

EXECUTIVE MAYOR PRESENTS BUDGET FOR 2014/2015



The Executive Mayor of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality Dr Balekile Mzangwa on Friday 30th May 2014 tabled before the Council a Budget Vote for Financial Year 2014/2015 for the district municipality.

The event was held in the Council Chamber of Setsoto Local Municipality in Ficksburg and it was attended by, among others, the Executive Mayor of Dihlabeng Local Municipality, Councillor Tjhetane Mofokeng, Speaker of Setsoto Local Municipality, Councillor Pius Mohlomi, Councillors from Setsoto, traditional leaders, ministers of religion, and community members.

Tabling the budget, Dr Mzangwa, said it was worth noting that the tabling of the budget occurred on the occasion of the celebration of 20 years of freedom and democracy. "As we look back to where we come from as a nation, we can truly declare that South Africa of today is far much better that it was before 1994," he said.

He further stated that Census 2011 results shows that there has been a significant improvement in the living conditions of the lives of ordinary South Africans. In Thabo Mofutsanyana alone Census 2011 results shows that:

- Provision of houses has moved up from 61 percent in 2001 to 77.3 percent in 2011.
- Electricity connections have upped from 64.3 percent in 2001 to 87.2 percent in 2011.
- Sewer connections have increased from 27, 5 percent in 2001 to 48,9 percent in 2011.
- Weekly refuse removal has upped from 42,4 percent in 2001 to 49, 2 percent in 2011.
- Access to tap water inside the yard or dwelling increased from 61,6 percent in 2001 to 87, 4 percent in 2011.
- Distribution of average household income increased from R22 000 -00 in 2001 to R53 000 – 00 in 2011.

“These statistics are an evidence of the government’s commitment to change the lives of our people for the better. It is the hope that we give to our people that despite limited resources at our disposal, we will do our utmost best in meeting their needs and ensuring that Thabo Mofutsanyana and the whole of South African continues to be a place to live,” stressed the Executive Mayor.

He elaborated that not only have the district municipality completed a variety projects and programmes ranging from infrastructure development to the support of small businesses, but have also contributed significantly towards the education of several children and have, proudly so, put wings to their dreams.

The projected budgeted revenue amounts to R95, 026, million for the 2014/15 financial year, which represents an increase of R6, 432 million (7%) above the approved budget for 2013/14. For the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years the annual budgeted revenue amounts to R103,598 million which represents an increase of R8,571 million (8%) and R105,605 million which represents an increase of R2,007million (2%) respectively. The capital budget total amounts to R 7,055 million.

The annual operating expenditure budget for the 2014/15 financial year amounts to R85, 434 million, which represents a decrease of R22,012 million (-26%) above the approved

budget for 2013/14. For the 2015/2016 and 2016/17 financial years the annual operating expenditure budgets amounts are R89,628 million and R95,608 million respectively, which represent increase of R4,194 (5%) and R5,979 million (6%) for the two outer years.