



Keynote Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the 100 Days Service Delivery Projects Report Back Public held on the 02nd December 2010, at the Cricket Pitch, Sharpeville in Sedibeng

Programme Director;

Executive Mayor of Emfuleni: Cllr. SA Mshudulu;

Speaker of Sedibeng: Cllr. Kedibone Mogotsi;

Speakers from our Local Municipalities;

Members of Mayoral Committees present;

Fellow Councillors;

Distinguished Guests;

People of Sedibeng

In pursuit of our Growth & Development Strategy, our commitment to renewing our communities, and in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre, now the Human Rights Day on 21 March 2010, I announced and launched what I called **100 Days Service Delivery Projects** of various developmental projects throughout the Sedibeng District Municipality.

These projects as identified were to be started within the 100 days from 21 March 2010. Some of these projects would have been completed by the end of the 100 days whilst others would be midway to completion during this period.

Our theme, *“Together with our communities-A final push towards speedy service delivery”* began to take shape. We spent sleepless nights putting the final touches to the 100 Days Service Delivery Programme. A Council Resolution was taken to move with speed to execute this programme.

Critical in these service delivery projects / programme was the development of the Sedibeng area and involvement of local residents in the implementation of these projects. This report seeks to provide progress attained in the implementation of these projects.

The good news is that, these projects are beginning to improve the lives of our people in various ways. This includes but not limited to training, job creation through the extended public works programmes and socio-economic impact in general.

This was among other, part of our commitment towards speedy service delivery in partnership with our communities and I am today pleased to report progress on these projects.

Our communities are aware and content with the work that is going on unabatedly in their surroundings. Trenches are dug, dust is flying into the air, fences are being put up, paving is being laid and our communities are pleasantly surprised.

Among many reasons which I can present on why these projects as informed by our SDGS and IDPs, we continue to strive for programmes which would ensure that capacity was built in our communities, programmes which would roll back the frontiers of poverty, programmes which would ensure that jobs are created and the outlook of our communities is changed.

With this Report this afternoon, we are today saying to you, we are doing our best to realise a different District Municipality in 2021.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you this afternoon our progress report as outlined with pictures in the booklets which have been distributed to you earlier.

Sharpeville Precincts Projects

On Sharpeville Phelindaba Cemetery

In our quest to preserve our heritage, in line with our commitment to “Our heroes, Our Legacy-Lest we forget” in tandem with our clarion call, “Together with our communities-A final push towards reclaiming our heritage” Sharpeville Phelindaba Cemetery is one of the projects that forms part of the 100 Days Service Delivery Programme.

This is the cemetery where the heroes and heroines of the Sharpeville Massacre have been laid to rest. This is our piece of the Heroes Acre, a tribute to the selfless action towards the liberation of our country South Africa.

This project had to be prioritized in view of the 50th Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre earlier this year. Sharpeville is and has been in the world focus for many of our struggles and the need for a fitting monument demanded an equally fitting tribute.

Following a much contested selection process, involving many service providers, two local contractors in a joint venture were appointed in March this year. Siyahlobisa and Qobane Contractors were awarded the tender for this project to the tune of R 14 501 771.28. The scope of work included the following:

- Erection of the Wall of Remembrance
- Granite works
- Paving of Pathways
- Plumbing
- Landscaping

In line with the Sedibeng District Municipality Supply Chain requirements that community based service providers must be empowered, the following local contractors were given sub contracts:

- Lekoa Construction were offered a contract to erect walls to the tune of R 154 000.00.
- Hydro Precision Engineering were appointed to do steel works and granite work for R 929.000.00.
- Koetsa Construction were appointed for paving of the pathways to the tune of R 48 000.00
- Majapere Construction also contracted to do paving and path ways to the value of R64 000.00.
- Lephethesane Building Contractors were contracted to do plumbing to the value of R282, 000.00.
- Horticulture Skydove JV have been appointed to do Landscaping to the value of R1 600 000.00.

- Sesi YTM Projects were subcontracted to do paving to the value of R100000.00.

