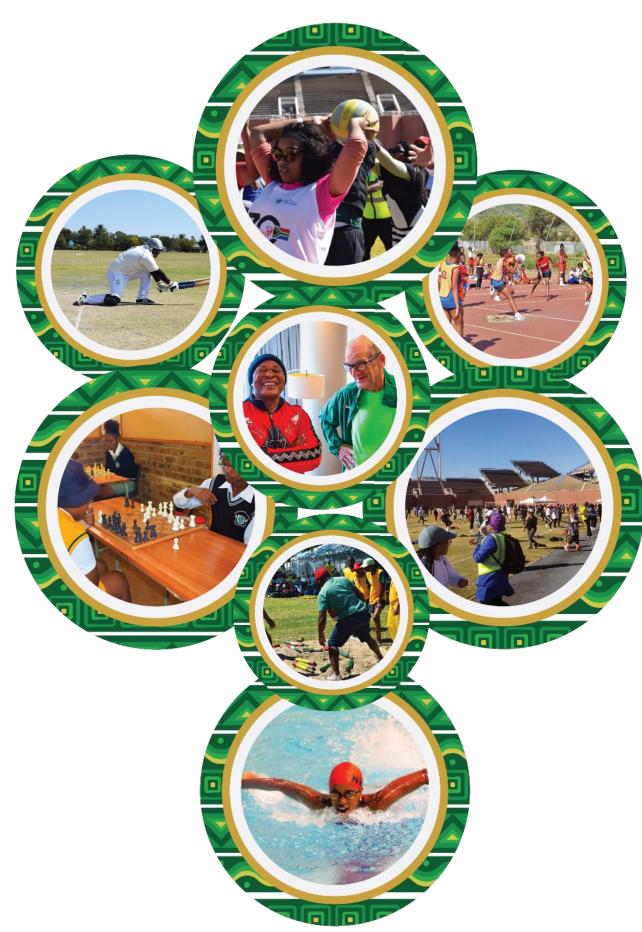
Madam Speaker, The North West Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation is a custodian of four recreation centers; Klein Marico, Donkervleit, Noyons and Rustenburg Recreation Center.

These centers have faced myriad challenges, we will implement a programme to revitalize these centers to bring them back to their former glory, taking one center at a time so that we can maximize impact.

The centers are envisaged to offer opportunities for social and community benefit, including community gatherings, cultural events, sports tournaments, and educational programs and they can become hubs for the communities, young and old, offering them a positive environment to spend their leisure time, learn new skills and foster community ties.









Honorable Speaker, according to the two prominent economists, Alberto Alesina and Dani Rodrik, "A crude distinction between economics and politics would be that economics is concerned with expanding the pie while politics is about distributing it".

The point, Madam Speaker, is that the size of the pie is what informs the following budget for the Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation which will be distributed as follows for the **2024/25 financial year:**

The total budget is Seven Hundred and Fifty Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand Rand, **R750 401 000**, allocated as follows to programmes:

No	PROGRAMME	2024/25	AMOUNTS
1	Administration	R 161 457,000	One hundred and sixty one million,
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			thousand rands
2	Cultural Affairs	R 209 409, 000	Two hundred and nine million, four
			hundred and nine thousand rands
3	Library and	R 215 011, 000	Two hundred and fifteen million,
	Archive		and eleven thousand rands
	Services		
4	Sports and	R 164 524, 000	One hundred and sixty four million,
	Recreation		five hundred and twenty four
			thousand rands
	TOTAL	R 750 401, 000	Seven Hundred and Fifty Million,
			Four Hundred and One
			Thousand Rand





In conclusion

I want to appreciate the Premier of the North West Province, Hon Kagiso Mokgosi for appointing me in the Executive Council, and the ANC for deploying me at the Provincial Legislature.

I want to thank the former MEC Hon Mosenogi, who has laid a solid foundation which I will build on, and ensure that we deliver services to the sector.

