

Honourable Madam Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Limpopo Legislature

Honourable Premier Chupu Mathabatha

The Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders under the Chairpersonship of Kgoši Malesela Dikgale

Members of the Executive Council

Members of the Provincial Legislature

Chairperson and members of the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture

Leaders of the opposition parties

Members of our respective statutory bodies

Members of the media fraternity

Esteemed guests, comrades, ladies and gentlemen

Honourable Speaker

This month represents one of the most fulfilling months in our history. It is the month of historical and political significance. It is the month in which one of our gallant fighters, a young lion who at a young age decided to join the struggle to liberate me and you. It is the month in which Comrade Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu was brutally killed. It is therefore befitting that this brave young man who left the comfort of his royal home should be forever remembered in our deeds and actions.

Loko ndzi andlala mpimanyeto lowu wa Ndzawulo ,ndzi twisisa kahle marito ya vupurofeta ya socha leri ra Umkhonto we Sizwe loko a ku , kutani ndza tshaha “ Mhani , byela vanhu va mina leswaku ndza va rhandza na leswaku ngati ya mina yi ta cheleta murhi lowu wu nga ta tswala mihandzu ya ntshuxeko,” ntshaho wa pfariwa .Kutani ndzi nge xengi Ndzawulo. Lavantshwa hi vona vumundzuku bya hina.

This current financial cycle will in that spirit be biased towards youth development and general involvement in the sporting and artistic arena.

I am very proud Honourable Speaker, to stand before this August House and declare that many of the set targets for the previous year were met. From the Honourable Premier’s directive of convening a Sport Indaba and an Arts and Culture Indaba to the celebration of significant days, we indeed improved remarkably.

Honourable Speaker, flowing from the previous mandate, this financial cycle will see the evaluation of the impact of the resolution taken during the Indabas and ensuring that any grey areas are speedily addressed.

There are two major issues I want to emphasize today as I present this budget.

Firstly, I want to confess, Honourable Premier, that this department is indeed very pivotal in reducing many societal ills.

Therefore, any delay in the implementation of departmental programmes will lead to an increase in health hazards, such as obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes.

Doctor Phophi Ramathuba, my colleague, your health centres will receive and admit fewer patients, as the majority of people in Limpopo will be participating in sport activities.

And secondly, I want to confirm, Honourable Speaker that this department is at the centre of reducing service delivery protests. It is crucial for the promotion of social-cohesion and nation-building.

Muchaviseki Xipikara

Eka xiphemu xin'wana xo tiveka swinene xa milawu ya ntlawa na matirhelo ya tipolitiki, tlhari ra maehleketelo, Amilcar Cabral u vurile a hlundzukile leswaku naswona ndza tshaha "manyala lamakulu lama a ma ta va ma humelerile etikweni ra hina a ku ta va ku tumbuluxa mavandla kumbe mintlawwa eGuinea naswona ndzi nga ha engetelela eAfrika Dzonga hi ku ya hi tinxaka. Leswi, u ya emahlweni, a swi ta va swi ri ndlela ya kahle swinene eka nala, ku nga ri ntsena ku hi

avanyisa ku ya emahlweni hi nkarhi wa nyimpi kambe a ku ta tlhela ku va ku kombisa ku hlula “ntshaho wa pfariwa”

Honourable members, in further deepening the gains of our democracy, The Department shall continue to celebrate significant days and annual events with the aim of promoting Social Cohesion and Nation Building. Let me emphasize Honourable members that significant days should not be celebrated without the accompanying history of this country being told.

Three significant days will continue to be celebrated being Freedom day, on 27th April 2016, Africa Day, on 25th May 2016 and Heritage Day, on 24th September 2016 linking them strongly with National Identity Programmes.

Honourable Speaker

Apart from the significant days, the department will continue to host other social cohesion and national identity programmes such as Mapungubwe Arts Festival, Arts and Culture Summit and Go loma Morula programmes in the 2016/17 financial year. We will continue to partner and support the House of Traditional Leaders in the hosting of the “Ku luma Vukanyi/u luma Mukumbi/Go loma Morula” as a built

up event in respect of the cultural diversities that bring us together.

