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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The district economy is not insulated from some of the crippling macro-economic factors that currently confront the country. The high levels of loadshedding that were experienced in 2023 have constrained the pace of economic recovery following the pandemic, riots, and extreme weather events that have previously ravaged our District. The beach closures experienced by our southern neighbours have not aided in improving visitor perception of the province in general, iLembe has also been affected by this.

Nevertheless, the second half of 2023 has provided green shoots in the district economic landscape. The iLembe Business Confidence Index for the period July to December 2023 revealed that the confidence in the economy is now in positive territory. The combined index is now at 51.3, which represents a 3 index point improvement from the first half of 2023 and 2.3 index point improvement from the same period in 2022. This improvement is buttressed by the observed decrease in headline inflation, which is projected to result in interest rates reduction by mid 2024. The decrease in congestion at the Durban port demonstrates the positive outcomes of the interventions currently being rolled out by Transnet. The reopening of the M4 Tongaat River bridge has improved district connectivity, allowing for easier movement of goods and people. The long-drawn business rescue process of Tongaat Hulett appears to be drawing to a close, this should result in greater certainty and improved confidence in the agriculture sector.

The launch of the iLembe InvestSA One Stop Shop in September 2023 marked an important milestone for the improvement of investment facilitation. Through this facility, investors will be able to access VISA, Tourism Grading Council, CIPC, and other government services locally. The facility also provides small businesses with expedited company registration support, this is a critical component of improving the ease of doing business in the district.

The agriculture development programme of the entity continues to provide invaluable support to small scale farmers, particularly in rural areas where farming has been largely for subsistence purposes. Through this programme, emerging farmers are assisted with mechanisation, production inputs, and access to markets in an effort to transform them into viable agri-businesses. The iLembe Business Incubator has provided business development support to SMMEs, to date over R8m in funding has been secured as well as access to numerous procurement opportunities. The 2023 Entrepreneurship competition, that is rolled out in collaboration with the iLembe Chamber of Commerce, was successfully concluded in October 2023. The diverse nature of finalists in this competition demonstrates the enterprising spirit that permeates the district.

The tourism industry has been on a consistent upward trajectory following the devastation caused by travel restrictions in 2020. Through the entity's tourism industry research, it was discovered that the region accommodated almost 800 000 visitors in 2023 and over 13 000 jobs were created by this sector. There were an estimated 120 000 visitors during the 2023 festive season, this represents a 9% increase when compared with the same period in 2022. The entity continues to advance the demographic and spatial transformation of this sector through the identification and development of tourism products in townships and rural areas. Phase 1 of the KwaShushu Hotspring and Ntunjambili Mountain project in Maphumulo is due for completion in early 2024 and funds for the implementation of phase 2 have been secured from KZN EDTEA.

The district remains an attractive investment destination and several large scale private investments are currently being rolled out. The ALPLA recycling plant in KwaDukuza, which is a one billion rand investment, is currently under construction with operations due to commence in June 2024. The Club Med resort was officially launched by the KZN Premier in September 2023 and construction will commence imminently. Investment opportunities are not only confined to the coastal areas of the district, the recently launched Ndwedwe shopping centre is a demonstration of this fact.

The Entity received an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor General for the 2022/23 financial year. The report from the AG reaffirms the robust internal control environment that has been established, this is evident in the fact that, among other observations, no irregular expenditure has been discovered and there were no material findings on our performance information. The entity also received an award from the KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) for being the best functioning District Development Agency in the province. Admittedly, these accolades on their own do not translate to a material transformation in the lives of our communities, they do, however, provide assurance and confidence that Enterprise iLembe is a functional and effective instrument to drive economic development and growth.

In November 2023, we welcomed Mr Mtutuzeli Matshini (Executive Manager: Projects) to the Enterprise iLembe family. We wish him all the best and trust that he will make a positive contribution to the Entity and the District. The tenure of our Deputy Chair, Ms Ntokozo Mlaba, and Board Chair, Mr Xolani Gumede, ended in December 2023 and January 2024, respectively. They depart having made a significant contribution to the Entity, together with the rest of the Board. We are especially indebted for their stewardship over the last three years.

