

STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

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NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
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MAKGOBISTADT – RATLOU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
11H00**

Ke dumedisa:

Councilor Tebogo Ramashilabele – Mmusakgotla wa Mmasepala wa Sedika wa Ngaka Modiri Molema;

Councilor Lingelizwe Ali – Semesegolo sa Mmasepala wa Sedika wa Ngaka Modiri Molema;

Executive Mayors and Mayors present here today;

Honourable Councillors;

Mr. Mokgele Mojaki – Motsamaisimogolo wa Mmasepala wa Sedika wa Ngaka Modiri Molema;

All other Municipal Managers present here today;

Batsamaisi ba Mafapha otlhe a di-Mmasepala le puso ya rona ka kakaretso;

Badiri botlhe ba ba leng fano;

Magosi a rona a a tlotlegang;

Baruti ba rona;

Phuthego tse di farologaneng; and all protocol observed.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you this important day.

This State of the District Address takes place within a very significant month in the history of our country, the Youth Month. Jaaka Mmasepala wa Sedika – re dirisitse nako le mekgwa e e farologaneng go bontsha keteko le segopotso sa letsatsi le le botlhokwa le.

Mo bekeng e e fetileng, re tseile nako jaaka ketapele le badiri ba Mmasepala wa Sedika wa Ngaka Modiri Molema – go nna ikuela mo moonong wa kgwedi eno, gore re rotloetse sechaba sa rona, segolobogolo basha – go fedisa tiriso e e botlhaswa ya diritibatsi le nnotagi.

The commemoration of Youth Day this year marks the 37th anniversary of the 16 June Soweto uprising and is celebrated under the theme “**Working together for youth development and a drug free South Africa**”. This year further marks the most controversial land act which was adopted by the apartheid government of the minority in 1913.

While the youth of 1976 fought for freedom and the creation of a democratic state, today’s youth activism is directed towards successfully tackling the challenges of combating poverty, unemployment, HIV and AIDS, personal development; economic emancipation and the development of the country.

The Census 2011 portrays South Africa as a youthful nation with the average age of the population at 25 years old and a third of our population of 52 million under the age of 15 years.

Even though a youthful nation is generally regarded as a positive development, viewed in against the background of the country’s unemployment statistics, this is a cause for concern considering youth make up four and half million of the unemployed.

The district municipality will continue to form an integral part of the activities associated with this all important month. Since the municipal elections of 18 May 2011, the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality has and will continue to boldly bring change and improvement in the lives of the residents of Ngaka Molema District.

Jaaka Mmasepala wa Sedika – re tshotse tshwetso ya go latelela le go agelela maitlamo a rona mo motheong wa pusobogare e eteletsweng kwa pele ke mokgatlo wa batho o mogolo wa African National Congress.

Fa rene re tsaya puso kgetlho la ntlha ka ngwaga wa 1994 mo tlase ga ketapele ya Mogaka Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela – re solofeditse baagi ba naga eno gore re tla:

- Tlholo ditiro;
- Lere ditirelo tsa motheo tse di botlhokwa jaaka –
 - Metsi;
 - Motlakase;
 - Kgeleloleswe;
 - Matlo;
 - Ditsela;
 - Thuto e e botoka; le
- Ketletso mo kgolong ya ikonomi, dikgwebo, segolobogolo dikgwebopotlana.

In our strife to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services to local communities in the Ratlou, Ramotshere Moiloa, Ditsobotla, Mahikeng and Tswaing areas – the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality has been allocated a total revenue budget for the year 2013/14 is R802 265 000.00 (**eight hundred and two million, two hundred and sixty five thousand rand**).

The following major sources contribute to this revenue:

Source	Amount	%
Equitable share	304 087 000	37.9%
RSC Replacement levies	122 409 000	17.3%
Municipal infrastructure Grant	245 317 000	30.58%
Water Infrastructure Grant	19 917 000	2.44%
Provincial Infrastructure Grant	47 000 000	5.86%

Ladies and Gentlemen, details of other sources are elaborated in the detailed budget presented herein.

