

**BUDGET VOTE 2009/10 PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR, DR
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STADIUM, QWAQWA**

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MALUTI-A-PHOFUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

**Motsamaisi wa Dipuisano ya Hlomphehang,
Ha ke lebohe sebaka sena seo ke se fuwang.**

**mme ke dumedise baahi ba sebaka sena le setjhaba sohle se
phuthehileng mona.**

**Ke dumedise ditho tsa lekgotla la motse wa Maluti a Phofung, ditho
tsa makgotla a metse tse re etetseng kajeno. mme ka tlhompho e
kgolo ke dumedise le ditho tsa lekgotla la setereke sa Thabo
Mofutsanyana**

**Ke ise tlhompho ho dibopeho le mekgatlo ya setjhaba le ya poraevete
e teng kwano.**

**Ke SA siye baqolotsi ba ditaba, bao e lokelang ho ba ditsebe le mahlo
a ba siyo kwano**

**Ke dumedise le baeti bohle ba tswang ka ntle ho Masepala wa Maluti a
Phofung.**

Ke re kgotso!

Motsamaisi wa Dipuisano ya Hlomphehileng, ena e boetse ke kgaolo e nngwe ya leeto la rona la tshepo ho theheng bophelo bo betere bakeng sa batho bohle.

Ke karolo enngwe ya ho lekola mesebetsi ya rona ka ditshepiso tseo re ileng ra di etsa selemong sena se fetang sa ditjhelete.

Ena e boetse ke nako ya ho bopa methoho le merero e metjha ya ho matlafatsa letsholo la ho tlisa tlwaelo ya ho fana ka ditshebeletso tse tsepameng setjhabeng. – ho lwantsha bofuma ka meralo e tsitsitseng ya ntshetsopele ya moruo, e radilweng hodima ntlafatso le ntshetsopele ya dikgwebo le twantsho ya leqeme la mesebetsi ka hara sebaka ka sa Maluti a Phofung.

Kajeno ke nako hape ya ho etsa boitlamo bo botjha tshebedisong ya ditjhelete tsa setjhaba tataisong ya mohoo wa bongata ba baahi ba sebaka sena sa rona nakong ya dikgetho tse akaretsang – e leng mohoo wa hore mmoho re ka etsa ho feta ka moo ho seng ho entswe ka teng.

Ena ke pono ya bongata ba baahi, mme hona ke tumelo ho bokamoso Bo tjhabileng ho baahi ba sebaka sena. E, re se ne re sehe tema, mme, re tshepa hore mmoho re ka fihlela tse ngata.

Re kopana hape mona kajeno ho etsa boitlamo ba ntshetsopele ya letsholo la Ntwa ya Demokerasi e Tlisang Diphetoho, mme re elellwa ka ho phethahala bohlokwa ba sebopeho sena sa mebuso ya selehae le karolo e bohlokwa eo sebopeho sena se e bapalang ho haheng demokerasi e phethahetseng, e senang semorabe mme e sa kgetholle ho ya ka bong.

Re elellwa bohlokwa ba sebopeho sena sa mebuso ya selehae ho kopanya merabe e fapaneng ya sebaka sa rona, ho tlisa poelano le ho bopa bonngwe ka hara baahi ba Maluti a Phofung.

Speaker, there is a new wave of optimism that has once more swept through our area. The majority residents of this local municipality has indicated abundantly in the previous general elections that they still believe firmly in our broad policy of building quality and better life for all citizens. They have unequivocally mandated the ANC to once more proceed in charting the way forward.

This Council is in many ways part of this mandate, and therefore, the mood has been set for increased service delivery, economic development and social re-engineering processes in our society.

Speaker, our budget is mainly informed by the vision that has been drawn from the Freedom Charter, the Reconstruction and Development Programme as well as the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

It has followed a mass-based budget process with representative views of our broad society and it features within this level of government the following considerations; creation of decent work and sustainable livelihood as well as rural development that include land reform and food production and security.