To end, I will be bidding farewell to Enterprise iLembe at the end of February 2024, therefore this will be my last message in this publication. I wish to express my utmost gratitude to all stakeholders that I've had the pleasure of interacting with since assuming this role in 2021, it has truly been a singular honour to serve the community of iLembe.

Warm regards,

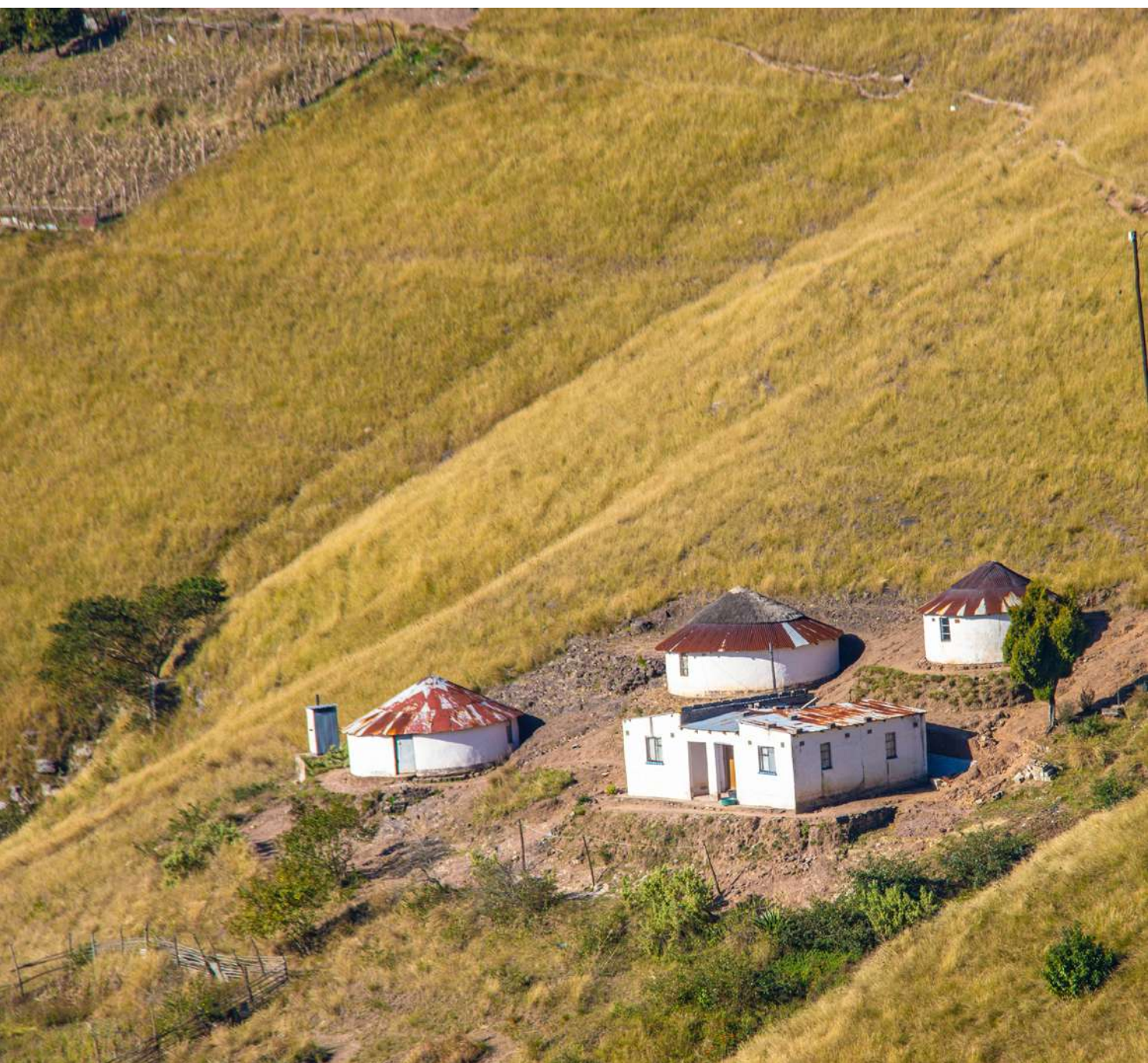
**LINDA MNCUBE**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## ENTERPRISE ILEMBE WELCOMES THE NEW EXECUTIVE MANAGER PROJECTS

