

Address by the Mayor of Elias Motsaoleli Local Municipality, Cllr David Tladi During Mayoral Exco Imbizo held at ward 31 Motetema on the 9th of February 2023.

Hon Speaker of Council, Mme Mashego

The chief whip of council , Ntate makunyane

Exco Members

Ward councillors

Ward committee members

Municipal Manager and your team

Badudi Ba Motetema

Members of the media

Kgotsong

We are gathered here today on the occasion of the EXCO Imbizo, a couple of hours before the president of the republic of South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa delivers the State of the nation address.

Hon Cllrs and Members of the community

The Imbizo programs provides a platform for government to engage communities and exchange experiences on various matters that affect both government and communities.

On the 17 June 2009 on the occasion of tabling the Budget of the GCIS. The late former Minister in The Presidency, Collins Chabane outline the Imbizo and its objective. He said “In an effort to enhance unmediated communication, the izimbizo programme remains a unique approach to ensure that our messages reach the public unpolluted. It is one platform, among many, that we will continue to use. Research has shown

that direct interaction with communities is seen as most valuable by citizens.

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The GCIS will make sure that izimbizo platforms are used creatively as part of government's participatory democracy platforms to build and strengthen strategic sectoral and general community partnerships".

According to the Constitution 152(b), one of the main objectives of the local municipality as the closest government to the people is to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner, which is that we are currently doing as the municipality, collection of Refuse once a week, completed of 1.5 km Upgrading of Motetema Internal Streets 2020/21 FY and currently the municipality is buzy with 850 M.

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The Mayor and the EXCO collective resolved in the last two Makgotla to have an engagement with the residents to relate to them issues that are of mutual concern to the municipality and the community. The need for this program is premised by our observations of some of the things that is taking place and if left unabated it will plunge us into crisis.

However that is not the only reason, amongst other reasons the meeting was convened so that we talk to the community about their challenge and build a relationship as it constitute one of our important stakeholder. We want the community to tell us what we are doing wrong and we tell them what they are doing wrong.

Badudi, normally when we host outreaches and imbizos we cluster wards to save costs and try to relate the message to as many as possible. However today we found it befitting that we strictly and exclusively invite residence of Motetema. Motetema forms part of our strategic areas for a number of reasons

Badudi bage^u,gore masepala o kgone gole t^{swela} ka go lefa ditirelo, re kgopela le lefela ditirelo t^{sa} masepala gore re kgone go le direla t^{se} difetang t^{sa} peleng.

Mmu^{so} ke wa batho , batho ke ba mmu^{so} ka yona tsela yeo re swanet^{se} go khuki^{sana} dilong ka moka.

Thank you