Like all other years, during the budgetary process, we have drawn our mandate from the instruments of participatory democracy, like the IDP processes. We believe that this process in itself advances the much needed social cohesion within our municipality.

Ten spyte van die baie uitdagings die afgelope finansiële jaar en wat ook daar sal wees in die nuwe finansiële jaar, is ons vol vertroue dat ons die mandaat ten volle aan die inwoners van hierdie munisipaliteit sal lewer. Ons het reeds op ons reis ons ywer getoon en belowe ons om nie toe te gee op die gooi aangesien so baie alreeds gedoen is en ons nie ons beloftes om meer te doen sal nalaat nie.

We owe it to the many martyrs of the liberation struggle who gave up their life so that we may live a decent life. We owe it to our young people; we owe it to our elderly who have demonstrated trust and great patience.

We owe it to all residents of Maluti a Phofung, the province and the country, who despite the many challenges and stumbling blocks gave us a chance to lead the National Democratic Revolution at this level. And for this reason, Speaker, I would like to pay homage to them all whose names will eternally be inscribed in the pages of our history of our nation and our municipality.

I wish to pay homage to men and women who have passed on, still fully committed to serving the people selflessly and unselfishly in the same tradition of our movement that was started by our forebears.

These comrades whose spears fell down along the way never abandoned the revolution at any stage – why should we, in these more conducive conditions, abandon the struggle?

Among these good citizens let me mention the following who have since passed on: Clr Moloi Tsietsi, Clr Mofokeng Lejone and Clr Radebe Ntaoleng.

We fully understand that despite losing these brave sons and daughters of the revolution, life has to go on, to fulfill the dream of multitude of people to build a nonracial, democratic and prosperous society. And so, Speaker, forward we shall march.

Speaker, for the following few minutes at my disposal, let me proudly present to you and the public how we managed and used the public funds entrusted to us in the past financial year and how we in broad consultation will allocate budget to priority areas this financial.

The report that we table today will once more demonstrate our quest and ability to build and disburse public funds responsibly. Therefore the report will in a way serve as a scorecard indicating our success and failure in meeting our objectives. It will also indicate our strategic thrust, given the past and new mandates as outline in our manifestoes.

Motsamaisi wa Dipusano phano ya ditshebeletso ka hara Lekgotla la Motse ke sekala hore efeela re phethisitse kamoo re neng re tshepitsitse ka ditekanyetso.

Ho bohlokwa hore pele re teka ditekanyetso tsa selemo se setjha sa ditjhelete ka bokgutshwane dipehelo le ditshepiso tsa selemo se fetang sa ditjhelete.

Speaker, we have promised to intensify service delivery by among others electrification households and contribution in building of RDP houses in Qwaqwa area.

We undertook to refurbish the Harrismith town hall as well as restoration of Phuthaditjhaba stadium. We have further promised to construct or improve roads in both rural areas and towns. And some of our top priorities included construction of water networks in rural areas, installation of VIP toilets as well as and installation of water borne sewerage infrastructure.

Speaker, an allocation of approximately R51.6 million from equitable share grant was set aside for provision of free basic services and direct subsidy of indigents. Of

this amount an estimated R21.1million was set aside for free basic water, while R14.3 million was estimated for free basic electricity. Our commitment to fight poverty saw us putting aside R16.2 million to support about 12 000 indigent households. Capital projects were budgeted R76 million (DORA) and R.1 million (DME) for capital projects. Last year we undertook to direct R6 million to Setsing Shopping Complex project.

Speaker I am glad to report that we have succeeded in implementing all these tasks. I am happy to announce a few of these successes. Today many people are direct beneficiaries of this project who already are deriving economic benefits from this business centre that offers variety of services.

Die Harrismith/Intabazwe Ontwikkelingsprojek was een van die munisipaliteit se beste voorbeelde van sosiale verbidenis en die opbou van 'n sterk ekonomiese stroom. Dit is een proses wat nie uitgewes kan word nie, en binnekort sal die letsels van apartheid nie meer daar wees nie omdat daar gelykheid onder al die inwoners van hierdie munisipaliteit sal wees.