Enterprise iLembe welcomed the new Executive Manager: Projects, Mtutuzeli (Mtura) Matshini who officially joined Enterprise iLembe on 06 November 2023. Mtura Primarily has experience in the private sector, with a brief three-year tenure in the public sector – in a period that spans 30 years in the built environment of which the last 16 years were in Land Development. Mtura is a trained Quantity Surveyor and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP®) with the Project Management Institute (PMI). Mtura holds several post graduate qualifications including Masters in Business Leadership (MBL) and Senior Management Development Programme. Mtura is passionate about economic development.



**MTUTUZELI (MTURA) MATSHINI**



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# LET'S TALK ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SMME DEVELOPMENT

## iLEMBE ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION

The iLembe Chamber hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Entrepreneur Competition finals on 27 October 2023. The 2023 Programme ran over a period of 10 weeks during which the competition finalists were exposed to intensive business modeling both through tuition and practical application as part of a programme co-designed by the University of KwaZulu-

Natal (UKZN) and USA- based Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The finalists were also supported through mentorship by the iLembe Chamber's accredited mentors from a wide range of sectors and professions. Enterprise iLembe is proud to be associated with this competition since its inception.

### THE COMPETITION WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1ST PLACE - LUNGINHLANHLA PROJECTS T/A QANDALAMI

##### BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

Lunginhlahla Projects is a female owned poultry agribusiness, established in 2020, that produces and sells eggs. Having started as a small, home-based broiler business, breeding 100 birds at a time, the business has expanded to produce eggs on a 10 000-layer unit, with plans to expand it to a 30 000-layer unit in the next 5 years (2028). The joint owners and MDs of the company are Silondiwe Nxumalo and Ntwenhle Linda. The company operates from a long-term leased sugarcane farm located in Mangethe, Mandeni, allowing ample space to accommodate future expansion plans. Trading as Qandalami, the business sells its eggs to mostly the semi-formal and informal markets, including town shops, wholesalers and farmgate sales. Contact no: 0727632231,

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#### 2ND PRICE - DEFYN DEZIGN BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND

##### BACKGROUND

Thandeka Malinga's diverse experience in civil engineering, interior design and carpentry underpins her passion for creating functional and aesthetically pleasing spaces – blending her technical knowledge with a creative design flair is the essence of Defyn DeZign. Defyn DeZign specializes in interior designing and furniture manufacturing, with a commitment to precision, innovation and delivering high-quality results. Commitments passed on through its founder's career journey. Thandeka's design and manufacturing offering is enhanced by the experience she gained as a Civil Engineering Technician on various construction projects, providing technical support such as structural analysis, site planning and project management. Contact: 0630254450, **Email:** [thandeka.m@icloud.com](mailto:thandeka.m@icloud.com).

#### 3RD PRICE WINNER - AMILA CLEANING SERVICE BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

Amila Cleaning Service is a proudly South African women owned company by Nandipha Mdzanga. The company is based in KwaDukuza's KwaTwele area. Amila offers industrial and commercial cleaning, and garden services, and strives to be a dynamic service provider that is committed to excellence. Keep your environment clean – our blood is green. Contact no: 0794388859 / 0641459357, **Email:** [nandipha.mdzanga@gmail.com](mailto:nandipha.mdzanga@gmail.com).



## 12-MILLION FUNDING BOOST TO ILEMBE DISTRICT FOR MERSETA ACCREDITED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMM

The Moses Kotane Institute (MKI) lobbied Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) which is under the Department of Higher Education and Training to secure funding of R126 million for the purposes of closing the skills gap, upskilling and reskilling of its citizens as part of the economic reconstruction and recovery plan to create more jobs for the province. R12,3 million of these funds has been allocated to iLembe District to train 400 youth in automotive body repairs, electro-mechanics, pipe fitting and automotive sales. The programme was officially launched on 10 November 2023.



