

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HANDS OVER A PAVED QHOLAQHWE ROAD



Problems of a poor access road to the three neighbouring schools and a clinic in Qholaqhwe, Qwaqwa, are the things of the past after Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality completed the project of upgrading it to a paved road.

The three schools - Qholaqhwe Intermediate, Lerato Junior Phase and Mathabo Senior Secondary – borders along this road.

Thabo Mofutsanyana District Executive Mayor Malefu Vilakazi officially launched the road on Thursday, 13 November, 2014, and handed it over to Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality.

The handing-over ceremony was held at Qholaqhwe Intermediate School Hall and it was preceded by the cutting of the ribbon at the newly paved road. Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality's Executive Mayor was represented by a Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC), Masetjhaba Lakaje.

The handover of the road was accompanied by the donation of laptops to three schools as part of social responsibility programme and empowering of schools with educational facilities.

Handing over the road Executive Mayor Vilakazi said as the district municipality they were grateful that the project was also able to create jobs for local people.

“A total of number of 28 people, which comprised of 13 male adults, 2 female adults, one male youth and 12 youth female, were employed in the projects,” she said.

The Executive Mayor stressed that the completion of the road was another indicator that the government delivers and that it cares for its own citizens.

MMC Lakaje said that as the local municipality they were happy that a priority need has been met through the construction and completion of the road.

“We appreciate the work done by Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality in assisting its own local municipalities. We are also delighted at work done by the contractor, who took less than a year to complete this road,” she said.

One of the principals, who received the laptop on behalf of his school, Mr I. Mosethe, of Qholaqhwe Intermediate School expressed joy at the completion of the road and also for a donation of the gadget to his school and two other neighbouring schools.

He said the newly-paved road will make life easier for them as teachers and learners. He said it was always a hassle to come school during rainy days.

“Sometimes a child would faint at school and it would be a challenge to rush the child to the clinic or home because of the road. But, now we are happy at this achievement by our government,” said Mosethe.

Qholaqhwe road was upgraded from a gravel road to brick block paving by Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality to the tune of R6, 2 million.

The road was upgraded with 1,5 km brick block paving and surface standard included the following:

- Horizontal and vertical alignment of the road in order to eliminate danger areas.
- Improvement of the road surface by adding pavement layers and brick blocks
- Improvement of the drainage facilities through construction of concrete lined channels and drifts.
- Road markings and finisher.