While the total expenditure allocation for the year 2013/14 is R 802 265 000.00 (**eight hundred and two million, two hundred and sixty five thousand rand**).

This expenditure appropriation is as follows; Capital expenditure amounts to R283 957 000, Operating expenditure excluding salaries and councillor remuneration, amounts to R234 500 000, Personnel and Councillor expenditure R185 million and the DBSA loan repayment amounts to R70 million.

The Municipality has total of six (6) budget votes or programmes and the appropriation is follows:

POLITICAL OFFICES, The total allocation for the Office of the Mayor, Office of the Speaker, Office of the Chief Whip and the Municipal Public Accounts Committee are; **R 7 350 000, R 2 750 000, R 400 000** and **R 400 000** respectively. This allocation will enhance these offices to interact with our communities as enshrined in the constitution and all other pieces of legislation like your structures and systems act.

MUNICIPAL MANAGERS OFFICE, The total allocation for this office is **R 7 000 000**. This will allow this office to effectively provide its administrative leadership and advice to the entire district council.

BUSINESS PROCESS SUPPORT, Amongst, the key performance areas of this unit, performance management, communication services, information technology management and security services. A total allocation of R 22 450 000 has been made available to this unit.

CORPORATE SERVICES, This unit is responsible amongst others, human resources management, legal services, labour relations, general building management, secretarial support, information management and transport services. A total allocation of R 34 839 000 has been allocated to this unit.

Ladies and Gentlemen – the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality had in this Financial Year 2012/2013 – filled more than 258 job opportunities. We must further emphasise that more than 85% of these new opportunities were filled by young people. Majority of these job opportunities were in the Technical Services and Municipal Health Services and Safety directorates.

INTERNAL AUDIT, This is a shared-service for the entire district and provides internal audit services to the district municipality and its local municipalities with the district. A total of R 1 480 000.00 has been allocated to this unit.

BUDGET AND TREASURY, This unit is responsible for the overall management of finances in the municipality. The key areas are supply chain management, budget planning and control, revenue and expenditure management, financial reporting and asset and inventory management. The total allocation to this unit is R 9 650 000.00

MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SAFETY, This department is responsible for the following units, Fire and Rescue Services, Municipal Health Services and Disaster Risk Management Services. The total budget allocation for this unit is R 20 000 0000. Municipal health and safety is a constitutional mandate to the district municipality amongst others. The twenty million is not enough but it is all that the Municipality has to manage and offer health and safety to our Ngaka Modiri Molema community.

During the Financial Year 2011/12, the District has finalised the transfer of Fire and Rescue and Municipal Health Services to the District Municipality from the Tswaing, Ramotshere Moiloa, Ditsobotla, and Ratlou Local Municipalities. However, Ladies and Gentlemen, this presents us with serious resource constraints because the funds did not follow function and therefore we have to battle with the existing limited resources in this crucial department.

In order to build capacity in this department, the following has been achieved – we have:

- Appointed additional fire fighters in various levels in the Fire and Rescue Services. This includes recruitment and appointment of almost ninety trainee fire fighters – who were basically unemployed young people with no former experience in the fire services. These young women and men are currently in our service – and are being intensively trained to ensure that we increase the delivery of our services in this sector.

Furthermore – through the support of the Municipal Manager we have managed to encourage and provide opportunities for upward mobility of committed fire personnel in the various levels including Divisional Commanders, Station Officers, Platoon Commanders and others. We will continue to create opportunities for the growth of personnel members in these departments – and further acquire additional staff members where necessary. This municipality will remain committed

in ensuring that such opportunities benefit citizens of this district, the province and general republic citizenry where necessary.

- We have, appointed and concluded the first leg of the Disaster Cadets programme officers who were deployed in the greater Ratlou Local Municipality. We are also planning to appoint at least twenty Disaster Cadets programme officers per municipality, in all the municipalities to ensure that we provide opportunities for our unemployed young people and further transfer training in various trades. This program will be undertaken for at least six months to period of a year depending on the available financial resources.