# LET'S TALK AGRICULTURE

## POTATOES PROJECT – FRIMAX MARKET

Enterprise iLembe together with LNN Capital hosted the signing of Frimax supplier contracts which has been approved by IDC for the following famers on 17 August 2023 in Ward 2 of Maphumulo LM at the Jikijela Project. The following were approved for Frimax contracts:

- **INJOBO ITHUNGELWA EBANDLA AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE-** Injobo Ithungelwa Ebandla Co-operative is an agricultural project based in Ndwedwe local municipality in ward 19 that specializing in mixed farming meaning both animal and crop production. The project consists of five (5) members, which consists of four (4) female members and one (1) male.
- **JKIJELA VUKUZAKHE PRIMARY CO-OPERATIVE-** The co-operative consists of 24 members and 80% of the members are females. Vukuzakhe co-operative forms part of the projects that were identified as pilot projects that will plant potatoes for Frimax market. Enterprise Ilembe facilitated the application of funding from IDC and the funding has been approved to produce inputs.
- **JKIJELA THUTHUKANI PRIMARY CO-OPERATIVE-** The co-operative consists of 15 members and 80% of the members are females. The Co-operative has an excess of 18-hectare of land along Thukela River which is used for crop production where they plant different types of vegetables which is sold to different markets facilitated by Enterprise iLembe.



## EMPOWERING YOUTH & WOMEN EXPOSITION

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 Enterprise iLembe together with other major stakeholders were invited by the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Mr. Sihle Zikalala (Member of Parliament) for the launch of Ndwedwe Constituency office programme targeting youth and women. The Entity and other Stakeholders were given the opportunity to present and exhibit their service offerings to eNdwedwe local community.



## FUNDING TO MF MABHALA PTY LTD PROJECT FROM KWAZULU NATAL AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ADA)

In September 2023, MF Mabhala Pty Ltd, a project based in Ndwedwe ward 4, in assistance by Enterprise iLembe secured funding of R4.9mil from the KwaZulu-Natal Agribusiness Development Agency (ADA). The funding is for the installation of 5 tunnels, a packhouse facility, fencing for 7 hectares, irrigation system and 1 tractor. Enterprise iLembe continues to play a vital role in linking local projects with relevant key stakeholders, and as well as training of employees.





## CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE LAUNCH

On 31 August 2023, the Honourable MEC for Finance and District Champion, Ms NP Nkonyeni, together with other key stakeholders participated in the celebration and launch for African Traditional Medicine. The aim of the event was to amass and mobilise commitment in the institutionalisation of traditional medicine into the primary Health Care system. These are some of the efforts to encourage community participation in the indigenous methods of health care. Ms Nkonyeni encouraged attendees to practice organic farming as part of a healthy lifestyle and source of strong immune systems as opposed to genetically modified products that may have side effects.



## SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD LAB WORKSHOP

On 17 October 2023, Enterprise iLembe and SA Food lab organized a workshop for iLembe District farmers. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the challenges faced by farmers while looking for market for fresh produce. Discussions and views will be submitted to the South African Commission on fresh produce market enquiry



## MULTI-PLANTING SEASON LAUNCH ILEMBE DISTRICT

On 24 October 2023, the iLembe District champion Ms NP Nkonyeni, MPL MEC for Finance, KZNDARD HOD Mr S Dlamini, Mandeni Local Municipality mayor Mr. Thabani Mdlalose, iLembe District Municipality EDP chairperson, Ms Makhatha and government officials demonstrated maize planting in Mandeni at YP Greenings co-operative.

Through this programme, farmers will be supported through a supply of production inputs (fertilizer, seed, and chemicals), provision with mechanization services (ploughing, disking, planting and application of agro-chemicals and fertilizer) as well as assistance with marketing of produce through the Government-led Radical Agrarian Socio-Economic Transformation programme (RASET) and Enterprise iLembe Economic Development Agency marketing channels



## WORLD FOOD DAY IN KWAZULU-NATAL

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development hosted its annual World Food Day event on 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. The theme was “Water is Life, Water is Food, Leave No One Behind” with aim to highlight the critical role of water for life on earth and water as the foundation of our food. Among the objectives of the event to inform communities on ways to mitigate the impact of rising in food prices through the establishment of food gardens and supporting agricultural cooperatives in attaining food security, job creation and economic growth. Enterprise iLembe as well as other major stakeholders were given the opportunity to present and interact with local community regarding services that they offer and to also build bridges amongst stakeholders



# LET'S TALK TOURISM & INVESTMENT

## BRICS PROVINCIAL BUSINESS FORUM AND KZN EXHIBITION

Enterprise iLembe participated at the BRICS/KZN Trade and Investment Seminar that was held at the Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani in Durban on 17 August 2023. The purpose of the BRICS/KZN Trade and Investment Seminar was to raise awareness on the importance of South Africa's role as Chair of the BRICS 2023 Summit and the benefits to South Africa and the KZN province. The seminar provided a platform for KZN businesses to engage with foreign delegates to explore business opportunities in terms of trade and investment and related areas of cooperation.