A general plan for 1 459 sites has been approved by Surveyor General and installation of infrastructure has already commenced. The Department of Land Affairs has brought closer to reality our dream for a better human settlement by purchasing 1 200 hectares of the Tygerkloof for township establishment and 1000 erven have been approved for township establishment in Tshiame.

We have in total registered 2 000 title deeds in Phuthaditjhaba and Intabazwe. Speaker is registration of under R7 500.00 Discount Benefit Scheme. We have also upgraded municipal houses and house on town lands as well as fencing of a portion grazing camp in Harrismith.

Re fane ka ditshebeletso tsa mantlha boholong ba baahi ba Maluti a Phofung, mme re matlafaditse moruo wa selehae ka tsela e bonahalang. Le ha ho bile le ditshita mane le mane re ile ra atleha ho: fimolla batho ba ba ngata ba futsanehileng jokong e boima ya bofuma, re atlehile ho fana ka ditshebeletso tsa motheo.

Re sebedisitse tjhelete e kalo ka R30, 455 345.04 bakeng sa ditshebeletso tsa motheo, ra ba ra sebedisa R21 000 000 bakeng sa metsi.

Motsamaisi wa Dipusano, re ile ra nehelana ka dikobo tse 340 ka hara sebaka sa rona. Le ha e le palo e nyane hakana, re tshepa hore ketso ena e tla futhumatsa

dipelo tsa ba o ba fumaneng dikojwana tsena. Mme re tshepa hape hore re satla etsa ho fetang mona.

Tekong ena ya ho lwantsha bofuma re boetse re nehelane ka di *food parcels* tse 965 ka hara di-ward tse 34 tsa masepala WA rona.

Service delivery, poverty alleviation and economic development have been some of our focal points.

Our report has therefore has to speak to all these factors and our plan for the new financial has to again focus on, so that the trajectory of our revolution is maintained.

We have to this effect spent R32, 3 million for subsidy of the indigents. We achieved a phenomenal success with the housing project by completing 2 309 units in a number of rural areas in Qwaqwa and Kestell. This is a programme that still continues. It is also important to report that we have completed the road projects in the following areas: Masaleng, Thaba-bosiu, Lusaka, Kestell, Kestell/Tlholong Phase 2, Phuthaditjhaba and Intabazwe. We have covered a total distance of 16,88km road surface at the cost of over R23 million.

Jwaloka ha re ile ra tshepisa selemong sena se fetang sa ditjhelete hore re tla eketsa phanong ya motlakase, re feela re entse jwalo, Motsamaiisi wa Dipuisano. Re entse dikgokelo tse 1 206 tsa motlakase, mm era Kenya mabone a seterateng a di-high mast a boleng ba R4 million. Re ntlafaditse di-substations tsa motlakase dibakeng tseo re ileng ra tshepisa ho etsa jwalo selemong se fetileng. Re bile ra Kenya matlwana a di-VIP a 3 134 a boleng ba R12 million.

Re ile ra reka di-lori tse 5 tsa matlakala mme ra etsa letsholo la tlhokomelo ya tikelohlo esita le matsholo a mang a mangata.

Motsamaiisi wa Dipuisano re entse tsena le tse ding tse ngata mme re sa ikemiseditse ho etsa boholo.

Moralo ona wa ditekanyetso o matahantswe le boikemisetso ba rona phanong ya ditshebeletso tse tswileng matsoho. Hape ke sesupo sa leano la rona la ho lwantsha bofuma le ho theha moruo wa moshwelella o tlang ho tliša katleho baahing ba Maluti a Phofung. Ke moralo o tlang ho nka karolo phokotsong ya botlokotsebe le ho fokotsa sekgahla sa malwetse ka hara sebaka sena – ho tjabisa letsatsi maphelong a batho ba ba ngata ba fokolang ho kenyeleditswe le maqheku.

