

# R150m set aside for rural areas

## But tempers still flare at lively Kagiso IDP gathering

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It was once again that time of the year when Mogale City Executive Mayor Koketso Calvin Seerane, councillors and officials rolled up their sleeves and engaged communities in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) feedback sessions around the city.

Since Mogale City Local Municipality came into being, following the 2000 local government elections, its last eight-and-half-years marked the watershed in local government management and service delivery.

This is evident in terms of the service delivery milestones achieved by the municipality, the development and implementation of key policies and systems to effect and expedite service delivery in innovative ways –

as well as consolidation of community participation ideas.

And, council has endeavoured to meet its developmental mandate as espoused in the legislation, in particular, the Constitution, systems and structures Act of 2000 respectively.

However, this has entailed the implementation of programmes and projects geared towards deepening democracy and promoting food governance.

Most recently council embarked on IDP roadshows to present a snap review of the service delivery and budget implementation performance. These important meetings are the process through which the municipality prepares a strategic development plan (IDP) which guides all planning, management, investment,



SPREADING THE WORD: Executive Mayor Koketso Calvin Seerane addresses an IDP meeting.

development and implementation decisions, taking into account inputs from all stakeholders. However, IDPs are held in line with the requirements of the Local Government Municipal System Act and Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act.

As projected, most of urbanised residents were up in arms insisting that the council do something with what they said is escalating crime, unemployment, lack of housing, environment, unfair issuing of tenders, and bad treatment by some municipal officials towards ratepayers.

In a meeting held at Kagiso Extension 12, a community leader, Oupa Oldjohn said the council needs to provide jobs for locals and make resources available for the youth.

As this was not enough, the community of Swanieville grumbled that "some municipal officials don't know what they are doing".

To add salt to the wound, some Swanieville residents who attended the meeting, claimed that they have been residents in the area from 1993 and still leave in shacks while others said they are still awaiting for title deeds for their houses.

Looking at the rural areas, Tarlton residents showed no interest in the IDP presentation and condemned it. Most speakers said they never saw any service delivery in their area and that they only see houses being built in urban areas.

Maki Maruse said council made promises that they can't keep. "You were here last year and some other years back and you promise us land and houses, when will that happen? We are not enjoying democracy in Tarlton as we still stay in shacks and 400 people in my area share eight toilets," said outspoken Maruse.

According to the presentation, 08/09 Service Delivery Projects implementation, 250 housing units

(Phase 2) were completed in Kagiso Extension 12, 9 000 houses to be built at Chief Mogale (near ext 9).

And, four contractors were appointed for the building of 112 family units planned at the Kagiso Old Hostel. Amongst the Community Needs Prioritisation Model, the presentation outlined housing, including hostels upgrade, conversion, rural land acquisition and rural site and services.

And, budget allocation to prioritized areas include R10m for Rural Development and land Acquisition. In urban housing and Hostel Development, R150m is shown in the presentation to be budgeted for the project.

However, regardless of Kagiso residents critiques on potholes, council reported that 5 702 potholes were patched up in greater Kagiso. This is part of the total needs of about 579 recorded by the municipality in the Oct/Nov Community IDP inputs Road shows held last year. The table on the left list all the projects and budget drafted by the Municipality for 09/10 financial year.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT OUTPUTS	08/09 BUDGET	09/10 BUDGET
Road Maintenance	Resurface of the roads, road marking and storm water management	R9,4 m	R 9,5m
Cleansing and beatification of the city	Cleansing, grass cutting weed control and streetscaping	R4,7m	R5,3m
Electricity distribution	Maintenance of the streetlights, traffic control lights	R5,2m	R5,8m
Water and sewerage management	Maintenance of water and sewerage reticulation	R9,7m	R 14,5m
Primary Health Care	Child immunisation, PHC, family planning.	R2,3n	R 2,5m
Public Safety (Social crime prevention)	Traffic management	R15,7m	R19m
Libraries outreach programme	Library Info books and related activities	R1,6m	R 2,6m
Town planning and building control management	Rezoning, spatial development, building controls	R3,4k	R 4,7k
Municipal Court	by-law enforcement	–	R2,5m
Sport, Arts and Culture development	Youth development programmes	R1,3m	R 1,7m
Establishment of the land entity	Land agency	–	R 2m
Peace and Development Model	Youth and Crime prevention programme	–	Private

## Light up our lives, Mr Mayor cries Sinqobile, in the dark

BY SIPHO NONE

Residents of Sinqobile in Kagiso came in their numbers in a move to express their dissatisfaction about the lack of service delivery in their area.

The community of Sinqobile expressed their anger and frustration during the review of session on the draft 2009/2010 Budget and Integrated Development Plan [IDP] which was held at the Kagiso Community Hall.

The frustrations that the residents have endured for the past years were clearly visible on their faces when they raised issues, with the unavailability of electricity in the area leading the list of demands.

The community members of Sinqobile, which is sandwiched between the Kagiso Sport Complex, Kagiso Hostel and the mine dumps, have staged several protest marches to the Civic Centre.

Vivian Makhamba, a community patroller at Sinqobile said the level of crime at Sinqobile is very high due to the lack of electricity.

"We have experienced violent crimes in our area and have reported these incidents at the police station and little has been done to address this issue. The rate of crime is escalating due to the unavailability of electricity in our area. We want to urge our municipality to speed up the process of electricity," Makhamba said.

Executive Mayor Koketso Calvin Seerane, accompanied by his team of councillors and officials, ensured the residents of Sinqobile that the municipality worked around the clock to ensure electricity is installed.

"As councillors and members of the ANC we took it upon ourselves when we took office that we need to change the lives of our people for the better. Sinqobile is part of that plan," Mayor Seerane said.

"Sinqobile not having electricity is not on, and it concerns us as your leaders.

"We have held several meetings with officials from Eskom to highlight the plight of community members of Sinqobile," he said.