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DID hands over newly refurbished Jeppe Street Clinic



MEC Jacob Mamabolo, MEC Gwen Ramokgopa and Faculty Manager Sister Tholakele Bajabulile Mhense

By Morati Sethabela

On Monday the 30th October 2017 Gauteng Infrastructure Development MEC Jacob Mamabolo handed over the newly refurbished Jeppe Street Clinic to the department of Health following temporary shutdown of the facility for major refurbishments. The project which started on the 7th of September included paving, plumbing, painting of walls, doors and replacement of old ceilings. The work done is part of a strategy by the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) to prioritise the maintenance of existing infrastructure while rolling out new infrastructure.

MEC Mamabolo commended the contractor for adhering to project timelines and restoring the building to its current condition. He said the renovations would contribute to extension of the lifespan of the facility.

"We had to do a complete overhaul of the building in such a way that it will offer excellent performance and serve as what we call high a performance building, meaning it is ready to survive the challenges of extreme weather conditions" said MEC Mamabolo.

Various defects such as poor rain water drainage due to blockage of gutters and down pipe and dampness in walls resulting in the growth of fungus made it very difficult for staff to function optimally in the more than 100 year old building.

The MEC also explained that due to its age, the clinic was unable to cope with high volumes of



patients as it was originally built to service a few and this was now being looked into.

His counterpart the MEC for Health Dr Gwen Ramokgopa also conveyed her gratitude to the good job done by contractors. "I'm very excited that we have come this far in renovating this clinic. It is one of the valuable services we offer to the population of the inner city. All the work was done professionally and on time", beamed the MEC.



MEC Ramokgopa also committed to ensure that the clinic is fully functional now that it has been handed over to the department of health. The facility offers various services such as primary healthcare, women's productive health, prevention and management of communicable diseases, management of chronic diseases, and provides antiretroviral services amongst others services.

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By Rorisang Monyela and Thomas Lethoba



Premier David Makhura and Dignitaries during the ribbon-cutting

It is a massive 33 Classroom mega facility with state of the art paperless technology such as WIFI that is easily comparable to a school that one would find in highly developed city in the western world. It is a learning facility that is meant to help produce knowledge workers who are ready to take part in the emerging Fourth Industrial Revolution that is mainly based on information communication technologies.

This is probably the most fitting description of the newly built Seshegong Secondary School, located in the heart of Olievenhoutbosch, a historically disadvantaged township in the City of Tshwane, Gauteng. Premier David Makhura spoke proudly of this investment when he officially opened the school on Monday the 27th November 2017 in company of hundreds of community members.

The MECs were acknowledged for delivering the school in good quality so that more generations of learners and the community may benefit from the facility. Matriculants of the school were also urged to work hard and acquire more than

last year's 90% pass rate. The original school is currently located in an old facility within the same community and was established in the year 2008. Learners are apparently expected to move into the new school in January 2018. All thirty three classrooms are fitted with smart interactive boards linked to the learners' tablets. "As Gauteng Provincial Government we have invested more than R100 million in constructing this school for our learners in the community. We are therefore urging our matriculants to take advantage of this facility by acquiring a 100% pass rate, and also obtain bachelors and distinctions," proclaimed the Premier.

Government was also represented by the MEC for Infrastructure Development Mr Jacob Mamabolo, the MEC for Education Mr Panyaza Lesufi and the Ward Councillor Mr Cedrick Tsela.

MEC Mamabolo said the school is a sound, safe and environmentally friendly facility which thrives itself with the employment of the latest Green Building practices. Features of the

school include two smart science laboratories, two smart multi-purpose rooms, one computer laboratory, an Information Communication Technology control room, a library, a nutrition centre, a dining hall, dedicated home economics facilities, and combo sports facilities. The green technology features include energy saving lighting, solar water heating, natural lighting, heat retention,

landscaping and rain harvesting infrastructure. The community was urged to take care of the school and not vandalise it. The province said this is one of many more schools it intends opening a new school each month until the year 2019.

MEC Lesufi told parents and the community in attendance that the Gauteng Provincial Government is modernising schools as part of developing a new type of knowledge worker for the country.