Allow me to thank my family, especially my wife for their support. Let me also take this opportunity to thank the Management led by the Head of Department, all departmental officials and officials at all our entities for their invaluable contributions to the sector we are serving in.

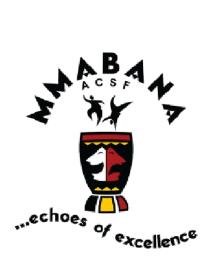
We will do our best to deal with sector challenges, we will serve with humility, as we want to impact the lives of those who we serve.

As it is aptly scripted in 1 Peter 5:6. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time." Ke a leboga.

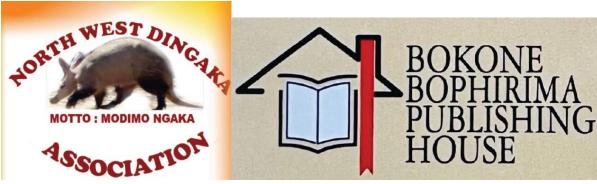














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SPORT & RECREATION YOUTH CAMPS



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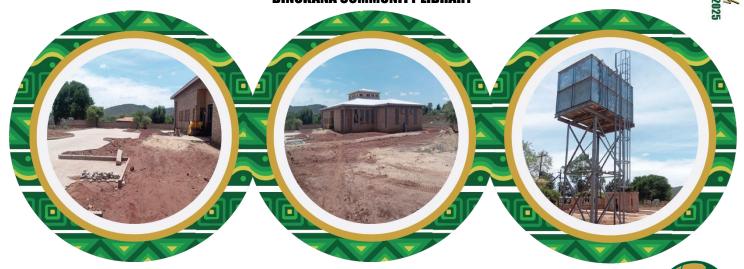


















