

MPUMALANGA LEADERSHIP UNITES IN MKHONDO FOR WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATION 2025



MEC for Health Ms. Sasekani Manzini leading a poignant candle lighting ceremony.

- Ndumi Nkosi

Mpumalanga Acting Premier - MEC for Health, Ms. Sasekani Manzini, alongside the Mkhondo Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu led the Provincial World TB Day commemoration at Mandla Magudulela Stadium on 28 March 2025. The event, held under the theme **"Yes, You and I Can End TB"** brought together government leaders, community members, and various partner organizations to strengthen the fight against tuberculosis.

Demonstrating a hands-on approach, the MEC's entourage, which included leaders from the Gert Sibande District and Mkhondo Local Municipalities, began the day by visiting two local households to facilitate TB screening and testing, bringing essential health services directly to the community. The formal event commenced with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a poignant candle-lighting ceremony led by MEC Manzini to remember those who have lost their lives to TB. The angelic voices of the Ndlela Secondary School choir provided entertainment for the attendees, adding to the spirit of community and hope.

The day served as a powerful platform for collaboration, with numerous organizations setting up exhibitions to provide information and services to the public. The strong presence of government departments, civil society, and health partners underscored the collective commitment needed to end TB in the province.

"Yes, You and I Can End TB"



Councillors together with GM Community Services - and SM Environmental Services on 10th MLM Summit



Speaker of Council of Gert Sibande District Municipality and of Mkhondo Local Municipality.



Ndlela Secondary School entertaining attendees with their angelic voices.

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Gert Sibande District representative, thanked the leadership for bringing such an imperative event here at eMkhondo for the awareness and encouragement of the community to safeguard their health matters by continually visiting their healthcare centres (clinics).

MEC Manzini, in her speech wished that Mpumalanga people would live healthy and have long life for over 70 years.

Key Stakeholders in attendance included, Gert Sibande District Municipality Representative - MMC for Special Projects, Cllr. B Mkhwanazi, Mpumalanga Provincial TB Ambassador - Ms T Nkomo, Mpumalanga Traditional Health Practitioners - Ms S Pule, CSF Provincial Chairperson - Ms S Nkosi, Deputy Chairperson of the Mpumalanga Provincial House of Traditional Leaders - iNkosi uYende, iNkosi yakwa Madabukela, iNkosi uMthethwa and Pastor S Phakathi.

Exhibitors supporting the event included, The Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, Tara Health Care, HEAPS, IEC, Provincial Treasury, Mpumalanga Economic Regulator, Miss Mpumalanga 2025, Department of Education, Mpumalanga Provincial Government, National Health Laboratory Service, Statistics South Africa, National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Social Development, DRIP, Public Protector South Africa, and the Mpumalanga Regional Training



MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr. M Mkhabela, Executive Mayor, Cllr. N Ndhlovu and MEC for Health, Ms. S Manzini



Community members during the event

MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ENGAGES PUBLIC IN DRAFTING 2024 BY-LAWS



Mr. V Dube, Senior Manager for Environmental Management and Social Development and Chief Traffic Officer Mr. Lucky

- Thando Mngomezulu

Mkhondo Local Municipality has actively engaged the public in developing its 2024 Draft By-Laws, with a strong focus on Law Enforcement and Environmental Management. This initiative aims to foster community involvement in shaping local regulations that promote safety, sustainability, and good governance.

The proposed By-Laws are designed to enhance legal compliance, build public trust, and strengthen the relationship between the municipality and the communities. Chief Traffic Officer Mr. Lucky Ngozo led public participation sessions on Traffic Management across various areas, including Amsterdam, Saul Mkhizeville, and the Mkhondo taxi ranks. Ngozo emphasised the importance

of understanding the new By-Laws to avoid legal violations and highlighted key requirements such as holding valid driver's licenses and adhering to road signs to prevent accidents.