MEC's Page: Window to Infrastructure

Gauteng making progress in disposing government's non-core assets

By Theo Nkonki

Gauteng Provincial Government is making progress in disposing non-core assets that are not central to service delivery and socio-economic transformation mandate of government.

Last year, the Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) completed an audit of all immovable assets and compiled an Immovable Asset Register (IAR) of the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) in compliance with the minimum standards of the Government Immovable Asset Management Act. "This was a significant achievement because such a credible and reliable register of Gauteng Provincial Government's portfolio of Immovable Assets and their conditional assessment did not exist," said Premier David Makhura.

To date, 168 non-core assets which include residential properties are being put to the market and seven have been sold through an open auction.

One of the houses that have been sold is the official residence of the Premier which has not only saved government money but has fetched R16.2 million. This will fund the cost of higher education for forty (40) students over 3 years.

The decision to sell the Premier's official residence was taken so that the provincial government can use the additional resources raised to meet the needs of Gauteng citizens.

MEC Mamabolo said some of the buildings that were not earmarked for use by Gauteng departments would be made available for a partnership with universities to turn them into residences for student accommodation. Others would be made available for use by township-based businesses and SMMEs under the guidance of the Department of Economic Development.

The provincial government will only keep the property portfolio and land assets which add value to serving delivery, infrastructure development and overall Gauteng's transformation, modernisation and reindustrialisation agenda. The provincial government's portfolio of immovable assets is made up of 32 565 assets made up 8 301 land parcels for DID, 22 758 for Human Settlements, 19 for Roads and Transport and another 1 482 for national government that should be transferred to the province.

In addition, Makhura said the approval of the public private partnership to build the nineteen-multi-storey building- Kopanong Government Precinct by provincial and national Treasury was now in its final stage. Private sector bidders will be invited early in 2018 once final approval is granted.



Official residence of the Gauteng Province Premier sold during an Auction

Last 2017 Roundtable with Universities



By Alfred Nhlapo

Delegates during the last Infrastructure Roundtable

The last Infrastructure Roundtable between GDID and all Gauteng Universities was held at the Wits University Club on the 7th of November 2017, with much reflection on the challenges thus far and a vision for the forthcoming year.

The meeting also took place against the backdrop of the recent handover of a refurbished building for student accommodation at the Charlotte Maxeke Hospital. Several high powered delegations from the universities also included experts on property development and green technology solutions. It was a meeting of sharp minds with a lot of experience on the development of student friendly accommodation precincts.

Speaking at the meeting, MEC Jacob Mamabolo said one of the main objectives of the forum was to develop a province wide student accommodation project that encompasses all the Universities. He said the days of property management bodies in government and the universities working silos in the development of infrastructure plans was a thing of the past. The roundtable would instead consolidate existing precincts and streamline them into one coherent plan. The department also offered to subject all related projects to its recently unveiled Project Readiness Matrix in order to ensure the feasibility of joint initiatives.

"The province would like to find areas of common interest with the universities in utilising government buildings to support poor students. This relationship is about government supporting university infrastructure requirements, specifically focusing on the precinct model of development that is being championed by Gauteng Provincial Government. The approach mainly talks to how the provincial asset portfolio could be strategically optimised to address the needs of Universities. As government we are committed to the provision of affordable student accommodation. We are looking at existing precincts in the cities to see how we can find opportunities to develop student friendly living experiences through provision of access to resources that are often located in precincts", said MEC Mamabolo.

He said the roundtable is meant to help establish communication channels between GDID and the Universities. A working team on the precinct development has also been developed with the view to review and align GPG and HEI precinct development plans. The outcomes of the roundtable will be submitted to the Provincial Cabinet and the Council of University Chancellors.

The department will also engage the respective universities with the view to establish their technical needs in relation to student

accommodation and related matters and also elevate issues on which GDID could play a meaningful role. This will also go into the letter of the partnership with Universities. The roundtable discussions are also expected to find their way into the 2018 State of the Province Address by Premier David Makhura.

The province has expressed its commitment to reclaim illegally occupied buildings and also prevent them from contributing to a general state of disrepair in the cities. Work is n being done to make such properties available for student accommodation in the province as part of helping institutions relieve the current pressure on existing facilities. One such building has already been identified in Krugersdorp and the department has moved swiftly to reclaim it from an illegal landlord.