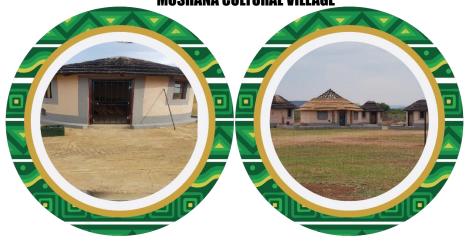
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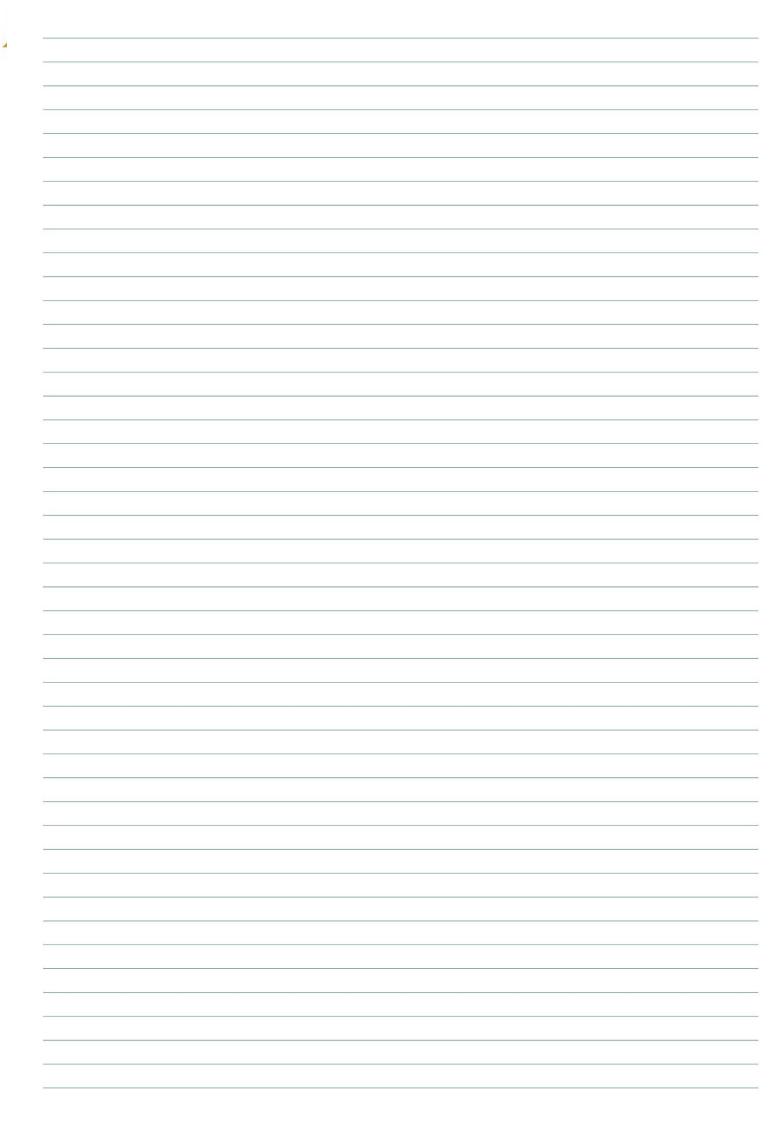
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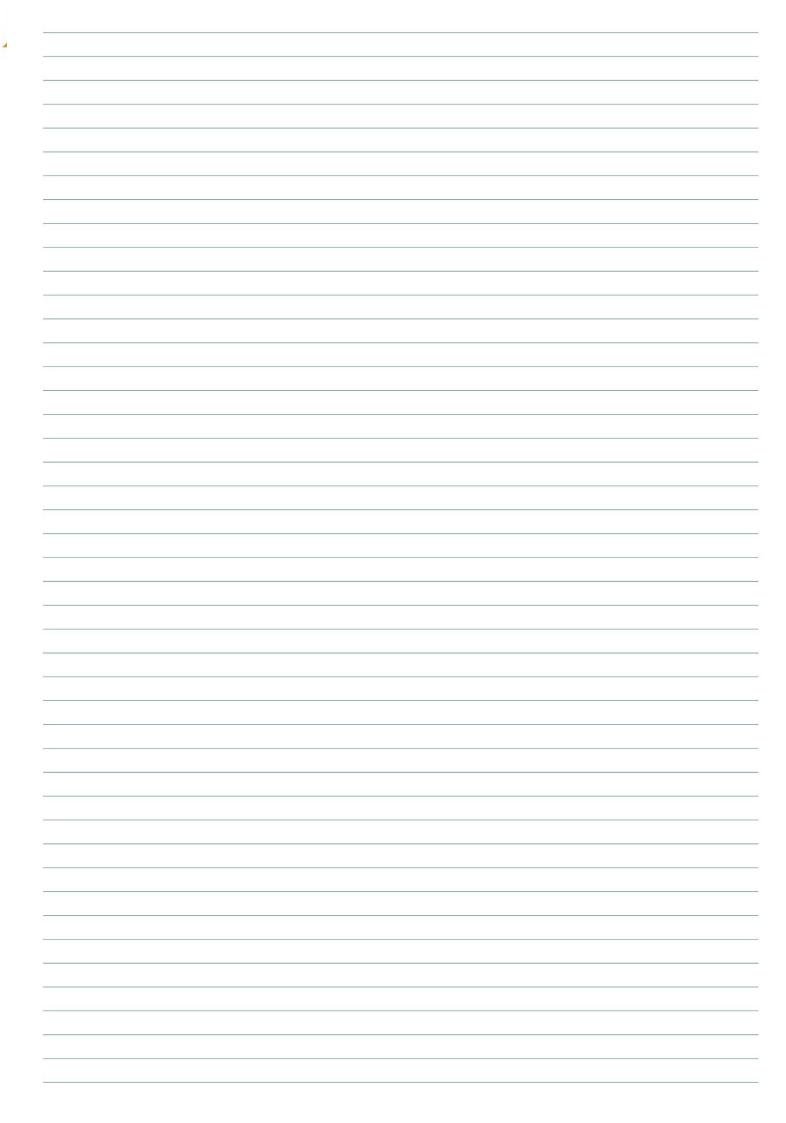


MOSHANA CULTURAL VILLAGE

















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