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“BUILDING A TECH-SAVVY WORKPLACE”.

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# MAYOR'S FOREWORD



**Cllr R Losper**  
**Hon. Mayor**

It is that time of the quarter, whereby the municipality report back to its stakeholders and the community on the municipality's status quo. The municipality is about to close its financial books for the financial year 2019/20, and auditors will after come and verify if we can account to how we have spent the municipal monies, there way we said we will and the status projects we budgeted for. I have in this quarter communicated with you twice through Facebook on the 26 of May 2020 during our council meeting presenting our IDP and Budget, and I shared with you, the community our approved Budget and IDP on the eve of youth day, the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as part of my responsibility of public participation. Doing public participation is our mandate, as public servants, and your role there off is to hold us accountable in the process as electorates.

We have further after the council meeting that was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020, gave our ward committee members pamphlets of the summarized approved Budget and IDP for information. Both approved strategic documents are available on the municipal website and at our local library. We are all aware that we the country is faced with challenge of COVID 19, and that the President, Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa declare the national disaster on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, and the national lockdown on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March to try and curd the spread of COVID-19. The national lockdown is evident enough as to why the municipality needs to be tech-savvy, as people had to stay at home during the lockdown, it meant most of the transactions had to be done online, including doing groceries for some. Finding new methods to deliver services and generate income. The national lockdown also showed us how vulnerable we are, as many lost their jobs or were unable to work.

The municipality has an approve credit control, which we use to collect revenue from stakeholders and the community, for community members who are struggling to pay your accounts, whether is due to being unemployed or otherwise, you are encouraged to visit our credit control office with evidence that you are unable to pay, and so that our officials will make you an arrangement that will suit you to avoid being blocked. I further remind you, our communities that the services we render to you, can only be provided if you pay your municipal account accordingly, if there are challenges due to your work status, kindly visit

our offices to re-arrange your payments.

The theme for the financial year 2020/21 is “**Building a tech-Savvy workplace**”. To achieve this, we have to invest in our technology that we have and to upgrade it, this starts without connectivity and reliable systems. The direction the municipality is taking will see the birth of a smart city one day, it might not be during our term, but we would have laid the ground works for it.

We are confident that at the end of December 2020, the municipality spent 100% of its MIG allocation, which resulted in the municipality receiving an additional R 12 million in March for capital projects.

On conclusion, I urge you to continue to stay at stay at home and stay safe, COVID-19 is real.

I thank you;

**Hon Mayor**  
**Cllr R Losper**

# MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OVERVIEW



**Mr. M.A. January**  
**Municipal Manager**

One of the primary mandates of Local government in South Africa is to consult residents on development issues. The current COVID-19 pandemic forced the increasing use of digital platforms. The municipality has been vigorously utilizing the Facebook page to ensure communication is enhanced. Digital engagement hasn't replaced traditional consultation and participation processes. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased reliance on these technologies. One need to comment that, little research has been done on whether e-participation overcomes some of the problems of traditional participatory governance, which is often seen as favoring the articulate and powerful. Digital engagement might even be creating new barriers, such as digital exclusion or distrust in the handling of data.

We, as Kgatelopele Local Municipality must reflect on one critical question of "How can we enhance digital participation?" How can digitally become part of everyday governance, including community engagement? More frequent, higher-quality engagement would be required for a start. Citizen participation would then have to be channeled into a policy. Digital platforms are often limited to simply collecting information. Genuine participation is more challenging. Participation by diverse populations is another particular challenge. The feedback from community social media platforms can be rich and candid. But analyzing this sort of data involves greater effort on the part of the municipality. This makes closing the feedback loop difficult. It's more than just a topic for consultation, whether online or offline. Important strategies in community engagement may include but not limited to:

- working with all stakeholders, both formally and informally
- paying attention to the purpose and variety of digital methods available
- helping with access, whether digital or offline.

The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) delivered another bleak report on the state of South Africa's municipalities for 2018/2019 financial year outcomes. Alongside this, a second, darker picture emerged, the question of Covid-19. The Finance Minister Tito Mboweni boosted municipalities' financial resources to help them respond to the pandemic in the supplementary budget. This did not assist the municipality as funds allocated was very little to cover the demands at hand. Kgatelopele Local Municipality is continuously preparing to service residents during the Covid-19 pandemic, continued governance and financial constraints means that spending effectively for provisions to see a positive impact on the ground. Truth be told, the municipality, as it has been for many years, not had much resources to carry out its duties due to economic constraints and many headwinds that have occurred. Upon closure of the 2019/20

curtains we quickly opened the 2020/21 door with enthusiasm and determination. Determined to ensure that as the Municipality we build on the success of the preceding year(s) into the future. Key amongst critical aspects that we are faced upon entering into 2020/21 are the following:

- vigorous implementation of cost containment measures
- Implementation of Renewable Energy off-grid solution which includes smart metering, vending, arrears collection and input costs reduction
- Submission of Annual Financial Statement for 2019/2020 financial year on time as per relevant legislation
- Improve audit outcome from a current disclaimer
- Implementation of Financial Management System Migration Project in order to improve in the financial reporting
- Implementation of debt collection strategy

Local government remains the most critical role player in the delivering of services to communities. This sphere of government is inherently at the coal face of service delivery and must serve as catalysts and instruments of power to change the lives of our people. These institutions must advance the transformation agenda of our country and become the bedrock of the creation of the developmental state which we all envisage. We have set ourselves ambitious programmes and targets towards a high performing municipality. We call upon all to contribute towards building a solid financial base. We call on all residents, including areas where people were previously not paying, to pay timeously for their rates and service charges. As we have done before, we place great focus on fiscal responsibility and develop high standards of prudent financial management.

Kgatelopele Local Municipality is committed towards ensuring that we provide quality basic services to our residents. The municipality have commissioned practical completion on the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) project. In addition, we have already appointed for Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) project (Establishment of a New Landfill site) and work is underway and we will complete this project as per the approved project plan. Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP) project is at a completion stage. This electricity project will realise a provision of electricity to 112 households. Over and above implementation of the 2019/20 Capital projects we have conducted a strategic session during the month of March 2020. This session provided an opportunity for the municipality to assess strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and ultimately provide a specific way forward. A roadmap has been developed and this will help us to improve. This roadmap will guide our planning and budgeting.

The Municipality is currently conducting an assessment on the improvement relating to connectivity. This assessment entails on ensuring that all municipal services are wireless and are linked to the main server. This will assist to improve accessibility of municipal services to our Communities. It is an assessment in line with the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution (4IR), which we anticipate to complete before the end of the financial year 2020/2021.

The 1st of July marks commencement of the local government financial year, to us it means a renewed mandate for delivery of better services to our people. We've crisscrossed the entire municipality in a bid to solicit service delivery concerns and inputs from our citizens through the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) public participation programs ahead of adoption of the 2020/2021 IDP and Budget. Our minds and energies are all focused on creating an effective, efficient, accountable and responsive municipality. The 2019/2020 capital projects reached their completion stages without any hindrances.

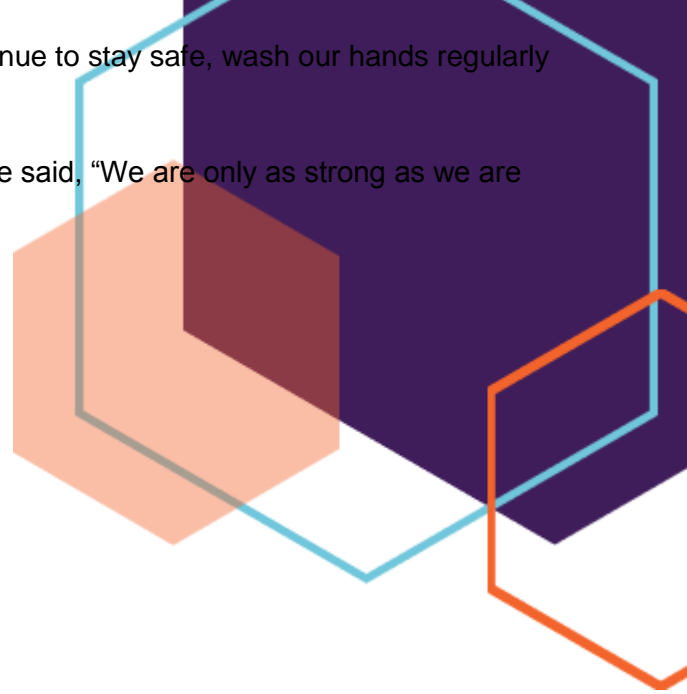
The Covid-19 pandemic is one of the biggest challenges that our country has ever faced, and this while we are already experiencing a poor economic cycle. It is a health shock, and a universal and national economic shock. Kgatelopele Local Municipality is thoroughly aware of all the challenges that accompany this, and there are many challenges and uncertainties in the municipal environment during the lockdown

period. We would however like to appeal to our citizens to continue to stay safe, wash our hands regularly and remember to put on our face masks all the time.