Mr. Vusiwe Dube, Senior Manager for Environmental Management and Social Development, facilitated a public consultation focused on the Waste Management By-Laws. In his address, Dube stressed the importance of proper waste control to protect the environment. He noted that effective waste management can prevent pollution, curb the spread of diseases, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The 2024 By-Laws are also intended to promote transparency and accountability. Through public participation, community members can contribute valuable insights, raise concerns, and offer suggestions that help refine and strengthen the regulations.



EXECUTIVE MAYOR Cllr. NGELOSI NDHLOVU LEADS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT DRIVE: — Initiative Focuses on Collaboration and Community Development —



MLM Executive Mayor, Cllr. N Ndhlovu together with MMC for Community Services, Cllr. W Vilakazi.



MLM Target Manager, Mr. M-Simelane.

- Makholwa Gama

In a determined effort to strengthen ties between the local government and its communities, Executive Mayor Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu has embarked on a proactive stakeholder engagement campaign spanning from May to June 2025. This initiative, driven by the need for transparent governance, inclusive development, and responsive service delivery, emphasises the Executive Mayor's commitment to participatory leadership and sustainable community advancement. Throughout the months of May and June, Cllr. Ndhlovu has undertaken an extensive outreach programme, engaging directly with a broad spectrum of stakeholders from Inter-Faith, Media, Art, Culture and Sports, Traditional Healers, NPOs, NGOs and civil society groups, Elderly women, people with disabilities and youth. These engagements have taken the form of community hall meetings, sector-based dialogues, ongoing infrastructure projects, and stakeholder forums.

Each session provided an open platform for stakeholders to voice concerns, provide feedback, and co-create solutions with Mkhondo municipal leadership. Core issues raised included water supply challenges, local economic development, housing backlogs, infrastructure maintenance, and youth unemployment. The Executive Mayor's team ensured all engagements were documented and responses were coordinated accordingly.

Cllr. Ndhlovu emphasised the importance of multi-sectoral collaboration in addressing the municipality's most pressing developmental challenges. "We cannot govern in isolation. Our strength lies in our ability to partner with the people we serve," Executive Mayor said during one of the sessions held at Sithuli Hleza Community Hall in Ward 12.

One of the distinguishing features of this stakeholder engagement campaign has been its focus on accountability. The Executive Mayor used these platforms to report back on service delivery commitments made in the previous financial year, present the current state of municipal finances, and highlight strategic priorities for the 2025/26 Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Moreover, communities were encouraged to participate in the municipal IDP review processes and to hold their representatives accountable. An open-door policy was reaffirmed, and the Executive Mayor committed to regular feedback sessions to ensure continuous communication beyond the drive.

As the campaign concludes in June, the Executive Mayor's Office is compiling a comprehensive Stakeholder Engagement Report, to be tabled at the next Council sitting. This document will guide strategic planning and inform budget allocations for the upcoming fiscal year.

Cllr. Ndhlovu has expressed her gratitude to all stakeholders who participated: "Your voices have been heard, and your concerns are valid. This is only the beginning, we are laying the foundation for a more responsive, transparent, and people-centered government."



EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR. NGELOSI NDHLOVU LEADS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT DRIVE:
— Initiative Focuses on Collaboration and Community Development — Cont...



MKHONDO HOSTS 10TH ANNUAL SUMMIT

- Hlengiwe Mthimkhulu

On 5 June 2025, the Mkhondo Local Municipality, through its Environmental Management Unit, marked a significant milestone by hosting the 10th Annual Environmental Summit at Waterside Lodge. This important event was held under the theme “*Our Planet, Our Responsibility*”, aligning with the global celebration of World Environment Day, observed annually on 5 June. The General Manager for Community Services, Ms. Zamanyambose Mthethwa, welcomed all attendees and expressed her gratitude for their presence at this milestone gathering.

