

## Community Inputs are crucial in IDP process



Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality has embarked on the Integrated Development Planning Review Process for 2012/2013. The process is spearheaded by Executive Mayor of Maluti-a-Phofung, Mofumahadi Mathokoana Mopeli, and requires inputs and comments from all stakeholders such as members of the public, business, civil society organizations, traditional leaders and government departments.

A number of wards in Maluti-a-Phofung have already been visited by the Executive Mayor accompanied by Members of Mayoral Committee, Councillors and Officials. During these visits inputs ranged from upgrading of roads, electrification of houses, provision of RDP houses, improvement of health services to the creation of jobs.

“It is important for all members of the public and stakeholders to make inputs and comments so that we can them into consideration in final preparations of the IDP, which also guides us in our budgeting. “Moving from one ward to the other ensures that the process is democratic and consultative,” said Mofumahadi Mopeli.

The process is expected to run until the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 when the Executive Mayor hosts Stakeholders Representative Forum.

### WHAT IS INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (IDP)?

- It is a 5-year strategic document of the municipality which is reviewed annually to meet the changing needs of the community.
- The review process is conducted within a 9 months period.

- It guides municipality with its planning, budgetary, management, decision making and implementation of its own resources.
- Speed-up service delivery as directed by the targets set on the service delivery budget implementation plans

#### **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF AN IDP**

To arrive at decisions on issues of :-

- municipal budgets,
- performance of local municipality,
- land use management,
- promotion of local economic development,
- Institutional transformation of a municipality in broader consultative and participatory processes.
- A well-developed IDP attract Investment

#### **WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE**

Every community member within the jurisdiction area of a municipality concerned.

- To entrench and purport the Constitutional principles of equality, emphasis is on Youth, women and physically disadvantaged.
- Business organisations
- Community Based Organisation
- Sector Departments
- State Owned Enterprise

#### **DRIVERS OF AN IDP**

- Mayor
- Steering Committee, comprising of Mayoral Committee members and Departmental heads,
- Municipal and IDP Manager
- Officials of the municipality

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Municipal officials play a key role in terms of effective and successful implementation of projects and programmes which are in municipal IDP.

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