## INVEST SA – ILEMBE ONE STOP SHOP LAUNCH

The Invest SA – iLembe One-Stop-Shop was officially launched on 8 September 2023 at the iLembe Business Incubator by the Honourable MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Mr. Siboniso Duma alongside His Worship Mayor of iLembe District, Cllr Thobani Shandu and local municipality mayors. In addition to the services offered by the Business Incubator in supporting small medium and micro businesses, the Invest SA One Stop Shop which is hosted by Enterprise iLembe will be the focal point to assist in fast-tracking projects, reduce government red tapes and provide an inclusive economic growth and transformative impact. The combination of government services offered by the One Stop Shop under one roof will provide the necessary support to businesses within iLembe district.



## 94.7 MEDIA HOSTING

Tourism KZN in partnership with Enterprise iLembe hosted the 94.7 FM media team from 25-27 August 2023 for the pre-activation of the Tourism month and the Winter Campaign. The media hosting was to drive travellers to KZN for the winter season and beyond and included two live broadcasts by 94.7 at Sala Beach House and at the Capital Zimbali Hotel. The media personalities got to explore and experience tourism activities at the Rain Farm Game Lodge and share these experiences on-air with their listeners. SABC's Espresso morning breakfast show aired the content on 5 September 2023.



## WORLD ROUTES CONFERENCE & IN-COUNTRY INVESTMENT & TOURISM SEMINAR TURKEY

The Route Development Committee's Participation at the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of World Routes Conference at Istanbul Türkiye (Turkey) took place from 15 to 17 October 2023, this was followed by a tourism and investment mission from 18-19 October 2023. The activation was held in partnership with the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) and Turkish Travel Agencies Association (TÜRSAB). The World Routes conference provided the KwaZulu-Natal delegation with an opportunity to engage global aviation leaders and promote King Shaka International Airport as a hub for international connectivity. It enabled the Durban Direct team to meet with targeted airlines to service strategic international routes and further develop mutually beneficial relationships for tourism and investment.



## FESTIVE SEASON SUMMER ACTIVATION

The summer festive season was officially launched by the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr. Siboniso Duma on 8 December 2023 at the Salt rock Main Beach. The key message was that KZN and more specifically the iLembe North Coast was ready to welcome visitors with all beaches in iLembe open and safe for swimming. Interviews were held with key principals and trade representatives and media were hosted from 7 to 9 December 2023 to provide a first-hand experience of what the region has to offer visitors.



# TOURISM A MAJOR ECONOMIC DRIVER

## 2023 TOURISM PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS



### Total Economic Impact

Multiplier Effect (Direct, Indirect, Induced)



