



**Message of Condolences by the Sedibeng District Municipality
Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the
burial of Mother President Nomasonto Olga Matshedisho at
Mphatlalatsane Hall, Sebokeng, Saturday, 16 January 2010**

Programme Director: Reverend Sale;

Lelapa la Mother President Matshedisho;

Dingaka tsa setso tse teng kwano;

Kereke ya Phodiso ya Apostoal le dikereke tsohle tse bokaneng kwano;

Arch Bishop Mokone;

Mother Arch Bishop Mngomezulu;

Honourable Ntate Mathole Motshekga;

Reverend Moerane;

Councillors present;

Community Structures Present;

Baahi bohle ba Sedibeng;

Friends, colleagues and comrades, we are gathered here today to bid one of our community servants farewell. This is a sad day for the traditional healing community, the church community and the community of Sedibeng

at large. I bring you the message of condolences from the Sedibeng District Municipality on behalf of its people. The message that we believe is of hope. We are shocked and indeed saddened by the untimely death of Mother President Matshedisho

Ke tsebisetswe hore mofu Mother President Matshedisho o qadile ho kula ka selemo sa 2008, a etswa a kena sepetlele. Nako e bohloko haholo ho ba le lelapa le leloko.

It is in this regard that I take this opportunity to express our most profound and sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Mother President Matshedisho for the loss of their family member. We also wish to extend similar condolences to all her fellow HIV / AIDS Counselors & Activists, friends and colleagues

Ke se ke bile ke hlile ke hlahisa hore lebitsong la Mmasepala wa Setereke sa Sedibeng le bo Mmasepala ba Mabatowa ba o pota-potileng, ke re: *phepi, ho lona bohle ba anngweng ke lefu la Mother President Matshedisho.*

Motsamaise wa mosebetsi, we rejoice in the knowledge that Mother President Matshedisho together with others, will now be in the good hands of our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven and our ancestors. We will forever treasure her contributions in the campaigns against the HIV/AIDS and TB.

Ha ke qea-qeye ho hang hore ha jwale, moo a leng hona teng, ona badimo ba rona ho ntshetsa pele mosebetsi oo aneng a o kgethetswe lefatsheng le ka kwano.

We mourn together today for her passing because we believe that we will surely be blessed and comforted. You will all agree with me when I say, there comes a time in the life of every Activist, including an HIV/AIDS Activist, Traditional Healers and church leaders alike, when the sun must set. And when it does, the remaining fellow Activists, church members and leaders should not be at a loss for words to describe the life and times of the fallen Activist who is one of their own.

You will once again agree with me when I say that in an African culture, this we do in many ways. *We perform rituals, we sing, we dance, we clap our hands, we cry and we mourn.* We are gathered here to show these many ways we celebrate the life of one of the disciplined traditional healers, community servant, a mother and a church leader, eleng Mother President Matshedisho.

Ha rea tlameha ho itoma maleme ha re ya re tobile tsa bophelo ba mofu. Haholo jwalo ka basebetsi mmoho. I am informed that she was a down to earth mother of three who was dedicated to servicing her people in many talents that our Lord God had given her.

A young courageous leader who saw it important to accept church leadership, while practicing her calling (*traditional healing*) and her *community work* until death stole her from us.

Bana beso, ke a tshepa hore le a hlokomela hore mona re bua ka moetapele. Re bua ka senatla – hadi se neng se sa le dilemong tsa botjha. Moetapele wa kereke, re bua ka ngaka ya setso ebile ele moeletsisi wa setjhaba ditabeng tse amanang le HIV/AIDS le TB

Ke ka hona kereng, ka nnete mona re bua ka senatla-hadi

A young woman whose determination and strength made those who were weak at heart to stand up and make their voice heard or realize their potential

In memory of this heroine, I urge all traditional healers, church members & church leaders, HIV/AIDS Activists & Counselors not to despair. Hona ke ho bolela tjena ke bile ke le hopotsa bohle hore buka ya dibuka e a bolela ere: “Morena Modimo one a adimile, mme o latile. Tshedisehang ke hona”.

I hope and trust that we will take a leaf from Mother President Matshedisho’s teachings and way of doing things during her hey days as a people’s servant.

In conclusion, may the Lord Jesus Christ look with favour to the family of Mother President Matshedisho at this time of need, grant her family comfort

during this difficult time. For God indeed knew all of us long before we were an image in our mothers' womb, predetermined days of our lives before there were any days.

It is also in the words of the Lord's Prayer that we say ***"May His will be done on earth as it is in heaven"*** God willed it, we can only confirm and say: "Holokile, holokile, Morena Modimo O ne a re adimile, mme o boetse o latile"

Ka mantswe a hae Jesus Christ Morena wa rona le molopulli, ho Johanne 14, ore: ***"Ha dipelo tsa lona di fuduwehe, dumelang ho nna le ho ntate"***.

Motsamaise wa mosebetsi, teboho e kgolo re e lebisa lelapeng la Mother President Matshedisho ka ho re neha motsotso le sebaka sa ho ema mona kajeno ho arolelana lekgetlo la ho qetela ditaba tsa bophelo ba mofu le ho mo feheletsa.

Ke rata ho qotsa mongodi Anil Kumar ha a re: *"Life is temporary. The body is a sort of a hotel. One cannot stay in a hotel forever. It is just a place to stay temporarily for convenience. Our life is like ice which melts within a period of time. The purpose of the body is to take us to our destination. Our destination is the place of our origin. A human being is from GOD he/she has to go back to GOD!"*

I once again extend our heartfelt condolences to Mother President Matshedisho's family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time. May

her death serve to remind all of us to strive for unity and to put the well-being of the congregations and the people we serve above all our personal and sectarian considerations

May her soul rest in peace knowing that many and in particular, the Activists who will be deployed in her place will pick up her spear and continue with the struggle until all our people have a better life.

Ntate Matshedisho; Mamotshabi; Kgauhelo; Moipone le bohle ba anngweng e lefu la Mother President Matshedisho, tshedisehang ke hona

She will surely be solely missed by all. May her soul rest in peace

“Lala kahle Shobade owa shobadela inkomo nempondo zayo”

Ke a leboha!