This project has so far been responsible for the creation of 111 much needed jobs in the community, with the main contractor contributing 60 jobs with all the sub contractors pitching in with 51 jobs. The designated groups involved were as follows:

- 22 Women
- 23 Youth
- 1 Disabled

I have the distinct pleasure of reporting that substantial progress has been made by all the local sub-contractors to-date. Lekoa Construction has completed the erection of the walls. Koetsa Construction has made us proud by completing the paving of all the pathways they were allocated.

Majapere Construction was not to be outdone, as they too have completed the paving and pathways allotted to them. Hydro Precision is progressing well with the steel works and granite work.

Lephethesane Building Contractors is progressing as well as can be expected and will soon complete all the plumbing work. Horticulture Skydove JV which is engaged to do Landscaping will be the last to complete to beautify the project.

Sesi YTM Projects is hard at work to do the overall paving. All Site Health and Safety requirements are religiously observed and there has been no incident to be reported on site so far and we intend to keep it that way.

Of the total project cost of R 14 501 771.28, an amount paid to date stands at R5 637 288.00. This goes on to show that proper financial and project management policies are in place thereby ensuring that we will not have a scenario of money running out long before the projects are completed.

The contracts awarded to local contractors currently stand at 34, 7%. I anticipate that the percentage of local contractors will increase and improve as we are still going to ensure that more work go to local contractors when they do the construction of new and existing roads.

As part of these project phases, 20 community members received accredited training to become bricklayers, 05 others were trained in carpentry, 20 were trained in kerb laying and paving whilst 01 received training in safety.

The contract period for the Sharpeville Phelindaba Cemetery is 22 April until 22 October 2010. Extension has been granted to allow for the local contractors to get up to speed with what needs to be done.

On Exhibition Centre in Sharpeville

A service provider was appointed in May this year, and the contract to the tune of R 9 119.419.74 was awarded to a joint venture comprising Solidaire, Hilafax and Lucitha. The contract period is six months, beginning on the 15th June 2010 to 15th December 2010 is in place. The scope of the project is as follows:

- Brickwork
- Electrical Fittings
- Display Area
- Construct the Terrace
- Develop the lobby

Two local service providers have been given sub-contracts to carry some of the work. Jona Boiketlobaka was given a contract to the tune of R 60 000.00 to do the brickwork and plastering and they have employed 14 people. Lekoa Projects on the other hand was given a contract to do electrical work to the tune of R 500 000.00.

This is a woman owned company. These two local companies are currently on site and doing a sterling work.

At this stage, 100% demolition work on the old structure is complete. 44% of the new administration area is complete while 74% of the new outdoor area is complete. 35% of the New Display area is complete while 75% of the existing Exhibition space and lobby are complete.

63% of the Terrace is complete. It does look like once again we are on track and the local contractors are proving their worth again on this project. Thus far, only R 1 194 156.83 has been paid to the contractors. This goes on to show that proper Project Management is in place.

Training of the employees is continuing on site in bricklaying. There is still room for other local contractors as only less than 10% of the work has been allocated to local contractors.

There has however, been some delays caused by the removal of furniture in the exhibition area and the appointment of the Community Liaison Officer for the project. Some community members have also made attempts to disrupt the project, but this was nipped in the bud.

The Safety and Health plan is applied robustly at this project with the result that we have no reported cases of injury on site. This is very encouraging indeed.

On Sharpeville Hall

The project cost for this project is R 13 274 01.81. There are two phases to this project, namely training and construction.

On Construction

The contractor has been appointed and has signed the letter of acceptance. The site was handed over to the service provider on 27 August 2010. The project time frame is nine months and the projects are expected to be completed in May 2011.

The electrical, mechanical, architectural and structural designs were approved 26 August 2010. Currently, the site has been established, the hall has been fenced off, and the contractor is in the process of demolishing the slab. Digging of trenches for the guard house has also been completed.

On the training

Sedibeng Training Centre has been appointed as the training service provider to train for the first 22 trainees in the following trades:

- Brick laying,
- Carpentry,
- Paving and
- Supervisors

The inspection of the training facilities by the project manager and the SDM coordinator took place on 17 August 2010 and we are happy with the facilities. We are monitoring the training of these future entrepreneurs. We visit the facility regularly to check on training progress as well as the attendance of our participants.