**R4,7 billion**

Direct tourist  
Expenditure



**R6, 2 billion**

Total GDP  
Contribution



**R 1,8 billion**

Total Household  
Income



**13420**

Total Jobs Supported



**R94 million**

Total Taxes

**798 076**

Visitors

**66%** Visitors Staying in  
paid accommodation



**2 128 203**

Bednights sold

**23%** International Visitors



**59%**

Accommodation  
Occupancy Rate



### VISITOR INVESTMENT PROSPECTS



**21%**

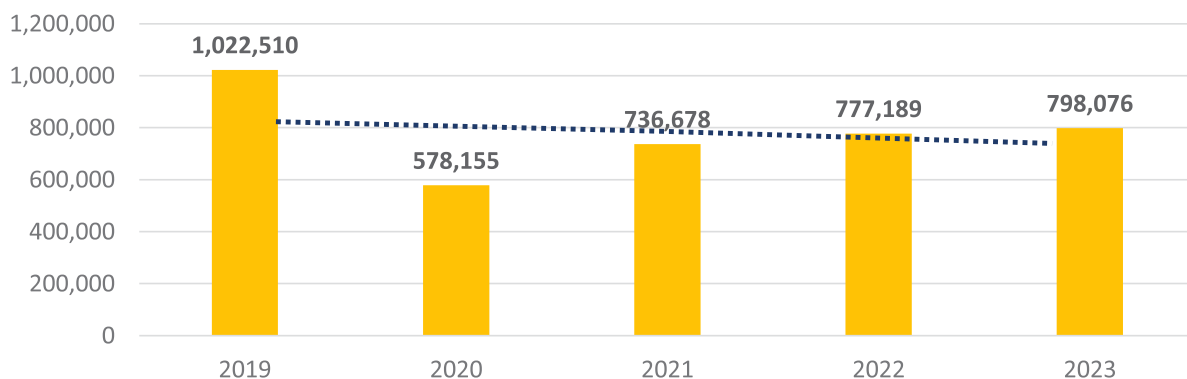
Actively exploring property  
investment opportunities



**3%**

Purchased properties in  
iLembe

### YEAR-YEAR TREND 2019-2023





## ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

### ILEMBE YOUTH SUMMIT 2023 A SUCCESS

iLembe District Municipality coordinated the three-day iLembe District Youth Summit 2023 from 29 September to 01 October 2023 at the Zinkwazi Ocean Reef Hotel. The three-day summit themed, "Accelerating Youth Economic Opportunities for a Sustainable Future" was attended by youth forums coming from the iLembe family of municipalities (Mandeni Local Municipality, KwaDukuza Municipality, Ndwedwe Local Municipality, and Maphumulo Local Municipality), various government departments and other stakeholders. Khethelo Buthelezi is the newly elected iLembe District Youth Council Chairperson.



### NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The new Chief Financial Officer, Dumisani Dlamini officially joined the municipality beginning of August 2023. Dlamini has a BCom: Accounting and a Postgraduate in Financial Management. He has varied work experience both in the private and public sector as an accountant, a financial manager, senior financial and management accounting, head of finance, deputy CFO and CFO from 2009. He is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) and the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA). Dlamini has strong attributes in strategic and planning focus, compliance with regulatory framework, customer focus, and people (staff) growth. Dlamini hails from Shakaville, KwaDukuza.



### MASAKHANE/ RAND FOR RAND CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

In ongoing efforts to revive the spirit of responsible citizenship and foster a culture of paying for services to support municipalities, KwaZulu-Natal's MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ms Bongiwwe Sithole-Moloi together with the mayor of iLembe District Municipality, Cllr Thobani Shandu launched the Masakhane Campaign in iLembe District on Saturday, 30 September 2023. At the launch, the MEC Sithole-Moloi also used the opportunity to introduce the district municipality's Rand for Rand program which is aimed at improving revenue enhancement and will assist consumers in settling their outstanding accounts where a consumer pays a rand towards their debt and iLembe waives a rand towards the consumers debt.

## **iLEMBE DONATES 38 WATER TANKS TO AMAKHOSI**

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Thobani Shandu delivered on a promise and handed over 38 water tanks to Amakhosi in the iLembe Local House of Traditional and Khoi San Leaders in KwaDukuza on 11 September 2023. The Local House and the iLembe family of Municipalities meet quarterly to strengthen working relations, assist each other in the execution of their roles and responsibilities in relation to service delivery as well as to develop agreed communication channels for information sharing, co-ordination, and consultation.



## **NEW iLEMBE DISTRICT CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP ELECTED**

Elections for the new iLembe District Civil Society Forum leadership were held on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at the iLembe Auditorium in KwaDukuza with Richard Shandu elected as chair for the third consecutive time. Shandu, will be working alongside the 1st deputy chair Thandi Mthiyane, Secretary Philani Ngcobo, deputy secretary Ntokozo Shezi, coordinator Nontobeko Ngwane and the deputy coordinator Mzosi Mthembu. The new forum will sit in all Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) structures including District Aids Council and the OSS District Development Plan (DDM) Social Cluster.