The Disaster Risk Management Unit will continue to serve our people in all the local municipalities in the area of our jurisdiction in exception of Mahikeng. We will continue to respond accordingly with temporary relief materials – and will increase our pace in carrying out risk assessments and information campaigns to the vulnerable communities in our district.

- We have, purchased additional fleet and other equipment in the various units to ensure that we deliver quality services to our local communities.

Furthermore, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality procured and delivered at least seven refuse removal trucks to the Mahikeng Local Municipality. These trucks were solely meant to ensure a cleaner and environmentally-friendly capital city of the North West Province.

Jaaka Mmasepala – re beetse madi a fetang R10 million go aga diteishene tse dishwa tsa ditimamelelo. Re ikaeletse go aga kwa Zeerust, Ratlou, Ditsobotla le Delareyville mo ngwageng o o latelang wa dichelete.

Mo godimo ga fao – re tsile go netefatsa fa re bula seshwa diteishene tse dinnye di tla re kgontshang go fitlhelela baagi ba rona kwa Tshidilamolo, Ottosdal, Colligny le Groot Marico.

Programme Director – it is also important for us to mention the significant appointment of at least seven additional Environmental Health Practitioners in this current Financial Year. These are young men and women who are carrying out one of the most specialized tasks of ensuring content and quality of various food stuffs that we consume daily.

Dilo di tshwana le cooking oils, dinawa, fruit juices, mashi, nama le mefuta e le mentsi e re e rekang mo our local tuckshops. Re sokola thata go bona badiri mo lefapheng le – ebile ke ka foo re ikuelang jaaka Mmasepala o o nang le ponelopele gore, re rotloetseng bana ba rona go ithutela dithuto tsa Environmental Health mo isagong.

DISTRICT GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, This department is responsible for amongst others, rural development, Expanded Public Works Program (EPWP), Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Local Economic Development (LED) and Tourism. The total budget allocation to this directorate is R18 950 000.00.

In building the local economy and sustainable programs that seek to adjust and improve the lives of our people – we must always ensure that the manifesto of the Congress Movement elections is implemented in its entirety. We need creative young people and business men and women who will partner with government in the various opportunities that are available.

Furthermore – the Growth and Economic Development directorate of this municipality, must pave a way for our people to access government initiatives like the National Empowerment Fund.

Through this facility, government is funding our people to start their own businesses which are sustainable and creating much-needed job opportunities.

Additionally - the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality plays a critical role in the promotion of economic development and meaningful participation in the national and global economic and trade environment. To this end, we have finalised both our key strategies that enable a coordinated, focused and measurable implementation of programs to meet this objective.

These key strategies are; (1) the District Growth and Development Strategy, which its key objective is provides a framework and point of reference for all the NMMDM growth and development plans, policies and strategies in its various areas of operation. (2) the Rural Development Strategy, which considering the rural nature of our district aims at alleviating poverty in our rural areas of NMMDM.

NMMDM has prioritised entrepreneurship and the advancement of Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMMEs) as the catalyst to achieving economic growth and development within the district. With the assistance of other government departments and institutions, the GED department takes the lead in coordination the implementation of SMME-related programs and policies, to ensure that adequate financial and non-financial assistance is provided to the sector, for its long-term prosperity and that of the district as a whole. In this regard over the last financial year, the department presented Capacity Building Programs in all five local municipalities in the area of entrepreneurship benefiting in total 143 participants owning cooperatives and companies.

Start-up support to six economic development projects namely; Eco-garden in Ottosdal and Kraaipan, Chicken Broiler in Mooifontein, Vegetable Garden in Bethel, and a piggery in Lekubung. In an attempt to link SMMEs with markets, in conjunction with the Department of Trade and Industry, two

SMMES were sent to an EXPO in France to exhibit their outstanding products. Other SMMES were assisted to participate in the Botswana EXPO, Provincial Tourism Awards and the indaba.