Ka hoo re tshepa hore baahi le mekgatlo ya setjhaba le mekgatlo ya poraevete, bo-rakgwebo esita le dibopeho tse teng ka hara sebaka sena, mmoho re nka karolo ho aha setjhaba se lokolohileng ditlamong tsa bofuma, ditlamong tsa botlokotsebe le ditlamong tsa mafu a mangata a hlasetseng setjhaba.

We need to strive towards achieving our noble dream of ensuring that every household should have electricity in 2012 when we celebrate the centenary of the ANC. We need to continue to respond vigorously to the call for a plan to make local government work better. This, we will be able to do through creation of decent work and sustainable livelihood, rural development, food security and land reform.

We need also to increase our efforts in fighting against crime and corruption, improvement of quality of health care and education, and more importantly, to continue improving service delivery.

Now Speaker, let me outline some of the salient features of the budget that will be prioritized. Our priorities have been identified from a list drawn from the collective voice of residents of this municipality, who in the true spirit of participatory democracy have guided us to build this priority list. We have therefore been guided by this wisdom in building this budget estimates for this year. We hope the allocations will indeed take us forward to our strategic vision of building a better life for all. These budget features include: building of houses, roads, water and sanitation, community service, local economic development and tourism. We are also going to prioritize sport, parks and cemeteries.

Speaker, we once more commit ourselves to build more roads to respond to the call for renewal of township areas. These roads will be built in Phuthaditjhaba, Intabazwe, Kestell/Tlholong as well as in rural areas to the tune of R143 million.

We intend to build 1 000 RDP houses and establish more residential areas in Phuthaditjhaba, Kestell and Harrismith. This will be done with a view to eradicate informal settlements in our municipality, which in many cases are not areas designated for human settlement – These are also areas that are in most cases inaccessible for service delivery and somewhat pose danger during disasters. These are also areas that easily become haven for crime, illness and many other social ills.

Once more electrical connections will be prioritized. We envisage to make connections to the estimated value of R30 million throughout our municipality. For

water sanitation, we have budgeted R98 million for water network in rural areas, water borne sewerage, water meter project, sanitation and Wilge water Treatment works.

Ntshetsopele ya moruo jwaloka mehla e keke ya salla morao ditekanyetsong. Hara tse ngata tseo re tlang ho di etsa selemong sena ho kenyeleditswe katoloso le ntjhafatso ya Witsieshoek Mountain Resort ka tjhelete e ballwang ho R2,5 million. R75000 e tla sebediswa ho ntshetsa pele kaho ya tsela e yang lehaheng la Wetsi. Re tshepa hore ntshetsopele le ntlafatso ya dibaka tsena di tla tlisa katleho bothoring ka ha di tla eketsa ho hohela baeti.

Enngwe ya dintlha tse ka sehlohong ntshetsopeleng ya moruo ka hara sebaka sa rona ke projeke ya ho etsa samente. Re tshepa hore ke projeke e tla thusa haholo ho theha mesebetsi le ho eketsa lekeno ka hara masepala. Ho beheletswe ka thoko R12 million bakeng sa merero ona.

Speaker, our municipality's geographical location is suitable and conducive for major commercial activities. For this reason, the logistical hub project becomes appropriate – that is why we are committed to this project because we believe it will be an enabling tool towards contributing in growing a strong and vibrant economy. This is an initiative that will be supported by both national and provincial government.

The Kestell feedlot and abbatoir project will receive cash injection to the value of R2 million towards maximizing output. This will also contribute growing our economy.

We take sport and recreation as vital within our communities as they are able to build bridges and unite people. For many years our people did not have decent facilities and that translated into our athletes performing poorly and unable to attain professional status in sport. In an effort to turn this situation around we have undertaken to upgrade the existing facilities. This in the main include upgrading of the following stadiums: Phuthaditjhaba, Monontsha, Thibella and Bluegumbosch in Qwaqwa. We will further upgrade Intabazwe Sports Complex and the Athletic track of Platberg stadium in Harrismith.