I can proudly report that we have so far had no single case of absenteeism. The training is progressing well and the trainees are excited about the treatment and the institution is also impressed about the attendance of the trainees and their discipline.

They receive their weekly stipend every Monday's which enables them to travel to and from training daily during the week, and are also provided with both breakfast and lunch daily.

So far, 22 trainees have successfully completed their training. The second group started on the 02 October 2010. An amount of R 499 000.00 has been paid towards training.

No subcontracting work has been submitted so far. There is still a large scope to bring in local contractors as the project is still some way before completion. We will be watching this development with keen interest. During the site establishment 10 local labourers were employed. The 10 labourers are part of the 20 to be still trained.

On Mitta Molete's House

One of the victims of the Boipatong Massacre was Mitta Molete. She was rendered disabled as a young child during the attacks. The house she was living in made it near impossible to commandeer her wheelchair as she carried her day to day chores.

To that end, the Sedibeng District Municipality took a resolution to extend her home to make her life a little better. To that end, the extension and

rebuilding of her house formed part of the projects for the 100 Days Service Delivery Programme.

A local service provider, Tshepo Themba Property Developments CC, was appointed in May to the tune of R 350 000.00. The contractor set up site on the 30th June 2010.

The projected date of completion was set for the 30th September 2010. A total of nine jobs were created including two youths. I am happy to announce that the house is now 98% complete and we are only waiting for the finishing touches. The house will be handed to the family soon.

I hope that the Molete Family will enjoy the new living space which will greatly improve the quality of life for Mitta as it improves her mobility, access and her ability to carry out her chores.

On Construction of Evaton Pedestrian Sidewalks

Before taking you through project by project in this regard, I am tempted to hastily report that the Evaton Township as the oldest township in Sedibeng District Municipality is receiving a much needed facelift.

As part of the 100 Days Service Delivery Programme, a number of streets were identified for the construction of sidewalks and these streets are:

- Avondale Street
- Boundary Road
- Eaton Street (Phase 01)
- Easton Street (Phase 02)
- Hamilton Road
- Sterling Road
- Togo Road
- Union Road.

Avondale Road

A local contractor, Ke A Dira Construction was appointed to the tune of R 1 699 689.06 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 630m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbing. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 21 much needed jobs in the area with 10 youth and one woman as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 60% complete and at this rate chances are that it will be completed long before the projected date of completion

Boundary Road

A local contractor Africon Moon Trading 33 was appointed to the tune of R 1 792 448.79 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 480m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbing.

The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 16 much needed jobs in the area with 15 youth and one woman as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 40% complete and I hope that the contractor picks up the pace of execution on this one. I am calling on the community to assist us to monitor the pace at which these projects are being executed.

Easton Road Phase 01

A local contractor, Arocon Projects was appointed to the tune of R 1 632 652.95 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 185m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbing. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 27 much needed jobs in the area with 17 youth and three women as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 45% complete and at this rate I hope that the contractor will speed up the project in order to make the community of Evaton proud of their new streets.

Easton Road Phase 02

A local contractor, Mofulatsira Building and Mdlane Trading Joint Venture, were appointed to the tune of R 1 538 189.00 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 185m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbing. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 21 much needed jobs in the area with 17 youth and three women as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 35% complete and we hope that the companies will increase their rate of completion without the reduction in the quality of work they are returning.

Hamilton Road

A local contractor, Rantoa Service Providers was appointed to the tune of R 2 635 290.75 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 160m.

They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerb-stones. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 33 much needed jobs in the area with eight youth and nine women as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 87% complete and at this rate chances are that it will be completed long by the end of November this year.

Sterling Road

A local contractor, Inkokheli Business Enterprise was appointed to the tune of R 1 901 413.87 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 550m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbs. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 22 much needed jobs in the area with 8 youth and two women as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 50% complete and at this rate chances are that it will be completed long before the projected date of completion

Togo Road

A local contractor, Asande Developers CC was appointed to the tune of R 1 517 911.80 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 185m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbs. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 36 much needed jobs in the area with 25 youth and two women as part of the employee contingent. The project is currently more than 55% complete and at this rate chances are that it will be completed on time or much earlier than the projected date of completion.