As mining is one of the key economic sectors in the district, in March and April 2013, the department had a series of engagements with Mining Houses such as Lafarge, Afri-sam, and others in an attempt to ensure that their Corporate Social Investments and Social Labour Plans are meaningful and support the development objectives of government in the district. Though there is still some level of resistance in this regard, working together with our local municipalities, we are optimistic of the good co-operation with these key stakeholders in the next financial year.

PROJECTS MANAGEMENT UNIT, This section is responsible for the implementation of infrastructure and infrastructure planning projects. The budget aims to address the backlog in water and sanitation in the entire district. The infrastructure allocation indicated above is managed by this unit. This section further provides the foundation of responsibilities directed at the Municipal Manager.

TECHNICAL SERVICES, This unit is responsible for the following key functions - district roads infrastructure, water and sanitation programmes. The total budget allocated to this unit amounts to R119 230 000.00. A significant portion of this allocation is aimed at ensuring maintenance of all our water schemes so as to ensure water availability to all the people of our beloved district.

Go botlhokwa thata bagaetsho – gore jaaka Mmasepala, re le bebele fa re tswelletse go dira sentle thata mo go tlabolleng seemo sa metsi a rona mo sedikeng (Water Quality Management Report). Le fa gona le dikgwetlho – rona jaaka Mmasepala, mo ngwageng ono wa dichelete – re kgonne go lekola seemo sa metsi a rona mo di-Mmasepaleng tsa Tswaing, Ratlou le Ramotshere Moiloa. Tekodiso eno, ke e re tshwanetseng go e dira go ya ka molao (Water Services Regulator- Department of Water Affairs).

The risk defined assessments is used to compile a risk defined water safety plans which assist in quality management of our different water supply systems. Water Safety plans are completed for the abovementioned municipalities based on the risk assessments outcomes .The way forward is to commit a budget based on findings of risk assessments in order to confirm how are we going to mitigate from risk assessments report.

Furthermore – this municipality will continually improve on the water quality evaluation criteria requirements for Blue Drop and compliance and SANS 241: 2006 (South African National Standards) compliance. SANS -241 for drinking water is a definitive reference on acceptable limits for water quality parameters (microbiological, physical, aesthetic and chemical) in South Africa and provide limits for water quality characteristics.

Based on the undertaken risk assessments and identified sample points , a new sampling programme for NMMDM will be implemented from 01st July 2013. This also need more resources in the form of scientific equipments, increase personnel, vehicles, and budget to implement this programme.

To prove that we are genuine “Leaders in integrated municipal governance” – the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality is delivering on the following:

Mafikeng South Regional Water Supply Scheme Project, This project is currently been implemented in Majemantsho, in the Mafikeng Local Municipality and will be undertaken in a period not exceeding 10 months. This R21 million project started on the 15th April 2013 and will create more than 20 job opportunities.

This massive project entails the following:

- Construction of a new pump station at Mafikeng Water Treatment works to pump water to the proposed new pressure tower;
- Construction of a new rising main from Mafikeng Water Treatment works to the new proposed pressure tower outside Majemantsho village;
- Construction of a new pressed steel pressure tower outside Majemantsho village;
- Construction of new gravity main to supply the newly established residential area outside Majemantsho;

Another of our milestones – is the Rehabilitation of First Street, First Avenue, Jameswatt Crescent and Aerodrome Way Project. We have commenced with this project on the 14th January 2013 and the expected completion date is the 03rd October 2013. The project value is R27 million and its scope of work entails:

- Upgrading existing Storm Water line;
- Upgrading current road surface and road layers; and
- Installing storm water drainage systems at intersections. More than 25 job opportunities are created in this project.

On our way to Clean Audit 2014 - of utmost importance in this year's budget is the fact that our budget talks to the IDP priorities which were identified through the consultative process.

Our IDP priorities are aligned to the priorities of government regarding Growth and Economic Development, National Development Plan including the provision of basic services in a sustainable manner.