Delivering the summit overview, the Senior Manager for Environmental Management and Social Development, Mr. Vusiwe Dube, reflected on the municipality’s progress over the past decade. **“The municipality has made significant strides in environmental stewardship, and the summit serves as a platform to reflect on achievements and inspire further action,” he said.**

Mr. Dube also highlighted the summit’s role in raising awareness about environmental protection, with particular emphasis on the urgent need to address plastic pollution. He stressed the importance of implementing practical, long-term solutions to preserve the planet for future generations. In his remarks, he thanked the Environmental Unit team, EPWP, CWPs, local schools, and various stakeholders for their continued efforts in maintaining Mkhondo as one of the cleanest municipalities in the district.

Dube further underscored the importance of teamwork and ongoing collaboration through initiatives such as clean-up campaigns, tree planting, and the removal of alien invasive plant species in local communities.

As part of the awareness campaign, learners from Imizamoyethu Primary School, Harmony Park Combined School, and Maranatha Primary School presented poems that addressed environmental issues and called for greater responsibility in protecting the Earth.

The keynote address was delivered by the MMC for Community Services, Cllr. Walter Vilakazi, who empha-

sised the need for interdepartmental collaboration to address environmental challenges and protect the well-being of future generations. He applauded the Environmental Unit for innovative programmes like “Adopt a Spot”, which has significantly reduced illegal dumping in Mkhondo. Cllr. Vilakazi encouraged all attendees to foster a culture of responsible waste management, starting with educating young children to cultivate lasting environmental awareness.

The summit concluded with the recognition and awarding of the Environmental Unit team for their outstanding performance and unwavering dedication. This celebratory moment not only honored a decade of achievements but also reaffirmed the municipality’s ongoing commitment to building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.

The event was supported by a wide range of stakeholders, including: Gert Sibande District Municipality MMC for Community and Social Services Cllr. N. Zulu, MLM Section 80 Committee Members, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, Green Hydrogen, IUCMA, CDW’S, EPWP’S, DFFE, Kangra Mine, PG Bison, Govern Mbheki Municipality, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality, and eDumbe Local Municipality.

“ ***A Decade of Environmental Commitment*** ”
~ Senior Manager Environmental , Vusiwe Dube



Cllr.M Mbatha, GM Community Services, Ms. Z Mthethwa, SM Environmental Services, Mr. V Dube and Cllr. Tshandu and SM Environmental Services.



INDIGENT SUBSIDY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- Makholwa Gama

In a concerted effort to ease the financial burden on vulnerable households, the **Mkhondo Local Municipality** has launched an **Indigent Subsidy Support Drive** across all **19 wards**, aimed at ensuring that qualifying residents are registered and able to access essential municipal services.

The campaign, which began in early **May** and has continued throughout **June**, forms part of the municipality's broader commitment to promoting inclusive service delivery and ensuring that no resident is left behind in accessing basic services such as water, electricity, sanitation, and waste management.

Teams from the **Revenue Unit** and partnering departments, including **SASSA**, have been deployed to local community halls, centres, and mobile service points in each ward. These teams assist residents in applying for indigent support by helping complete application forms, verifying documentation, and updating municipal records. Additionally, information is provided on the benefits of the Indigent Support Programme, including monthly subsidies on basic services.

"This drive is about restoring dignity to our people," said Ward Councillor Cllr. Walter Vilakazi, during the programme in Ward 14. "The indigent subsidy is not a handout – it is a necessary intervention to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and to promote equitable access to municipal services."

The **Indigent Support Programme** is designed for households with a combined monthly income below the **R3,500.00** threshold, as well as for pensioners, child-headed households, and people living with disabilities. Applicants are required to bring identification documents, proof of income (or an affidavit), and their municipal account details when registering.

Only verified and approved applicants will qualify for subsidies, ensuring the programme serves those most in need. Regular audits and updates to the indigent register are planned to maintain transparency and integrity.