We are looking forward to working together as J.K Rowling once said, "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

Thanks

**Monde Alistair January**  
**Municipal Manager**  
**Head Administration**  
**Accounting Officer**





# ANNUAL BUDGET

## 2020/21 – 2022/23

### MEDIUM TERM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK

The Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) allows for a three year planning and spending framework. This allows the municipality to improve current and future planning and to project the impact of policy choices on the future budgets. The municipal budget is the projected financial operating plan.

In general, a budget accounts for expected revenues and allocates resources to particular expenditures. A municipal budget can be a complex set of documents outlining the means by which resources from many sources will be allocated to a variety of departments and services.

#### APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/21-2022/23

	Adjustment Budget year 2019/20	Budget year 2020/2021	Budget year +1 2021/2022	Budget year +2 2022/2023
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	R 110 982	R 113 456	R 119 825	R 125 715
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	R 110 820	R 113 290	R 118 904	R 124 468
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>R 161</b>	<b>R 175</b>	<b>R 922</b>	<b>R 1 248</b>
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	R 28 031	R 18 020	R 13 303	R 29 510

No project or expenditure can be undertaken if it has not been budgeted for. The amounts in the budget are only projections (expected revenue), it is not physical cash in the municipality's bank account. The sources of revenue such as payment for services determine whether a municipality can implement a project or incur any expenditure, these expenses include repairs and maintenance of infrastructure to be able to provide the service, salaries of municipal employees, etc.

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# INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

## WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)?

An Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is a legally binding document as it is legislated by the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000. The IDP is a 5 year developmental plan containing short, medium and long-term objectives and strategies of the Municipality. This document needs to be approved by a municipal council within a prescribed period after the start of its elected term and can be reviewed on an annual basis.

## WHY IS IT AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE COMMUNITY?

An IDP is an important tool for the Municipality and community as it provides a formal framework for decision-making and development, it gives a timeframe in which to meet delivery of products and service goals and provides a realistic timeframe for project development proposals. It further makes it easier for the municipality to attract investments. It also encourages the participation of stakeholders (community, businesses, sector departments), and thus provides a democratic element in the decision-making process regarding development within a Municipal area.

## PROJECTS FOR 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YER AS PER APPROVED FINAL IDP

IDP PROJECT NAME	FUNDING TYPE
Installation of Roof top Solar for two Municipal properties	EESMD
Refurbishment of 7 sewer pump stations	WSIG
Establishment of new landfill site	MIG
Security upgrades at municipal building	EPWP
Provision of skid bins and trailer	Internal
Conversion of 122 indigent conventional water meters to prepaid water meters.	Internal

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# SERVICE DELIVERY ACHIEVEMENTS

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the 2019/20 financial year, the Municipality with the rest of the country was heavily impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic. This led to the Municipality having to adjust its operations which negatively impacted the momentum of service delivery operations towards the community. All strategic objectives within the Municipality against the bedrock of the Constitution had to be addressed amidst the COVID-19 pandemic with emphasis on the health and well-being of the community at large.

As a result, infrastructure projects were halted as we tried as a Country to map out the methodologies of still delivering services to the Community in an efficient and effective manner specifically during the Level 5 announcement. Directives from several Sector Departments were issued for Municipalities to strategically focus on key priorities on the delivery and enhancement of water and sanitation services to the community in an effort to combat the pandemic.

As the different levels of the Lockdown were announced by the President and his Cabinet, a gradual rollout on the continuation of water and sanitation projects came into effect which led to the Municipality reactivating its current projects which were outlined in the Integrated Development Plan.

## ON WATER AND SANITATION

In-light of the Directive issued by the Sector Departments, the Municipality was able to fast-track the progress of water and sanitation projects in the Municipality despite challenges that emanated from the non-availability of materials and goods as well as lack of mobility inter-provinces due to the Lockdown regulations.

The Municipality also during this period encountered several challenges that emanated from bursts of asbestos pipes. The majority of the existing pipes in the municipal jurisdiction are manufactured from asbestos cement and due to the ageing process the pipe walls have become very thin and brittle. Due to expansion and/or contraction of the surrounding ground, there is slight movement of the ground especially during extreme weather temperatures, which ultimately affects the pipes that then develop slight cracks. The water pressure in the pipes then leads to burst pipes which were quite eminent in areas like Tlhakatlou and even in the Daniëlskuil town.

The asbestos cement pipes are then replaced with uPVC pipes, which are obviously stronger than the asbestos cement pipes and therefore the weaker pipe (asbestos cement) will burst. This, can often be right next to the previous burst pipe or it could be anywhere else on the line where the asbestos cement pipe could have developed a crack. The Municipality, however remains to be committed in addressing this challenge through operations and maintenance responses well as future refurbishment of water infrastructure network projects.