The kind of support and cooperation that we continue to receive from local municipalities really put cooperative governance into practice. Colleagues from local municipalities thank you and let us continue to support one another. After all, we are one government advancing one objective of “a better life for all”.

For the past two Financial Years - we received disclaimer Audit Opinions. We are seriously concerned about the issues raised by the Auditor General especially with regards to non-compliance and all other matters are certainly receiving attention with the hope that most of those issues shall be addressed in this Financial Year.

Programme Director, this morning the District Municipality handed over the Makgobistad Village Water Supply Project, which is amongst many projects that are currently executed by our municipality - that will further demonstrate our importance in delivering quality services.

This project aimed at addressing the water shortages in the community and further identified the ground water sources as Makgobistad is located in a dry region and potential well locations yielded low water volumes that were also of a poor quality. Even after drilling on the outskirts of the village where human activity will have a lesser impact on the water quality, the final recommendation was that ground water can never meet the community’s demand and this can only be achieved by resorting to alternative water sources such as regional bulk sources.

Due to the limited water resources, the project could only be designed to meet the RDP standard whereby standpipes are provided at a 200m radius and a 200KI steel tank has been installed to augment the existing tank so as to increase the storage capacity.

The project was labour intensive and 20 members of the community were employed and there were never any labour disputes throughout the duration of the project. The contractor managed to finish all the works on time and saved on the mechanical works of the boreholes that were delayed by the electrification of Eskom, though the stipulated fees for the activity were paid.

Furthermore - Eskom only supplied the power to the boreholes in May 2013 and the contractor was instructed to return to site and complete the outstanding work on the boreholes and has since completed work on one borehole and is busy on the second borehole which had a broken motor. But this process will be completed by the 21st June 2013.

Bagaetsho – tirisano mmogo, kemonokeng, maikarabelo le tiriso ya lona mo ditirelong tse di lerweng ke Mmasepala wa Sedika wa Ngaka Modiri Molema, ga se fela tlotla (right) mme ke moonono o puso e o latelang go leka go fetola matshelo a lona jaaka baagi go nna botoka.

Selo se se botlhokwa thata bagaetsho – ke go lemoga le go amogela gore Mmasepala wa Sedika, le Mmasepala tsotlhe mo Sedikeng sa rona, di arabela maikaelelomagolo a puso a go tlahabolola matshelo a bagaetsho ka go lere ditirelo tse re di bonang tse.

The Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality 2012 - 2016 Integrated Development Plan as Council's commitment to the objects of local government as contained in Section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, commits to:

- provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;

- promote social and economic development;
- promote a safe and healthy environment; and
- encourage the involvement of communities and community organizations in the matters of local government.

We are mindful of the fact that these objects cannot be achieved overnight, hence this Plan is intended to guide planning for the duration of the term of this Council.

A functional intergovernmental system will ensure that there is continuous engagement with sector departments and local municipalities on a regular basis.

Ke ka moo bagaetsho – re le gwetlhang jaaka Mmasepala go amogela le go tlhokomela dithoto tse le di tlišetswang ke puso ka gore ke tsa lona. Dithoto tse re di tlhomang le go neelana ka tsona fano gompiano – ke tseo di tlileng go dirisiwa ke baagi ba Mmasepala mongwe le mongwe yo o leng mo Sedikeng.

Re tsaya chono eno jaaka Mmasepala wa Sedika wa Ngaka Modiri Molema – go leboga kemonokeng e re ntseng re e amogela go tswa mo diMmasepaleng tsa Selegae tse tlhano mo sedikeng, le go tswa mo go lona jaaka baagi ba fano.

Rona jaaka Mmasepala wa Sedika, re tla netefatsa gore bagaetsho ba bona ditiro tsa nakwana le tsa leruri go tswa mo diporojekeng tse di lereng ditirelo mo karolong tsa rona.

Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality is always committed to its vision of being “ **leaders in integrated municipal governance**”.

Re a leboga !!!!