Honourable Speaker

With the intention to promote social cohesion and national identity, the Department hosted the 2015/16 Mapungubwe Arts Festival during December 2015. People from different parts of the country and the neighboring states came to enjoy different art forms. The festival which opened with the street carnival had, arts and craft exhibitions, stage drama, comedy nights which featured our very own Mashabela and Salesman culminating with the Jazz festival that attracted 28 000 revellers. Mapungubwe festival attracted 125 artists throughout South Africa and beyond.

In this financial year Mapungubwe will start at a district level to reach the length and breadth of this province in attracting artists.

The Department has helped the Nyandano Co-operative and Izandla Fashion Design Beading Training who were selected to exhibit at the Indian International Trade Fair from 10 to 28 February 2015 coordinated by the Department of Trade and Industries. These projects represented the Limpopo Province and the Country very well.

Honourable members, we are going to organise an Arts and Culture Summit 2016 in order to review the resolutions taken in the Arts and Culture Indaba 2014.

Honourable Speaker

Woodcarving as an art is our specialty in this province. This last financial year alone we had four woodcarvers who participated nationally and internationally, and that is

1. MM Raphalalani,
2. A Raphalalani,
3. A.G Magoro and
4. A. Manganyi

Mr MM Raphalalani was invited to the International Wood Culture Society that took place in Nepal. He is with us today and we congratulate him for that achievement.

Another artist from this province, Rendani Fulufhelo Mashau, has been invited by The Independent Music Exporters South Africa (IMEXSA) to participate Southwest 2016 in Texas from 13 to 20 March 2016. We congratulate him for this achievement.

One of the up and coming jazz sensation who performed with the likes of Bebe Winans and was awarded the SATMA Best African Jazz Album. He also

performed in Scotland/Glasgow during the Commonwealth games. And that is none other than Morayks Mphahlele who is in the gallery today.

Honourable members, motivated by the Limpopo singing sensation that has been unearthed through the South African IDOLS competition, my department has decided to resuscitate the “I can sing” competition. We want to create a reservoir of artistic talent unmatched by any other province. In the same breath let me also congratulate Mmatema Moremi for achieving position two in the 2015 SA Idols Competition.

This financial year the department will partner with Standard Bank in promoting the Arts in Schools. Nine hundred and seventy thousand rand (R 970 000.00) has been committed by Standard Bank to this programme and we welcome such. This is one such Public-Private Partnership in motion.

Indeed, the department will assist in pushing back the frontiers of poverty.

Honourable Speaker

My department has secured a site in the Polokwane Municipality and has commissioned a feasibility study for a Provincial Theatre. A budget of R 400 000 has been allocated for the feasibility study.

The National Department of Arts and Culture has donated a Film studio to the Province and will be ready for use as from May 2016. We are very grateful for this donation.

Honourable Speaker

The Department is proud to announce that in partnership with the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), we opened the memorial *site* of Makwena Matlala's grave which was restored and rehabilitated. This was achieved under the project "*Remembering the Forgotten, Honouring Victims of Political Banishment in South Africa*". Makwena Matlala's grave was identified due to the role she played in opposing apartheid policies imposed by the National Party government through the Native Affairs Department. Her refusal to become an instrument in the hand of the apartheid system resulted in her banishment. This project will continue in the coming years.

Honourable Speaker

The Department in partnership with National Heritage Council (NHC) held a Provincial Schools Competition on Heritage Education and Advocacy Programme under

the theme “*National Liberation Struggle Heritage*” with the aim of encouraging pupils to share their knowledge of the liberation struggle. George Mmbulaheni High School from the Vhembe District won the competition and represented the province during the National Schools Competition held in Tsitsikama National Park in the Eastern Cape.

The Department has a responsibility to coordinate and mobilise society to promote nation-building and social cohesion as envisioned by the National Development Plan. In line with this mandate, the Department will embark on a comprehensive provincial campaign to educate the public about nation-building and social cohesion through promotion of the singing of both the National and the African Union Anthems as well as teach our children about the importance of National Symbols and Identity.