The status of water and sanitation of projects is as below;

1	Extension of Existing Waste Water Treatment Works (KPI 10)	R 43 649 884.39	98%	1.2.3	MIG
2	Extension of Existing Waste Water Treatment Works Phase 2 (KPI 10)	R 29 721 392.85	98%	1.2.3	MIG
3	Refurbishment of Pump Stations In Daniëlskuil, Kuilsville And Tlhakalatlou (KPI 14)	R 6 500 000.00	91%	1.2.3	WSIG
4	Construction and installation of 10 Water Tanks informal settlements	R 75 000.00	100%	1.2.3	DWS

### **ELECTRICITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.**

Kgatelopele Local Municipality has in the current financial year 2019/2020, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter managed to commence with renewable energy and electrification projects which has been quite a milestone for the Municipality given the historical challenges that the Municipality has faced with the provision of electrical services towards the community.

This remains to be a landmark towards the road that remains to be ahead in terms of the Municipality being able to render services to its Community. With the rising challenges of Eskom and the burden of costs in terms of the upgrading of Electrical Bulk Infrastructure, renewable energy remains to be the most lucrative alternative in the Municipality being able to supply uninterrupted energy to its households. This has become more apparent amidst the dolomitic nature of the Municipal land which still poses as a challenge towards any form of infrastructure development in the Municipality. Kgatelopele still seeks to call-out the Sector departments like COGHSTA for allocation of suitable land as well as the Council of Geoscience through COGHSTA and MISA on assistance on the continuous assessment of suitable land that could be earmarked by the Municipality for the development of the town.

The following are the electrical and renewable projects which the Municipality has commenced with during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the financial year.

1	Demo Municipal Building Solar Project	R 2 242 807.05	98%	N/A	Internal
2	Electrification of 95 Households and Bulk Infrastructure	R 2 900 000.00	70%	1.2.3	INEP & FDM

# COVID 19 RESPONSE STATUS QUO

**Level of compliance with Disaster Management Act, 2002: Alert level 3**

## ***Movement of persons and goods***

In alert level 3 lockdown, every person may leave their place of residence in order for work, buy goods or obtain services. All must wear a cloth face mask to cover the nose and mouth when leaving their homes. Residents are now allowed to exercise between 06H00am and 18H00pm. The SAPS, Traffic Department as well as the Community Police Forum are ensuring visibility within the jurisdiction in order to control and monitor compliance as per directives.

The municipality is continuously ensuring compliance with the regulations. There is regular inspection done by municipal officials in the pursuit to educate and sensitise the community on the limitation of movement and adherence thereof.

## ***Municipal Services***

All COVID-19 health and safety protocols are followed at all times. An employer by law must protect all employees and others from harm. Draft Occupational Health and Safety COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures (OHSC-19SOPs) has being developed and is under review. Occupational Health and Safety COVID19 SOPs will provide standard requirements and protocol to as far as reasonable possible mitigate and control COVID-19 spread in the municipality. The following will be areas of focus during the implementation of alert level 3.

- **Communication to all through platforms i.e. Facebook, WhatsApp, SMS etc.**
- **Managers, Risk officer and OHS representatives will conduct and participate in municipality walk inspections to identify potential areas of increased risk and priority action.**
- **Daily screening and monitoring are continuing consistently.**
- **OHS committee will meet regularly to discuss concerns relating to COVID-19 and propose changes to the municipality that may affect the health and safety of all.**

KLM is committed to implementing controls in the municipality to prevent exposure Controls will be implemented by all i.e. The Community, Council, Management and Employees and will be monitored continuously to ensure that the best level of protection all the time.

## ***Vulnerable employees***

COVID-19 poses high risk to employees with weakened immune systems and long-term health conditions. To adhere to the regulations the following affected employees will be encouraged to work from home unless it is absolutely necessary:

- Employees older than 60 years
- Pregnant employees

- Asthma, chronic obstructive airways disease
- Diabetes with secondary complications
- Hypertension with secondary complications
- Cardiac conditions
- Immune compromised people
- Severe obesity
- Any other directive issued by relevant sector departments

The OHS Committee together with the Human Resources Management is in the process of doing a feasibility study in order to ensure compliance in this regard.

### ***Level 3 Lockdown return to work progress***

The Department of Employment & Labour encourages employers to use the directives of Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1993 in governing workplaces in relation to the COVID -19. In addition, South African Local Government Bargaining Council (SALGBC) has issued specific compliance matters to be addressed by the employer in terms of circular 8/2020, the municipality can confirm that we are at 90% compliance with those said requirements. On-going work is been done to ensure maximum compliance is all aspects of the employer's responsibilities regard COVID-19.