On Union Road

A local contractor, Tsepang Contractors and Trading CC was appointed to the tune of R 2 790 800.54 to pave both sides of the street whose length is 2 750m. They have to put up 1.2 m wide paving and kerbs. The project was started on the 16th August 2010 and the projected date of completion is 16th February 2011.

The project has created 53 much needed jobs in the area with 30 youth and twelve women as part of the employee contingent. The project is

currently more than 60% complete and at this rate chances are that it will be completed long before the projected date of completion.

On Sharpeville Craft Hub

The Sharpeville Police Station, from which the shots that led to the Sharpeville Massacre 50 years ago, has been turned into a Hub of Reconciliation. In pursuit of reclaiming our heritage, the police station has been converted into a Craft Hub.

A local contractor was appointed to the tune of R 1 300 000.00 to renovate the building. Renovations for phase 1 and 2 were completed in August this year.

There are currently 40 Craft Workers using the centre to generate income. Procurement is underway to source more equipment to enhance the quality of the crafts that are produced at the centre.

On CCVTV Heritage and Sports Precincts

In preparation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, targeting a crime-free Sedibeng District Municipality, with an aim to provide a meaningful Sedibeng Experience for the tournament and beyond, we went out of our way to develop mechanisms to ensure community safety. To that end, we

appointed a local contractor to the tune of R 35 900 714.44 to install Closed Circuit Television Cameras at strategic places throughout Sebokeng, Evaton and Sharpeville.

31 sustainable jobs were created in view of the fact that the contract to install and maintain stretches up to the year 2012. Another set of CCTV were installed at the Vereeniging Licensing Centre and the Vanderbijlpark Licensing Centre to the tune of R 1 199 614.02.

This was done to ensure corruption free operations at these centers. Not to be outdone and left behind, CCTV were also installed at the Meyerton and Heidelberg Licensing Centers to the tune of R 1 391 712.00 awarded to a local contractor.

To enhance the Sedibeng Experience during the 2010 FIFA World Cup, CCTV cameras were installed at the Primary Public Viewing Areas (PVA) and the training bases for the Switzerland and Ivory Coast football squads.

This was done through the appointment of a local contractor to the tune of R & 375 757.96. This was money well spent as there was not a single act of mischief and crime in all these Primary Viewing Areas.

The cameras continue to provide a cutting edge solution to crime fighting and reduction of crime where they have been installed.

On Vuka Cemetery

The Vuka Cemetery in Sharpeville is the resting place of the victims of the Boipatong Massacre which led to the date being set for the first Democratic Elections in this country. To that end, in pursuit to our commitment to our rallying call “Our Heroes, Our Legacy-Lest we Forget”, this historic real estate formed part of the 100 Days service Delivery Programme.

A local woman contractor was appointed to the tune of R 185 000.00. Together with the families of the victims, 17 headstones were installed and 10 slabs were set. Much needed jobs were created.

The project was completed on time and the tombstones were handed back to the families officially during the 17th June Commemoration of the Boipatong Massacre.

On Constitution Walk

The Constitution Walk Project is still to be launched as we are waiting for the National Treasury to release the funding. As soon as the funding is

released, we can without doubt expect dust to rising as work will begin in earnest.

In conclusion, there is no question about the work that has been done. We pride ourselves in having worked with our communities in carrying out the mandate given to our government. We have delivered on the 100 Days Service Delivery Programme.

I know that I will be speaking to the choir in that all of you here present can attest that Sedibeng as a whole has changed dramatically from what it looked like five years ago. Boipatong is no longer a dusty cabbage patch it used to look like five years ago. Sharpeville and Evaton can no longer be referred to as the Dark Cities they use to be at the time.

Sebokeng is fast becoming a place to for raising your children, Crime has been dealt a serious blow. Townships are mushrooming throughout Sedibeng at an alarming rate.

We are doing good work. Sedibeng is at work and that is the way it should be. We are proud to have done all these things with you. For indeed “Together with our Communities-A final push towards speedy service delivery,” is there for all to see.

I thank you