The Department also contributed towards job creation by appointing 81 workers through the EPWP conditional grant to maintain the three museums in the previous financial year. The Department will continue to appoint employees under EPWP to assist in the maintenance at the museums.

We are pleased to announce that this financial year, 2016/2017, the treasury has allocated a budget for the maintenance of the three museums.

Honourable Speaker

The centrality of language and language instruction has come to the forth recently. That is evidenced by the tensions that call for us as a country to review or implement policies that would harness race relations particularly in the tertiary institutions. Whatever has recently made this young nation impatient has to be seriously addressed. We do have the requisite skills, and we shall provide such leadership as the Department if we observe the call for back to basics.

This says to us, Honorable members, that the Chapter 9 institutions entrusted with such responsibility have to work hard especially, the Commission for the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities. For our part as a province, we have already in a space of a month in conjunction with Pan South African Language Board (PANSALB), held workshops and further promoted International Mother Tongue instruction in Moletši-Mošate.

This, Honourable members, would not have been possible without the guidance and leadership of Kgoši Kgabo Moloto wa Boraro. Honourable Premier, we can safely say without doubt that, Kgomo tša Moletši di nale badiši!

May I also mention that one of the schools, Boetse High School that performed during the international Mother Tongue celebrations is with us today.

Honourable Speaker, in the same breath, we do welcome the announcement by the Deputy President Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa that there should be a National Social Cohesion Summit, come 2018.

Honourable Speaker

We have arrived at an injunction where literary work can't be ignored because part of the problems that we have in our society, in particular racism, ethnicity and tribalism, arise from non-reading of books, reading of books that would prevent transformation or books favourable towards a system that has been declared a crime against humanity.

We really need progressive writers. As one of the well-known writers, Ingoapele Madingoane, quite rightly said and I quote: "But late is never a bad start" close quote.

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture has as of today, Honourable members, decided to bring back Literary Competitions which ultimately leads to Literary Awards. This programme is aimed at redressing the past linguistics imbalances and to develop the previously marginalised languages.

As a custodian of Language Services in the entire Province, the Department will continue to conduct multi-lingualism campaigns, literature exhibitions, authorship workshops, interpreting services and translate documents into official languages of the Province. The Department will continue to promote and redress the previously marginalised languages to ensure that they enjoy the parity of esteem and treated equally as required by the Constitution of Republic of South Africa.

Honourable Speaker

Library and Archives Services are one of the service delivery outputs of the new growth path in the Department. By making sure that our people have access to library facilities and the promotion of a sustainable reading culture, our department is making a meaningful contribution towards Nation building.

We are pleased to announce that the department has brought back the Library Board for the effectiveness of Library Services.

Through the conditional grant funding, the Department is able to build new libraries, upgrades and maintain the existing libraries in the Province for both the young and old, literate and illiterate people of our Province. To this effect, in the financial year 2015/16 we have been able to maintain the following thirteen (13) libraries: Modjadjiskloof, Northam, Modimolle, Thulamela, Mukondeni, Metz, Xihlovo, Roedtan, Babirwa, Lephalale, Jane Furse, Seleteng and Patantswane.

In the same financial year, we have also completed two libraries that is Phokoane at Sekhukhune and Nzhelele in Vhembe.

As indicated last year during our budget presentation, we will also be completing the three libraries started last year which are:

- Regorogile in the Thabazimbi Local Municipality
- Ramokgopa in Molemole local municipality, and
- Eldorado in the Blouberg local municipality

For the financial year 2016/17, the Department will commence with the construction of the following three libraries as planned.

- Maphalle Public Library in Greater Letaba Municipality,
- Zamani in Greater Giyani Municipality and
- Mahlabathini in Mogalakwena Municipality

In addition to the existing number of libraries built, the department has provided the people of Limpopo with fourteen (14) modular libraries to fast-track the delivery of libraries to our communities and increase readership. For this year the department has planned to provide five modular libraries to communities.