## **MAYOR INSPECTS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS**

The Mayor of iLembe District Municipality Cllr Thobani Shandu visited two water treatment plants located in EKamu and Sakhankhanya in KwaDukuza on 29 November 2023 for an in-loco inspection. Backup generators were recently brought in to amend the situation of irregular water supply because of load-shedding.



## MAPHUMULO MUNICIPALITY

### ALBINISM AWARENESS IN MAPHUMULO

The Maphumulo Municipality in collaboration with the iLembe District Municipality and the Department of Social Development held an Albinism Awareness program at the Maphumulo Town Hall to raise awareness about people living with albinism. This campaign, which started with a vigil from the Thusong Centre, aimed to educate the public and raise awareness about the superstition of people with albinism. The awareness was in commemoration with Albinism Month which is mandated by the White Paper for Persons with Disability as albinism is categorized as a disability.



### MAYOR CONCLUDES FRUITFUL ENGAGEMENTS WITH AMAKHOSI

Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr Zibuyisile Khuzwayo- Dlamini together with the Council concluded fruitful engagements with the 11 Traditional Councils within Maphumulo at the Mabomvini Traditional Court on Thursday, 7 September 2023. The Mayoral Engagements were facilitated in partnership with the Department of Cooperate Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and aimed at strengthening relations between the Municipality, Traditional Leaders as well as communities within the traditional authorities in Maphumulo.



### CHRISTMAS TO THE ELDERLY OF MAPHUMULO

On 20 December 2023, Her Worship Mayor Zibuyisile Khuzwayo-Dlamini was part of the municipalities annual programme to provide food hampers to the elderly in the Maphumulo area during Christmas.



# MUNICIPAL NEWS



## KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY

### KWADUKUZA MAYORAL CUP

KwaDukuza Municipality hosted the Mayoral Cup on Saturday, 12 August 2023. Netball, volleyball, and basketball teams competed to reach the finals. The iLembe Rowing Team also did demonstrations, introducing the sport to other sports enthusiasts. KwaDukuza councillors, Cllr. Siceljabulo Cele and Cllr. Sanele Mthiyane, presented the mayoral cup prize to the winning teams of the various sports codes.



### 2023 ANNUAL HERITAGE PROGRAMME

KwaDukuza Municipality hosted a successful 2023 Annual heritage programme on 26 September 2023, which included Maskandi, Imfene, Indlamu and isigekle.



### HANDOVER OF MARINE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

KwaDukuza Mayor's official handover of marine safety equipment on Thursday, 21 September 2023. This cutting-edge marine safety equipment will redefine the tourism outlook along the coast ensuring safety of holidaymakers.



## YOUNG WOMEN DIALOGUE AND EMPOWERMENT SESSION

KwaDukuza Municipality successfully hosted a “Young Women Dialogue and Empowerment” session at the Dube Village Community Hall in Ward 29 on Saturday, 26 August 2023. This platform was created for engagement, discussions, and entertainment amongst young women.



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP MONTH

KwaDukuza Municipality in partnership with Small Enterprise Development Agency held a successful training programme ‘Art of Pitching Masterclass’ for Emerging and Established SMME’s on 23 November 2023. The programme aimed at enhancing the skills and creating investor ready pitches and idea presentations for possible funding. Participants were also rewarded with certificates for attendance.



## BLYTHEDALE BEACH FESTIVAL

KwaDukuza local municipality hosted the Blythedale beach festival on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 at Blythedale beach as an anchor tourism event in their calendar to contribute towards the districts recovery plan in particular the tourism sector.



## MUNICIPAL NEWS

# MANDENI MUNICIPALITY

### RESOURCES TO THE KINDERGARTEN

The Mayor, Councillor Thabani Mdlalose, provided resources to the managers of the kindergartens under Mandeni Municipality on Friday, 8 September 2023. The main purpose of this programme was to support the kindergartens so that they can keep the children safe, have the resources to raise their mind in terms of education and make them interested in being part of these institutions.



### HONOURING FEMALES IN DIFFERENT CAREER FIELDS IN MANDENI

On 30 August 2023, the Mandeni municipality, successfully hosted an event to honour women who have put the local municipality at the top of map in many different fields, including agriculture, politics, health, sports and many others.



