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Premier Mathabatha to lead Executive Council to Masisi Village –Musina Municipality

The Premier of Limpopo Province, Mr Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will lead an Executive Council (EXCO) to an Imbizo Outreach Programme to Masisi Village under the Musina Municipality on the 09 November 2018. The Premier and all Members of Executive Council (MECs) will afford the communities of Masisi and its surroundings an opportunity to raise service delivery challenges they encounter on a daily basis.

The visit is done to deepen the programme, ensure communities have a say on the affairs of governance and ensure that it reaches as many communities as possible. The Imbizo is designed to strengthen communication between the government and its people.

Office of the Premier's Provincial Communication Services conducted a research at ward 12 Musina Municipality to assess state of affairs in terms of service delivery and the ward consists of the following villages: Masisi, Masisi Township, Gumbu, Maramanishi, Tshiilamusi, Mutele A, Mutele B, Sanari, Bileni, Nkotswi, Bende Mutale, Tshiwelo, Ngudza, Tshikuyu, Duluthulu, Dovho and Bibitshete Villages. The area falls under the jurisdiction of Khosi Mbengeni Tshikundamalema.

Report Findings were:

Education

Masisi Primary School has one old and dilapidated block of classrooms. Masisi School is a quintile 2 Primary School situated at Masisi Village. It has 418 learners and 10 educators including the Principal. According to staff establishment, the school is supposed to have 11 educators. There is a vacant HOD post which has been advertised. Fhetani Secondary School has shortage of and overcrowded classrooms. Some of the classrooms are overcrowded with more than 60 learners in a class. The following were highlighted as some of the challenges facing the school:

- Lack of security guard
- School yard is not paved
- Overcrowding in some classrooms
- Lack of air conditioners
- Lack of water pump machine for the borehole

Health

There is a need for a clinic to serve Ngudza, Nkotswi and Bende Mutale Villages. Malaria is more prevalent in these areas and the nearest clinic is eighteen kilometers (18km) away in Masisi Township whilst the closest hospital, Donald Frazer is in excess of eighty kilometers (80 km) away. Masisi Township clinic services twenty-one (21) villages. The three villages are situated next to Phafuri gate into the Kruger National Park. Their nearest clinic is in Masisi Township which is eighteen kilometers (18km) away whilst the nearest hospital is more than eighty (80km) kilometers away.

Transport and Community Safety

The taxi rank built in Masisi Township is presently not functioning, making public transport a challenge in the area. There is only one bus that leaves Masisi Township at 03h30 in the morning to Thohoyandou.

Members of the community allege that the police solicit bribes and protect Zimbabweans crossing the border illegally to commit crimes of stock theft and car smuggling. The Station Commander said there is a shortage of staff and vehicles at the station. The SAPS has also indicated that their holding cells are full of Zimbabweans crossing the

border illegally.

Human Settlements

Ngudza has been singled out as a village which has never received an allocation of RDP houses since the program started and the village has considerable number of people in need

of housing assistance. There are lot of incomplete RDP houses in the villages falling under

Ward 12 of Musina Municipality.

Water and Sanitation

Water shortage in villages falling under Ward 12 is mainly the result of termination of stipend for water pump machine operators by the district municipality and the operators are reluctant to work without compensation. The community garden in Bende Mutale Village which used to supply fresh vegetables to the village and surrounding areas is currently faced with water shortage challenge and requires assistance with boreholes. Residents from Mutale A & B allege that sometimes they go for two weeks without portable water.

Electricity

According to community members, all new stands in Ward 12 villages are without electricity. The Municipality is aware and are working toward electrifying these extensions as soon as possible.

Agriculture

There is a community garden in Bende Mutale Village which need to be assisted with a borehole and marketing of products. One member of the project, Ms Sarina Takalani, said they have a machine to pump water from the nearby river. During rainy season they do not have problems but when the river dries up, that is where the challenges start.

Details of the EXCO Imbizo are as follows:

Date: Friday, 09 November 2018

Time: 10h00

Venue: Masisi Community Hall, Masisi Village

Musina Municipality, Vhembe District

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