Our commitment to improve recreational facilities will see us upgrading of ablution facilities of President Brand park, development of parks at Tlholong, Riverside and Tshame. But we will also include installation of play equipment in Riverside,

Clubview and Tshiame to the value of R600 000. This will be a true investment to the younger generation as the Basothos say: thupa e kojwa e sa le metsi.

Motsamaisi wa Dipuisano, ho bohlokwa ho hlalosa hore ho beheletswe ka thoko tjhelete e kalo ka R500 000 bakeng sa ho boloka kapa ho pata bafu bao ho sa tsejweng beng ba bona. Sena ke ketso ya botho ya hore letlalo la motho ha le thakgiswe fatshe.

Re tla boela re tsetela hape tjhelete e kalo ka R1,5million tokisong ya matlo a bahlokomedi ditsheng tsa bafu Bluegumbosch, Intabazwe, Kestell, Tlholong esita le Tshiame. Tjhelete e kalo ka R1,5million e tla sebediswa ho kampela setsha sa bafu sa Tshiame, ha R250 000 e tla sebediswa ho Kenya motlakase setsheng sa bafu sa Bluegumbosch.

Re tla boela re etsa matsholo a matla bakeng sa tlhahisoleseding ka HIV/AIDS le tse amanang le yona. Bakeng sa morero ona re beheletse R40 000 ka thoko.

Polelo ena re e etsang kajeno ke boitlamo ba hore re tla matha ka lebelo le leholo ho phethahatsa ditshepiso tsena. Ho k eke ha e ba kgomo ya boroko. Lentswe le se le tswile hore ho ke hwa mamellwa botswa – ya sitwang ho phetha mosebetsi wa setjhaba o lokelwa ke ho kengwa tseleng hang-hang.

Ha ke phethela, ke rata ho isa teboho ho basebetsi mmoho, makhanselara ohle a lekgotla lena la motse esita le dibopeho tse ding tsa mmuso tse ileng tsa kenya letsoho ntshetsopeleng ya setjhaba selemong sena se fetang sa ditjhelete. Mme ke boele ke lebohe le baahi ba bontshitseng mamello e kgolo le bohle ba neng bileng le kabelo ntweng ena ya ho tliša diphetoho.

Mme jwaloka mehla ke leboha lelapa la ka haholo ka mamello le tshehetso tseo ba di bontshitseng dilemo tsena tsohle tseo ke keneng mosebetsing ona ka tsona.

Le ha dinako tse ding ho ne ho ba thata, ha le ya ka la nyahlatsa tshehetso ya lona esita le ho qephisa mamelo ya lona. Ke ya leboha ke hona.

Qetellong, ke leboha ho menahane ho baahi bohle ba Maluti-a-Phofung. Re leboha tshehetso le tshebedisanommoho eo le re fileng yona jwaloka barumuwa ba setjhaba. Le bile baahi ba sebele ba nang le boikarabelo. La hloka tshabo ho hlahisa maikutlo a lona, mme la toba ditaba le SA lobe letho moo le lokelang ho nyatsa kapa moo le nang le maikutlo a fapaneng. La opa ditlatse moo re entseng hantle. Ruri, le bile baahlodi ba nnete, mme re ya leboha ke hona. Re tshepa hore le

selemong sena se setjha sa ditjhelete le ntse le tla disa le ho lebelahore tjhelete ya setjhaba e sebediswe ka tsela e nepahetseng.

Ke boele ke ise teboho tsa ka ho lelapa la ka le ntsheditseng hape le selemong sena sa ditjhelete. Ke leboha mamello ya bona le nako yeo ba ileng ba ntella yona mosebetsing ona o thata o fokotsang ha bohloko nako ya motho le lelapa la hae. Ke leboha kutlwisiso ya bona hore ona ke mosebetsi wa setjhaba oo mmoho le bona re bopakang bokamoso bo tjabile ba meloko ya hosasa.

Key a leboha!