### TREE PLANTING

Mandeni Municipality celebrated tree planting day by planting trees at Sibusisiwe Hall, Mandeni Advisory Centre, and Youth Enterprise Park on 12 September 2023. This is part of the celebration of Arbor Day, and the event was a success, ending with the planting of trees and teaching about their importance.

## PLANTING SEASON

The Minister of Finance the Honourable Peggy Nkonyeni led a team of leaders from different agencies in the province, the region and local government on 24 October 2023. The purpose of the visit to this place was to officially open the planting season, where members of the community were urged to start preparing for the harvest season. Members of the community also benefited from resources such as wheelbarrows, seeds and more to assist in planting.



## KEEPING ARTS ALIVE

Mandeni Municipality in collaboration with the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture successfully hosted the keeping Arts Alive event held at Sibubisiwe Hall, on 15 December 2023. In this event, local artists were sharing the stage with each other with the aim of identifying and banging their heads under various music genres including Gospel, Hip Hop, Afro-Pop, Maskandi, Poetry and Dance. The winners in the various categories walked away with a check of R5000, the runner-up received R3000, and the third-place winner received a consolation prize of R1000.



## MANDENI DOKODWENI BEACH FESTIVAL

The Mandeni Local Municipality in partnership with Ezakwazulu entertainment and other stakeholders hosted the Mandeni Dokodweni beach festival from 27-28 December 2023 at Dokodweni beach in Mandeni as a way to boost tourism sector within the municipality.



## NDWEDWE MUNICIPALITY

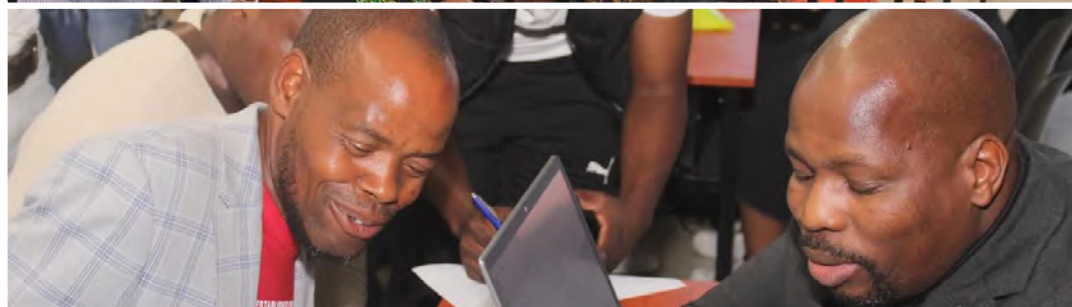
### HLONIPHANI HANDOVER

Mayor Cllr SZ Mfeka accompanied by councillors from Ndwedwe visited the community of Ward 12 to officially open the Hloniphani CDC community hall and kindergarten. The mayor praised the beauty of this building and urged the public to take care of it and build NPOs and Co-ops that will work in this building.



### BUSINESS SUPPORT WORKSHOP

The business workshop organized by the municipality and various government departments was a success. Businessmen benefited from registering businesses with SARS and changing co-op members with CIPC. Business sponsors such as IDC, SEFA and SEDA were also present.



### CHIBINI CLINIC VISIT

Mayor Cllr SZ Mfeka led a legislative team that visited clinics in the province to check their performance. He commended the condition of the Chibini clinic, however the mayor complained about the lack of water as it is brought by a water truck which is something that the legislator said he will act on.

## CRIME AWARENESS

The mayor, Cllr SZ Mfeka, visited the Deda area in ward 05 and the relevant government departments to rebuke the scourge of crime that seems to be increasing in the area. The community complained about the killing and kidnapping of people, the breaking into of schools and shops, the theft of livestock and vehicles. The mayor appealed to the public to help the police in fighting this crime. He also revealed plans to bring the Nsuze police station closer to the people in Bhamshela.



## NDWEDWE MUNICIPALITY WELCOMES DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

The municipality of Ndwedwe welcomed the director of Corporate Services, Ms Tsepiso Motaung, who will be responsible for the departments of, administration, legal Services, human Resources, and information Technology. She started working on 01 September 2023.



## NDWEDWE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Ndwedwe local municipality hosted the Ndwedwe music festival on the 22nd of December 2023 at Nombika sportsground.









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