### **Risk assessment**

Prior to commencing operations, employers are directed to undertake a risk assessment to give effect to the health and safety directives issued by the government and the specific conditions of workplaces. This includes identifying all areas within the workplace that are a transmission risk for COVID-19. The following are the municipality's top COVID-19 risks:

- **Macroeconomic Conditions:** closing down of the economy can weaken consumer spending, consequently leading to loss of revenue
- **Supply Chain Management:** unavailability of spares and consumables to carry out required maintenance and upgrades.
- **Health:** non adherence to Disaster management act, 2002 regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the disaster management act, 2002 and OHSA 85 of 1993 and regulations
- **Fraud & Corruption:** false issuing of permits to staff not for work purpose
- **Capital Infrastructure Projects:** delays in completing projects on time that leads to increased costs.

### **Social distancing**

The social distance is always preserved in workplace. The chairs are placed 1.5 meter apart and only 3 customers are allowed in the waiting area while others were positioned outside to wait for their turn to be assisted. Security personnel at the entrance is assisting in the monitoring.

### **Hygiene Health and safety mitigations**

The municipality has provided each employee with cloth mask (two each), hand sanitizer and gloves. Furthermore, the municipality has ensured that not more than 1 employee occupies an office. The municipality has a cleaning checklist in place which that is being implemented and monitored by Occupational Health and Safety representatives. The

disinfection of municipality buildings has been commenced and is been done fortnightly. Offices where disinfected on the 05<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 after knockoff under the supervision of Occupational Health and Safety representatives. The municipality is in the process of increasing capacity in cleaning section in order to ensure high level of hygiene is maintained.

### **Screening**

The municipality has purchase 3 temperature scanners that are used to scan employees and visitors when entering and living the municipal premises. Employees are scanned pre and after- work. We have developed mandatory screening process for all.

### **Visitors**

Each visitor/customer is sanitized on entering the building and their details are taken for tracing purposes. Furthermore, only customers with mask are allowed in the building, however those who do not have are provided with.

### **Health and Safety Committee meeting**

Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC) meeting took place on the 10 June 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the COVID-19 related matters. Report will be send to management with recommendations.

### **Operating Hours for the Municipality**

**Time:** 9:00 am -14:00

**Working days:** Monday – Saturday

The Budget and Treasury department was granted 2 hour extension of operation in preparation for end year.

We have implemented a weekly schedule for employees needed at the office, further those who can work at home are encourage to do so with the exception of section heads coming back to prepare for year end and audit procedures.

### ***Municipal Financial Viability***

Credit control measures are implemented as per the Kgatelopele municipal credit control policy. However, the collection rate continues to decrease during the month of May similar to the month of April. Implementing credit control has presented challenges as households have indicated that they are unable to make payment on their municipal services due to lockdown restrictions or being laid off work. This has also resulted in an increase in the number of indigent subsidy applications submitted, 121 indigent applications have been submitted since the beginning of the lockdown.

The municipality will only be able to make the following payments this month:

- Salaries paid in full – contractual agreement
- Third parties including SARS – statutory obligation

The following critical payments cannot be made:

- Security Services – safe guarding of municipal assets
- Landfill site management – refuse collection is an essential service
- Financial system provider – they refuse to provide the service without payment
- Eskom



The municipality has submitted an application to Eskom to utilise the interest paid over the arrangement period was rejected. All other service providers will not be able to be paid for the month for the month of June, same as April and May 2020. This sees an increase in the outstanding creditors. Priority is given when funds are available for emergency procurement as and when it occurs.

All capital grant funding remains in a call account and only withdrawn when there is expenditure relating to the registered project. No grant funding has been utilised for any operational expenditure including salaries.

We have adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> and final review of the 2016-2021 Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the Medium-Term Revenue & Expenditure Framework (Budget) for 2020/2021-2021/2022-2022/2023 financial years, the Service Delivery Budget & Implementation Plan for 2020/2021, Budget related policies for 2020/2021 and MFMA System of Delegations for 2020/2021. All these documents are made public for inputs and/or comments as per relevant legislation.

### ***Places and premises closed to the public***

The following places and premises remain closed to the public:

- Places where cultural, entertainment, recreational or similar activities may take place;
- Municipal Hall
- Municipal Library

### ***Collaboration with Stakeholders***

- Visibility with the SAPS on the assessment of shops and patrolling to ensure compliance with alert level 3.
- District Department of Health on the isolation and of the COVID-19 patient.
- Properties identified for the testing and screening of patients through the assistance of the local mining institutions.
- Distribution of sanitizers to informal settlements as well as the essential services staff as well as grocery markets.