The department has also been encouraged to make their implementing expertise available to the universities in respect of the development of land that is owned by the institutions.

It is envisaged that the intellectual wealth that resides in the roundtable will show the province and the country what government and the universities can do innovatively to develop sustainable infrastructure solutions. Lessons learnt from other city regions of the world are also being taken into account.

Steady performance on 30-Day payment bolstered by stringent measures to curb unauthorised expenditure

By Philemon Motshwaedi

Parallel to the efforts to pay outstanding invoices and swift handling of related queries on the 30-Day payment programme, the Department continues to maintain financial discipline with the intention of maintaining its good audit record.

DID is implementing stringent fiscal control aimed at better management of the available budget, thus ensuring that internal financial processes are aligned and accountability is enhanced.

- In line with the above interventions, all new requests for goods and services are to be re-routed from the responsible Director to the office of Director: Budgeting. She will have to confirm availability of funding for that proposed request as submitted to the budget office, before it is forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer or the Head of Department for consideration.
- If the item was never allocated or there is

no funding available for that service, that submission will not go any further in the Supply Chain processes and systems.

- From henceforth, all requisitions will be presented and deliberated upon at the meeting of the established OpsCom that will sit on Mondays. Heads of Branches will present and motivate on their submitted requests for consideration by the OpsCom as part of the approval process.
- Any emergency outside this process will have to be approved by the Head of Department

The figures on the progress table for 30-Day payment programme are more or less the same from the month of November going into December as the Department is focusing on processing payment for those invoices that have passed all requirements in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) stipulations.

Description	Number	%	Amount	%
Number of open/outstanding queries	37	11%	4 537 880.64	2%
Number of queries resolved	305	89%	201 488 252.27	98%
Total number of queries lodged/amount	342	100%	206 026 132.91	100%

Aging Analysis of Open Queries

Description	Total	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	91+ Days
Total amount of open queries as at 01/12/2017	4 537 880.64	455 344.79	841 214.27		3 241 321.58
Number of open queries as at 01/12/2017	38	4	1		33
% by amount of outstanding queries	100%	10%	19%	0%	71%

UNRESOLVED					RESOLVED			
Week Ending	Number	%	Amount	%	Number	%	Amount	%
2017/11/24	40	12%	5 296 288.41	0.03%	302	88%	200 729 844.50	97%
2017/12/01	37	37%	4 537 880.64	2%	305	89%	201 488 252.27	98%

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MEC Mamabolo leads #ICareWeCare Community Dialogue

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It is the collective duty of all members of society to protect public properties such as schools, hospitals and community centres. Public protests and petitions to responsible authorities are also natural rights contained in the Constitution of South Africa. But, they also come with the responsibility to build communities in which public facilities serve the interests of future generations. That is why communities must work with government in preventing the destruction and vandalism of public facilities.

On Monday the 20th of November 2017 the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development took a lead in a public debate convened by the Moral Regeneration Movement which also included a high level panel of experts of social commentators, researchers and practitioners. The event was held at the Reef Hotel, in Joburg CBD and MEC Jacob Mamabolo was the main speaker. The theme of the day was “

The debate was heated and there was a lot of frank talk as different people made their points about this emotive issue that has seen many a newly built public facility succumb to fire and theft of equipment with communities then suffering as they wait for new facilities.

The discussion panel included Professor Muxe Nkondo, Father Brian Mhlanga, Dr. Thoahtlane Thoahtlane, Mr Jeff Sehume, Rev Coto Makaba, Professor Puleng Lenka-Bula and delegates from stakeholders, distinguished non-governmental organisations and SAPS general. Dozens of people from various parts of Gauteng were also in attendance.

The department established the campaign in partnership with MRM led by Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa to send a strong message to the residents to refrain from vandalising public properties.

During his address, the MEC mentioned the root of the cause that lead citizens to act with anger in the basis of demonstrations, and he further highlighted vital points such as: emphasis on the vandalism of public properties; nation building and working towards a common goal of building South Africa to combat these phenomena.

“We should specifically highlight the cause of the vandalism of properties we even visited various communities such as Sebokeng, Benoni and in Tshwane, to find the main reason on why people destroy public properties”, said MEC Mamabolo.