For the current year , the Department will also be maintaining 18 libraries as planned which are:- Tubatse, Moletši, Mankweng, Sekhukhune District, Rosenekal, Fetakgomo, Ga-Phaahla, Gravelotte, Thabazimbi, Mahwelereng, Rapotokoane, Marapong, Bela-Bela township, Seshego, Nirvana, Ohrigstad, Mapodile and Seloane.

For this, the department has set aside one hundred and fifteen million rand (**R115 million**) for Library and Information Services

Honourable Speaker

The Department is proud to announce in this house that as a Province we are privileged to participate in the Mzansi Online Project which is a global project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Through this programme, our librarians are trained on the latest library technology and some libraries are earmarked to be beneficiaries of library equipment.

Honourable Speaker

During our previous presentation, we reminded the people of Limpopo that our Department is the custodian for records and safeguarding of the provincial documented heritage material.

Last financial year we have announced to this august house that we have opened the Provincial Archives building and for this financial year we have set aside eleven million rand (**R11 million**) to make it fully functional. And we are proud to announce that the provincial records management will never be the same.

The following statutory and non-statutory bodies have in the past assisted us in service delivery, namely Limpopo Arts and Culture Council, Limpopo Provincial Language Committee, Limpopo Provincial Geographic

Names Committee, Limpopo Heritage Resources Council, the Provincial Library Board and the Limpopo Moral Regeneration Movement.

Despite all the challenges, some statutory bodies made remarkable achievements, e.g. the Language Committee in partnership with Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) supported various language promotion programmes to generate legal and agricultural terminology in Tshivenda, IsiNdebele, and Xitsonga. And we shall continue to value their services in this regard.

Honourable Speaker

Sport and Recreation plays a significant role in any nation's culture, leisure time, health, economy and education.

During the previous financial year we had individuals and institutions who contributed greatly to the development of sport in this province.

- **Chris Moleya**; a high jumper, who obtained position three in All- Africa Games held in 2015 in Congo
- **Jonas Mthobi**; a volleyball player from Waterberg

- **Bridget Monakhisi**; a female volleyball player from Mopani
- **Hlungwane Cedrick**; a boxer from Vhembe District
- **Nobela Rifile**; a female boxer from Vhembe District
- **N'wasorini Primary School** from Mopani District won a gold medal in football in the 2015 National Championships of School Sport and was honoured with an amount of R20 000.
- The province received gold medals in Ncuva, Khokho and Drie Stokkies. It is also important to note that Limpopo has obtained position one since the inception of the Indigenous Games in Ncuva.
- A message of appreciation goes to the Dombo Trust based in Limpopo in supporting the provision of sport and recreation in-door infrastructure with an amount of one million rand (**R1 million**).

Honourable members, specific mention has to go to Vhakegula-Vhakegula who are by now an international material to be proud of. In 2015 they have won the Jury prize of “spirited storytelling” at the New York City Film Festival.

This financial year, Vhakegula-Vhakegula, have been selected in three categories

- Documentary at the New York City Film Festival 2015 in New York*
- South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Festival 2016 World Premiere in Austin in the USA*
- And Montclair Film Festival 2016 in New Jersey in the USA*

Honourable Speaker, when we say that we want to realize social cohesion and nation building in our lifetime, we mean it. We are very proud that this year we have added a team of Vhakegula-Vhakegula who are from Hoedspruit and the team is largely made up of white grannies.

And both teams are with us in this august house today. May they rise!

All of them are above the age of sixty five.

We are also proud to announce that Limpopo Softball has won Gold in the national championships that were held here in Limpopo. They are also with us today.

Honourable Speaker, we have embarked on a continuous capacity building programme for our sport people and teams in the province, which is beginning to yields results.

The following sport achievers from our province currently serving in various sporting entities nationally are:

- **Tommy Kgomo**, the Head Coach of Coaches in South Africa's Softball;
- **Cecilia Molokwane**, conducts coaching Courses for Netball South Africa and South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and facilitates netball courses in Kenya.
- **Frans Mogashoa**, the Head instructor of Coaches Development in South African Football Association (SAFA).
- **Sani Chuma**, a female boxing judge in South Africa National Amateur Boxing Organisation (SANABO).