The community response has been overwhelmingly positive. Many residents expressed appreciation for the initiative, particularly the convenience of having municipal staff provide services directly in their areas.

"I've been struggling to pay for water and electricity. This will make a real difference," said **Mama, Thandi Zwane**, a senior citizen from **Ward 16**. "I'm glad the municipality came to us instead of making us go all the way to town." The **Indigent Subsidy Support Drive** is part of Mkhondo Municipality's ongoing efforts to strengthen social protection mechanisms and enhance revenue management by formally recognising indigent households and excluding them from standard billing processes. **Municipal Manager Mr. Mthá Mkhonza** confirmed that the drive will become an annual initiative. Mkhonza also announced that efforts are underway to digitise

the application process to improve accessibility in the future. The Municipal Manager further encouraged residents to liaise with their ward councillors or visit the municipality's official website and social media platforms for the schedule of upcoming visits in their respective wards.



Mkhondo Local Municipality Revenue officials on partnership with SASSA assisting the community with applications.

G20 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

— Women, Children and People living with Disabilities —



**Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, -
Hon. Sindisiwe Chikunga**



**Executive Mayor of Mkhondo Local Municipality,
Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu**

- Manqoba Mazibuko

On Friday, 20 June 2025, the Office of the Premier, in collaboration with Mkhondo Local Municipality, proudly hosted a G20 Stakeholder Consultation Engagement at Eziphuzini Community Hall. The session brought together a diverse group of participants, including academia, small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), students, NGOs, and traditional leadership structures.

This important gathering forms part of South Africa's national preparations as the country holds the G20 Presidency until 30 November 2025, under the unifying theme: "Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability."

The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including the Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Hon. Sindisiwe Chikunga, Acting Premier Hon. J.K. Macie, Gert Sibande District Mayor, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu, Executive Mayor of Mkhondo, Cllr. N. Ndhlovu, Speaker of Council, Cllr. M. Ngwenya, and councillors of the Mkhondo Local Municipality.

The engagement served as a vital platform to ensure that voices from all sectors of society—especially those often underrepresented—are actively contributing to the global economic discussions. As South Africa leads the G20, the focus remains on driving inclusive growth, empowering local communities, and placing Africa's development priorities firmly on the world stage.

Mkhondo is proud to have played host to this milestone engagement and remains committed to fostering partnerships that advance both local and global development.

"I am confident that together, through our shared vision and unwavering determination, we will generate transformative outcomes that resonate far beyond this room." - Hon. Sindisiwe Chikunga



MKHONDO INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REPRESENTATIVE FORUM PROGRESSIVE MEETING



Executive Mayor Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu alongside with the Municipal Manager, Mr. Mtha Mkhonza

- Manqoba Mazibuko

The Mkhondo Local Municipality held a significant Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative Forum Meeting today at the Council Chambers.

The session, chaired by Executive Mayor Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu, served as a platform to review the progress of municipal projects, evaluate intergovernmental collaboration, and enhance stakeholder alignment towards the shared goal of sustainable service delivery for all Mkhondo communities.

This progressive meeting brought together a diverse group of key stakeholders and development partners, each playing a critical role in supporting Mkhondo's developmental priorities. Kanga Coal and Foloji Mining continue to contribute to local economic development through job creation and corporate social investment initiatives. The Community Works Programme (CWP) plays a vital role in reducing poverty by providing short-term employment opportunities that enhance community infrastructure.

SASSA committed providing updates on efforts to streamline the delivery of social grants to vulnerable households, ensuring social protection for those most in need. The Department of Social Development (DSD) reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening community-based support systems, welfare programs, and child protection services.

COGSHTA emphasized the importance of good governance, institutional support, and effective coordination among all spheres of government. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) outlined ongoing agricultural and land use programmes aimed at boosting food security and supporting emerging farmers. Meanwhile, the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation (DCSR) highlighted initiatives that promote youth development, cultural expression, and social cohesion through arts and sport.



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