“We decided to initiate this campaign in conjunction with MRM, to deliver productive assets to our communities in order to meet their



MEC Jacob Mamabolo and the discussion Panel



basic needs, but they continue to destroy these facilities”.

MEC also outlined the values of the national liberation struggle of the apartheid regime. He concluded by stating that MRM should be given ideas and the principles on how to resolve these burning issues in our local communities.

GDID is working effortlessly with stakeholders and civil society to establish education on legislation matters, by educating communities to take full ownership of their public properties, as for the reason that there's a lack of information and knowledge in terms of the legislation of the country.

According to Neo Chaka the MRM Office Manager the campaign is aimed at raising awareness to the civil societies and communities who act with anger by ravaging public facilities when initiating protests. He said young people should also take an initiative in taking care of public properties and he urged youth to refrain from vandalism of communities' halls to name but a few, and start to protect these public entities.

Some the concerns raised included the issue of community based planning policy and the necessity of involving community members in decision making processes.

GDID updates Hammanskraal community on new clinics projects

By Alfred Nhlapo

Tuesday the 7th of November 2017 was a busy day in the calendar of MEC Jacob Mamabolo and his department as they empowered the Hammanskraal community members from surrounding areas with information on projects undertaken in the area. They were reporting to the Portfolio Committee on Infrastructure.

Several community leaders from other parts of Gauteng were also in attendance as the Portfolio Committee received the 2016/2017 Annual Report and the 2017/2018 Quarter Two Report from the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development. The Committee was led by the Chairperson Ms Lindiwe Lasindwa.

The MEC was accompanied by senior officials in the department, including the Chief Financial Officer Mr Rannoi Sedumo, who was acting HOD, as well as the Acting Deputy Director General Health Infrastructure Mr Richard Makhumisani. It was reported that the department was currently implementing several health infrastructure projects in Hammanskraal, with one new clinic now at completion stage in Kekana Gardens. Another one while was also set to be implemented in Kekanastad.

MEC Mamabolo said the department was doing its best to liaise with the relevant tribal land authorities to ensure their buy-in so that the projects may be successful. He said the project planned for Dilopye would be commenced as soon as land availability was finalised with stakeholders. Other health infrastructure projects were also at different planning stages.

The relevant project managers made presentations and the community members had the opportunity to interact with the reports and also raise their concerns. The department reaffirmed its commitment to deliver projects on time, in good quality and within budget.



MEC Jacob Mamabolo and the Portfolio Committee on Infrastructure



MTBS Infrastructure budget allocation to drive NDP Agenda



Bheki Mlangeni District Hospital in Soweto

By Philemon Motshwaedi

Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba's delivery of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework sent a clear message once more, that government continues to prioritise the expansion of network infrastructure to support the economic activity that will lead to growth and investment opportunities, whilst not neglecting the critical and highly-needed social infrastructure that serves community needs.

In delivering his maiden Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), Gigaba outlined an estimated infrastructure expenditure of R948-billion over the next three years, R44-billion of which is expected to be utilised in building new schools and refurbishing existing schools, libraries and laboratories.

"Government is embarking on a number of new initiatives in infrastructure in order to improve the quality of our infrastructure spending. This

includes maintenance of existing infrastructure, improved procurement of infrastructure projects, and better conditional grant terms to eliminate inefficiencies..." Minister Gigaba said during the MTBPS to Parliament on Wednesday, 25 October 2017.

Gigaba's MTBPS aims to narrow government's spending to seven priorities and focus areas, recognising that "resources are finite" and "hard choices" will need to be made about which government programmes should continue and which should be postponed. With no additional funds available to increase baseline expenditure over the 2018 Budget, some programmes not aligned to the NDP or realising their outcomes will be cut to meet unanticipated spending pressures.

The key element on proposed infrastructure spend in the MTBPS will include plans and

proposals that outlines the realisation of savings through the reduction of spending on consultants; establishing strict limits on contingent liabilities and litigation costs; ensuring that the initiatives of the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer take effect; and improving returns and value for money on State infrastructure projects.