And this important sport people are in this august house today.

Last year, we had said that sport and recreation plays a critical role in promoting the health and wellbeing of the nation. The department provided schools with more than two hundred (200) sport equipment. It is our pleasure to indicate that twenty (20) tournaments and leagues were staged to foster Sport Club Development and a total of seventeen thousand, three hundred **(17 300)** people have participated in Sport and Recreation programmes in the 2015/2016 financial year.

The collaboration with the Department of Education in delivering School Sport programme cannot be overemphasised. To date one hundred and fifty **(150)** schools will be supported with equipment and attire.

Honourable Speaker

We are pleased that the academies continue to play an important role in the development of high performance in athletes.

In an effort to develop sport in the province, the department has set aside an amount of sixty one

million rand (**R61 million**) which has been allocated as follows:

- **R9,7 million** for training of one thousand nine hundred and fifty six (1 956) coaches, athletes, sports coordinators, educators and volunteers:
- **R3, 6 million** for Equipment and Attire
- **R23 million** to implement programmes such as Leagues, Tournaments, Council and Clubs
- **R3,5 million** to support to the six Academies:
- **R15, 3 million** to support Youth and School Sport Learners
- **R6,5 million** for the pilot project in club establishment

Honourable Speaker

The total budget of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for the 2016/17 financial year and MTEF is four hundred and nine point seven million rand (R409, 7 million).

Honourable Speaker; it is my honour to present to this august house the departmental budget for 2016/2017 allocated as follows:

Programme 1: Administration	R139, 9 million
Programme 2: Cultural Affairs	R46, 5 million
Programme 3: Library and Archives	R143, 9 million
Programme 4: Sport and Recreation	R79, 2 million

This amount has been broken down as follows in terms of equitable share and conditional grant allocation:-

Equitable Share	R231, 4 million
Conditional Grants	R178, 3 million
Community Library Services	R115, 3 million
Mass Sport Participation Programme	R61 million
EPWP	R2 million

The total budget of **R409, 7 million** has been broken down as follows in terms of economic classification:

- **Compensation of employees**
R166, 9 million is for the payment of salaries (Compensation of employees) for both equitable share and conditional grant funded employees.
- **Goods and Services**

R181, 0 million is for goods and services. Included in this amount is R46,1 million for goods and services for the Community Library Services which is budgeted for repair and maintenance of libraries, purchase of library material/books, provision of free internet access, networking and cabling of libraries and provision of security systems and physical security to the libraries. Also included is an amount of R61, 0 million for the Sport Mass Participation Programme.

- **Payment for Capital Assets**

R50, 5 million is for the implementation of Infrastructure projects in the Community Libraries Services conditional grant (including the purchase of office equipment, modular libraries and furniture for community libraries).

Honourable Speaker

Having outlined our noble intentions, the Department shall not fail in our mandate to serve our people. Communities in the most remote rural areas of Masisi

in Vhembe, to Rapotokwane in Waterberg, from Magabaneng in Sekhukhune to Maleboho in the Capricorn and Ndzhingidzingi in Mopani will all experience our services. We are more determined than ever before.

In conclusion Honourable Speaker, I would like to thank the following:

- The Honourable Premier for providing direction with regard to the back to basics approach which my department has adopted
- The sterling contributions by the Chairperson and Members of the Portfolio Committee of Sport, Arts and Culture

- My colleagues and Members in the Executive Council
- The Provincial Treasury whose every cent shall be accounted for, owing to austerity measures.
- The management team and officials of my Department
- Sport, Arts and Culture stakeholders whose guidance at every stage of implementation was crucial

- Madam Speaker, we are impressed with the way you conduct sittings of this house, regardless of Kaizer Chief's losses. Re Ila le wena!

**I thank you!
Ke a leboga!
Ndzi khensile!
Ndo livhuwa!
Ngi ya thokoza!
Baie dankie!**