### ***Water and Sanitation Projects***

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a rude awakening for South Africa's ability to provide water and sanitation services to the communities at large with specific reference to informal settlement. The need to address water and sanitation challenges remains to be an urgent priority for the community of Kgatelopele with a key focus on the mechanisms and actions of implementing water and sanitation projects during this pandemic.

Under expenditure of water and sanitation project during the COVID-19 pandemic therefore cannot be tolerated in the midst of the implementation of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 to curb the impacts of the virus and in-light of this, Kgatelopele Local Municipality as a Water Service Authority therefore has re-activated the following water and sanitation projects with stringent COVID-19 mitigation protocols on site as from the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

- Daniëlskuil: Extension of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Refurbishment of 3 Sewer Pump Stations



With less than a month remaining before the end of the 2019/20 Financial year, the Municipality would be in the position to report completion of all existing water and sanitation projects in order to be able to address other water and sanitation backlogs for the outer years to further combat the pandemic and reinforce a continuous provision of water and sanitation services to the Community.

### ***Reprioritisation of Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) Funding***

Division of Revenue Act of 2019, section 20 (6), directs and allows for the reprioritization of grant allocation to address disaster related matters, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020, the National Department of Cooperative Governance issued a directive through the Acting Director-General, as a proposal that the MIG funding for 2019/20 should be reprioritized by the Municipalities in order to deal with the immediate improvement of water and sanitation provision to communities.

Typical projects to immediately improve water and sanitation provision include;

- Installation of key components within existing water and sanitation systems such as;
  - Installation of water mains, pumps stations, reservoirs and connector and supply pipes.
  - Refurbishment and upgrades of WTW and WWTW; or
  - Installation of sewer mains, pump stations, mechanical and electrical equipment.
- Drilling, equipping and refurbishment of boreholes to ensure water supply and appropriate water quality compliance (where geo-hydrological investigations have been commissioned).
- Any other suggestion will be evaluated on whether it could assist with immediate water and sanitation provision challenges.

In-light of the above, the Municipality has made a submission to the Department and consequently received a reallocation to that effect.

PROJECT	FUNDER	STATUS	CHALLENGES	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE
1. Daniëlskuil: Extension Of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant	MIG	96%	N/A	June 2020
2. Refurbishment of 3 Sewer Pump stations (Phase 1)	WSIG	90%	N/A	June 2020
3. Refurbishment of 7 Sewer Pump stations (Phase 2)	WSIG	0%	Procurement Stage	2020/21 Financial Year
4. Establishment of New Landfill Site	MIG	0%	The Municipality has been requested to submit SG Diagrams by the Regional Public Works Office as an addendum on the application for the releasing of the land for the project. The nearby borehole from the existing landfill site is currently faced with possible contamination from the waste seepage. The matter of releasing the land for the purpose of Establishing the new landfill site needs to be priorities	2020/21 Financial Year
5. Construction of Water Tank Stands and Installation.	DWS	100%	15 Water Tanks were delivered on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Construction of 15 Brickworks stands commenced on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of April 2020 and completed on 13 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020. 15 Water tanks were placed on site and filled with water on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of March 2020.	05 May 2020
6. Electrification of 95 Households And Bulk Infrastructure	INEP	40%	Community dissatisfaction on the criteria utilised in selecting households. The municipality to immediately engage with affected households.	July 2020

*Table 1*

The above-mentioned projects remain to be a priority for the Municipality as existing projects which must be completed before the end of the 2019/20 Financial Year.

## **Water Supply**

Kgatelopele Local Municipality currently has four (4) boreholes with two (2) currently in use. The two (2) boreholes that are operational feed into two (2) reservoirs with a capacity of 3, 5 mega litres (Old reservoir) and 4 Mega litres (New Reservoir). The two (2) boreholes that are not functional have since been decommissioned due to mechanical faults in one pump and the other borehole has dried out in late 2019.

The Municipality is therefore currently running at risk of only having two functional boreholes to serve a population of just over 21000 people. More challenges have been experienced with the two remaining functional boreholes; i.e. One of the boreholes has recently failed to comply with the South African National Standard (SANS 241:2015) drinking water regulation with bacteriological water analysis resulting in high total coliform counts over the required limit on the April 2020 water testing laboratory report. New samples were tested on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 for more test to be conducted after chlorine tablets have been inserted in the reservoir. The other borehole also had electrical faults on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020 but a new soft starter board has since been installed.

