

SPEECH BY LIMPOPO PREMIER DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA DURING  
THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COST-CENTRE IN EPHRAIM MOGALE  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MARBLE HALL, SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT

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Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana,

Traditional Leaders, Faith-Based Leaders, Councillors,

Government Officials, Members of the Media, Community Members,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thobela, Avuxeni, Ndi Matsheloni, Good Morning, Goeie More.

Today is a significant day in the journey of building a capable developmental state and a prosperous Limpopo. We gather not merely to open a building of bricks and mortar, but to unveil a symbol of progress, a beacon of service delivery and a concrete demonstration of government's unwavering commitment to bringing services closer to our people.

Every great economy is built on the strength of its infrastructure. Roads connect communities to opportunities. Public buildings bring government services closer to the people. Infrastructure unlocks investment, stimulates economic activity, creates jobs and lays the foundation for sustainable development. Simply put, where infrastructure rises, development follows.

It is for this reason that infrastructure development remains at the centre of the developmental agenda of the Seventh Administration. As government, we understand that infrastructure is not an expense; it is an investment in the future of our people. It is the bridge between where we are today and the prosperous society we seek to build tomorrow.

The opening of this Cost-Centre is therefore a practical expression of that vision. It represents our determination to strengthen service delivery, improve government efficiency and ensure that public servants are adequately equipped to fulfil their responsibilities to the people of Limpopo.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure remains one of the key drivers of our developmental agenda. The department carries the enormous responsibility of constructing, maintaining and managing public infrastructure that enables government to deliver on its mandate. Whether it is roads, office accommodation, schools, clinics or other public facilities, the department continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the physical landscape of development in our province.

This state-of-the-art facility will significantly enhance the department's operations in the Sekhukhune District. It will improve coordination, strengthen project management and create a more efficient working environment for employees who serve our communities daily.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The quality of the working environment has a direct impact on employee productivity and service delivery. Public servants perform at their best when they operate in a safe, functional and conducive environment. This facility

provides exactly that. It offers modern office space, improved amenities and a professional setting that will enable our officials to carry out their duties with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

To the employees who will occupy this building, I urge you to regard this facility as a centre of excellence. Let the quality of services rendered from these offices match the quality of the infrastructure we are opening today. Let professionalism, accountability and dedication define the work that takes place within these walls.

At the same time, I call upon all officials to take ownership of this facility. Let us keep it clean, protect its assets and maintain the high standards it represents. A clean and well-maintained workplace reflects pride, discipline and respect for public resources.

Fellow Citizens,

This facility belongs to the people of Ephraim Mogale and the broader Sekhukhune District. It was built using public funds and stands as an investment made on behalf of our communities. We therefore have a collective responsibility to safeguard it.

I want to make a sincere appeal to community members, traditional leaders, faith-based organisations and all stakeholders to work with government in protecting this facility from vandalism, theft and criminal activities. We cannot allow a few criminals to destroy infrastructure that has been built to serve our people. This is our facility. This is our investment. This is our future. Let us protect it with the same determination with which it was built.

As government, we are not stopping here. We remain committed to expanding infrastructure investment across Limpopo because we know that infrastructure development remains one of the most effective drivers of economic growth and social transformation. Through infrastructure, we create jobs. Through infrastructure, we attract investment. Through infrastructure, we improve service delivery. Through infrastructure, we build thriving communities.

Our vision is clear: to build a Limpopo where every community has access to quality public infrastructure and where development reaches every village, every township and every corner of our province.

As we officially open this Cost-Centre today, let it stand as a reminder that progress is not measured by promises made, but by infrastructure delivered; not by plans on paper, but by projects completed; not by words spoken, but by lives transformed.

Together, let us continue building a province that works, a province that grows and a province that leaves no one behind.

With those words, it is my honour and privilege to officially declare the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Cost-Centre in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality officially open.

I thank you.