The expenditure priorities for the MTEF period include job creation, small business development; youth development; infrastructure expansion and maintenance, amongst others. A private-sector participation framework and a template to determine and cost developmental mandates have also been approved by Cabinet, while the Government Technical Advisory Centre had been commissioned to set up a fund to benefit small and medium-sized enterprises, with a particular focus on start-ups.

Burning of Sicelo Clinic in MidVaal condemned

By Theo Nkonki

Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) MEC, Jacob Mamabolo, has expressed his shock and dismay after a clinic was burnt to the ground in Sicelo informal settlement in Meyerton, Midvaal Local Municipality.

It is reported that the clinic which provides an essential service to the poor was burnt down last night by individuals who are not yet known to the police and the community. Police are investigating the arson.

Mamabolo has called on those who may have information that will lead to the arrest of the criminals who have robbed the community of such critical infrastructure to be brought to the police.

"This is the most backward and barbaric act and those behind it have robbed the Sicelo community. We urge the community to work with authorities to isolate these criminals who have no regard for public infrastructure," Mamabolo said.

He adds that the government invests millions of tax payers' money in bringing services to the people and that such act of vandalism puts the lives of the vulnerable at serious risk.

"Through the iCare We Care campaign DID has been leading the charge for our people to start appreciating the importance of public infrastructure, our common heritage. It is most unfortunate that there are still people in our communities who show no regard for facilities such as the clinic which is now in ashes," Mamabolo said.

Launched in Bekkersdal in Gauteng's Western Development Corridor on the 13th



of July 2016, the campaign has received an overwhelming buy in from various communities and organisations across the Province. The campaign continues to raise awareness and change how communities relate with public property such as clinics, schools, libraries and community centres among others.

The Gauteng Provincial government working together with the Moral Regeneration Movement will continue visiting various communities as part of the Ntirhisano Programme and will

provide pledge books to garner signatures of the people who are committed to working towards ensuring that the destruction of public property is a thing of the past.

Those who want to pledge can also visit www.icarewecare.co.za to make their mark and ensure that we are all accountable for the upkeep of each and every building or structure on the community asset portfolio.



Infrastructure Update: the pulse of Engineering and Construction



Compiled by Alfred Nhlapo



Energy supply capacity increases as Medupi Unit 4 commercialises

The energy supply of South Africa is set to increase by seven hundred and ninety four megawatts (794MW) as ESKOM connects Unit 4 of the Medupi Coal-fired Power Station to the national power grid. This is set to make a huge contribution to the stabilization of the energy supply in view of the rapidly growing needs of households, private firms, SOEs, as well as those of the Energy Intensive User Group which consists of major mining and industrial players. The announcement was made in late November. – [Editorial Comment](#)



Construction Education and Training Authority

Construction Seta invests R75M in flooring training

The construction sector and training authority CETA has “set aside R75 million for flooring skills development initiatives”. It said the CETA CEO Ms Sonja Pilusa had unveiled the project launch of its partnership with a company called Belgotex.

The partners said learners should leave training programmes “as qualified and employable people who will make an impact in the flooring industry”. They reaffirmed their commitment to contribute poverty alleviation and the reduction of unemployment in communities, it was said. – [CETA News](#)



Stand Alone Batteries on the rise as alternative to regular power supply

Engineering News reports that cost of standalone battery storage is on the rise in the energy sector as surety of power supply is balanced against the benefits of the technology with which it comes. The report said the “cost . . . remains above South Africa’s prevailing, albeit rising, electricity tariffs, but could already be commercially viable in some instances when the “stacked benefits” of the technology are taken into account”.

Apparently, a “levelised cost of electricity (LCOE) study undertaken by Mott MacDonald Africa, based on a vanadium redox flow solution raging in size from 1 MW (6 MWh) to 20 MW (120 MWh), calculated the LCOE of battery storage to be between \$0.23/kWh and \$0.45/kWh”.

Mott MacDonald Africa’s Paul Tuson argued that the viability of battery storage would continue to improve as battery costs declined and that, in some cases, such systems could already be commercially justified when the associated, or stacked, benefits were also considered. – [Engineering News](#)

DID has a new website

The information sitting under this site: <http://www.did.gpgg.gov.za/> has now moved to: <http://www.gauteng.gov.za/>