With the emergence of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Municipality has also seen the demand of water in the community exceeding the supply of the current available water resources. With these risks highlighted, the Municipality urgently needs to take action to ensure that the provision of water services in our communities is sustained. Previous Geohydrological reports have indicated boreholes identified during the 2015 hydro census from DWA reports which can further be explored for the possible recommissioning during the field assessment by the consultants.

In-light of the above, assistance in terms of capacity and financial provisions is needed by the Municipality from the Department of Water and Sanitation. The Municipality is currently developing a technical report that will be submitted to the Department in due course.



**Figure 2, 3, 4 & 5: Construction of Water Tanks stands and Installation of Water Tanks.**

15 Water Tanks stands have been constructed and one 10 000 letters tank has been placed on site and filled with water for the community to use. 14 Water Tank still need to be placed on site.

### **GENERAL CHALLENGES**

- Two Honeycomb Sewer Suckers are in a dilapidated condition which are critical for the emptying of septic tanks in the community. Risks associated with the overflow of drains due to sewer blockages remains to be eminent.
- Rise of fuel costs on the service delivery fleet to ensure non-compromise of service delivery in terms of sanitation which could pose as an additional challenge in terms of combating health associated risks in the wake of the pandemic
- Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act No.16 of 2013 - The Municipality is in need of assistance in terms of capacity from the District on the application process of rezoning by tuck shops after conclusion of a comprehensive assessment.

- Environmental Health Practitioners needed to perform inspections.
- Assessment to see if public transport vehicles are sanitized has not been conducted yet. Environmental Health Practitioners needed.
- Escalation costs of overtime to R 55 000 from R 22 000.00/month for essential workers that are part of the rapid response team and support to the Health services in terms of infrastructure and awareness.
- The municipality will not be able to make payment to Eskom and other creditors this month which will result in the municipality defaulting its arrangement for the first time in 3 years. The municipality will also forfeit the interest it has made on the Eskom account to the value of R 1 500 000. All other service providers will not be able to be paid for the month of June 2020.
- Constant supply of PPE and immediate emergencies in responding to essential services disruptions is causing a financial strain to the Municipality also due to the limited availability of service providers.

## **REITERATING THE NEED FOR INTERVENTION**

The Local Authorities (working jointly with local law enforcements and health authorities) have the primary responsibility for planning and responding to any major emergency, including a pandemic to prevent the loss of life. Kgatelopele Local Municipality as well as the local stakeholders are continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as directed by the published regulations and directives.

Intervention in-light of the identified challenges is therefore sought by the Municipality in order to effectively address the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# ACCESS TO PRE-PAID WATER AND ELECTRICITY TOKEN FOR INDIGENTS ON THEIR CELLPHONES

**There is no longer a need to buy electricity or water in order to activate your free pre-paid token.**

All approved indigents within the Municipality can now access their monthly free basic electricity and water tokens using their cell phones by following the easy prompts below.

## NO MORE LONG QUEUES...

**GET YOUR FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY TOKEN ON YOUR PHONE! FROM THE  
SAFETY & COMFORT OF YOUR HOME**

**DIAL**



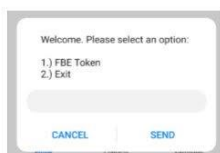
All indigent customers please note that you can still obtain your Free Basic Electricity tokens. Its made even easier via the **USSD** option. Please follow the simple steps! below.

### STEP 1:

**Dial \*120\*1779#**  
From your mobile  
phone

### STEP 2:

**Choose Option 1**



### STEP 3:

Enter your meter  
number and press  
**"Send"**

### STEP 4:

Token digits will be  
SMSed to your phone

#### Important to note:

\* Calls may be charged at  
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# WASTE pickers gets electronic food vouchers

The Department of Environmental Affairs requested the Municipality to identify waste pickers to get electronic food vouchers as a relief for the destitute in the fight against COVID-19.

The Waste Unit Managed to identify 22 waste pickers that pick up recyclable waste at the landfill site, then sell it to the registered recycler for an income daily.



**Waste supervisor Mrs. M Davids with waste pickers who benefitted.**

# MAYORAL PROGRAMMES

## OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE LOCAL HEALTH FACILITY

On 08 April 2020 the Hon. Mayor Cllr R Losper and Cllr Ngesi did an oversight visit on the readiness of the Local Health Facility on the screening of the community for **COVID-19**.



1. Hon. Mayor Cllr R Losper and Cllr G Ngesi doing an oversight visit at the Local Health Facility and distributing hand sanitizers to the facility Manager Mr. J Weitz.

## OVERSIGHT VISITS ON THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

On 08 June 2020, Hon Mayor Cllr R Losper conducted an oversight visit to Die Kuil Intermediate School, Kuilsville High School, Daniëlskuil Intermediate School and Lime Acres Primary School, as part of Mayors Office' Programme to monitor the re-opening of schools. The Mayor was joined by the District Executive Mayor Cllr P Mcgera and Cllr R Lessing.

Each School received a food parcel to assist with their respective feeding schemes.



2. Mayor Cllr R Losper Principle Mr. R Brand and Executive Mayor Cllr P Mcgera



3. Cllr R Lessing, Mayor Cllr R Losper and Principle Mrs. S Lessing





4. Principle Mr. Z Phoolo, Mayor Cllr R Losper  
Executive Mayor Cllr P Mcgera and Karel  
Teteme SGB member.



5. Executive Mayor Cllr P Mcgera, Mayor  
Cllr R Losper, feeding scheme worker  
Mrs. E Seekoei and Principle Mr. F  
Steenkamp

## CLEANING OF QUARANTINE HOME

A designated facilities has been made available to be used as a quarantine home to admit persons in the event that cases of **COVID-19** occur in our town.

As part of the Mayors programme to combat the spread of the coronavirus and to prepare for the unknown, on 10 June 2020 the Office of the Mayor and the Local Department of Health had a programme to clean and prepare the designated facility.



5. Health workers preparing the quarantine facility.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PARCELS AND SANITIZERS

As part of the Mayoral food relief programme, on 06 April 2020 the Mayoral Stakeholders Forum had a preparation Meeting regarding the distribution of Food Parcels.

On 16 April 2020 the distribution of food parcels and sanitizers officially started in the respective wards. The Mayor's office hand in hand with the different stakeholders continuously distributes food parcels as and when donations get received.



The Hon. Mayor Cllr R Losper wishes to convey her sincere gratitude to all the stakeholders and local businesses who has assisted and donated towards the mayoral relief programme it has indeed assisted our community.

A big thank you to the following stakeholders for their heartfelt contributions.

- ❖ Idwala Lime - Sanitizers and pamphlets to OK Foods, Spar, KLM, DK SAPS, Lime Acres SAPS, DSD, SASSA and Clinic.
  - Sanitizers to KLM for distribution at Informal Settlements.
  - 100 Food hampers
- ❖ Petra Diamonds - Sanitizers, Masks, Soap, Ear thermometer and Gloves.
- ❖ PPC Lime - Sanitizers, Masks, Gloves and 100 Food hampers,
- ❖ Taanil Construction (Rep: Aziz Sulliman) - 600 2kg IQF
- ❖ Foreigners Community (Tuck shops) - 62 Food hampers
- ❖ Sloya fruit and veg (Morgan and wife) - Mixed Vegetables and soup
- ❖ Kuilville fruit and Veg (Big man) - Mixed Vegetables
- ❖ Kgosi Fire Engineers (Denys Pienaar) - 10 Food hampers and 10 packets of mixed vegetables
- ❖ Lesedi Solar - 250 Food hampers
- ❖ Jasper Solar - 195 Food hampers
- ❖ Lucas Rittles - 1 Food hamper
- ❖ Pacmec (Christo Lottering) - Bedding and windows at the clinic
- ❖ Toto Marumo - 1 Food Hamper and 2 pillows
- ❖ North Safety (Shantelle) - 1 Food hamper and bedding
- ❖ Kimberley Muller - 2 Cushions/Pillows
- ❖ Ingrid Harry - 10 Cloth masks
- ❖ Informal traders (Frank) - Lunch for Volunteers
- ❖ Moeng's Construction - Lunch for volunteers and KLM workforce helping at the clinic
- ❖ Michael Botha - window safety frames at the clinic
- ❖ Karel Bezuidenhout - Provide lunch for workers helping at the clinic

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## RADIO INTERVIEW

As part of the municipalities road show on the approved Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget for the 2020/21 financial year. The Hon. Mayor Cllr R Losper and Municipal Manager Mr. Monde January visited Kurara FM 98.9 on Monday, 15 June 2020 at 17h00.



## FACEBOOK AND BULK SMS SYSTEM

**FACEBOOK, WHATSAPP** and our **BULK SMS SYSTEM** is our main channels of communication to ensure that the community is always informed on the important developments, challenges and activities in the Municipality.

All service interruptions and important information is being shared through these channels daily, thus all community members are advised to always visit the **Kgatelopele Local Municipality FACEBOOK page** and to leave their cell phone numbers at the communications office or at reception to be captured on the system. Community members can call, send a SMS or WHATSAPP to **the customer care line 066 372 0390**, in order for us to retrieve their number for capturing.