

## OPEN FIELDS PROJECT

ENTERPRISE ILEMBE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS THROUGH THE ILEMBE OPEN FIELD PROJECTS.



## WORLD TRAVEL MARKET (WTM)

ENTERPRISE ILEMBE PARTNERED WITH DURBAN TOURISM AND TOURISM KWAZULU-NATAL TO ATTEND THE WORLD TRAVEL MARKET IN LONDON

## TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK DAY

THE GOAL OF THE TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK DAY INITIATIVE IS TO "DEEPEN THE THINKING OF THE GIRL CHILD WITH REGARD TO HER INFINITE ROLES IN SOCIETY..."



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# Message from the CEO



The period July to December 2022, which was also the first half of the Entity's 2022/23 financial year, was not without challenges with business activity continuing to be heavily impacted by the April 2022 floods leading to road closures, delays in insurance pay-outs and repairs to infrastructure. This was further exacerbated by the load shedding crisis and rising fuel costs. Small and large business continue to experience higher running costs and reduced profit margins. Notwithstanding the challenges confronting our economy; infrastructure and industries are on the mend, and this will slowly gain momentum over the next months.

In the true spirit of iLembe, activity in our region has seen steady growth and progress. Several projects and initiatives have been embarked on by the Entity and within our local municipalities to mobilise our economy and communities. The iLembe Open Fields support programme now provides direct support to thirty-five (35) small scale farmers, through planting assistance, funding linkages, extended markets and skills development. The iLembe District Planting Season was launched in Ndwedwe Local Municipality by the MEC for Agriculture Ms Bongwiwe N. Sithole Moloi, providing government a strategic platform to highlight the importance of food security.

The Entity continued with the roll-out of the IDC Business Relief Fund which saw an additional five (5) SMMEs from Mandeni and three (3)

from KwaDukuza receive funding. Women's month programmes saw five female owned co-operatives receive agricultural equipment, further entrenching EI's involvement and support of local farmers. Educators together with Enterprise iLembe arranged for female learners from Ndwedwe to spend a day at Enterprise iLembe as part of the 'Take a Girl Child to Work Day' initiative, learners were able to interact with the various departments within the Entity.

The Tourism Grading Council of South Africa and Enterprise iLembe partnered to host the Quality Assurance Workshop to highlight the importance of quality assurance and promote recovery in the tourism sector. As part of the recovery campaign the Entity partnered with Durban Tourism and Tourism KwaZulu-Natal to showcase the destination at World Travel Market London to travel agencies, tour operators and media to over 182 countries and regions. The 2022 December festive season commenced with a slow pace, beleaguered by the perceptions of closed and unsafe swimming beaches, however this quickly changed over the peak period where accommodation occupancies reached 89%, a significant increase to the December 2021 occupancy of 77%.

There was also an increase in visitor numbers from July – December 2022 in comparison to the same period in 2021, the tourism sector is approaching pre-covid levels. Please read the highlights of the tourism sector report for 2022 on page 9.

In terms of staff movement during the preceding six months, the Entity welcomed Mr Menzi Dlamini in the role of Executive Manager: Projects and Ms Minenhle Mavuso as Company Secretary. We unfortunately received the resignation of our Chief Financial Officer, Ms Sinegugu Mthembu who has been a vital part of the entity for the past seven years.

We are also pleased to announce that the Auditor General presented an Unqualified Audit opinion for the 2021/2022 financial year with no unauthorized, irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure uncovered. This underscores the continuous strides being made by the Board and employees of the entity to ensure good, clean governance and adherence to all required legislation.

**Linda Mncube**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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# LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## AGRICULTURE

### OPEN FIELDS PROJECT

Enterprise iLembe continues to support local farmers through the iLembe Open field projects. There are currently 35 projects of which there are 7 in KwaDukuza, 9 in Mandeni, 5 in Maphumulo and 14 in Ndwedwe. The support provided includes the following;

- Technical support including advice on planting patterns according to production plans, soil sampling and application methods of fertilizer and chemicals etc.
- Mechanization and inputs
- Link farmers with potential funders
- Link farmers with relevant markets for commodities outside of NSNP and for surplus.
- Conduct regular skills gap analysis on local cooperatives
- Design production plan to allocate commodities to projects.



### ILEMBE DISTRICT PLANTING SEASON

On 25 October 2022 the MEC of Agriculture and Acting MEC for Department of Finance Mrs. Bongwiwe N. Sithole Molozi launched planting season which was held in iLembe District in the Ndwedwe Local Municipality. The roll out of the Planting Season in iLembe District created a strategic platform for government to intensify a message about the significance of food security and starting agricultural businesses. Agriculture has been identified by the KZN Provincial Growth Development Plan (PGDP) as one of the key drivers in ensuring food security and radical economic development in the province.

The Mahlabathini cooperative which is a project based in Ndwedwe ward 5 under Councillor Mr. Nkwankwa and iNkosi Mlamula was visited by stakeholders, this cooperative success story demonstrates how stakeholder collaboration can have positive effect on local rural farmers. This project has been assisted with infrastructural development by Enterprise iLembe through LDS Charities and continues to be assisted through technical support provided by all local stakeholders such as Ndwedwe DARD, Ndwedwe LED, and Enterprise iLembe.



# ORGANIC CROP PRODUCTION

Sinethembiso Produce Pty Ltd is a project situated in Ndwedwe LM, Mthebeni area (ward 14) under INkosi Ngcobo and Councilor Zinhle Ngwane specializing in growing organic high-value crops such as spinach, tomatoes, sweet peppers, hot peppers, Amadumbes and groundnuts for supply to formal markets namely Ndwedwe Boxer Store as well as to informal markets which include street vendors and local communities.

Sinethembiso Produce Pty Ltd is a strong advocate of organic farming which has many vital benefits such as: preserving the organic composition of the soil; maintaining and improving soil fertility and structure; biodiversity and erosion reduction, because only healthy soil can produce highly nutritious fruits and vegetables for human consumption. This project was supported by Enterprise iLembe with organic product inputs for production.



# PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LDS CHARITIES

Enterprise iLembe and the Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter-day Saints identified new projects to be supported. Twelve (12) projects assessed against the required criteria and five (5) projects were selected for funding towards infrastructure which includes the provision of water source (bore hole drilling), irrigation systems, fencing materials, storage containers and production inputs. Enterprise iLembe is extremely grateful for the long standing partnership and relationship with the Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter-day Saints.



## PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT WITH DUBE TRADE PORT FOR LOCAL FARMERS

As part of the Women's month programme Enterprise iLembe and Dube Trade Port identified five female owned cooperatives in KwaDukuza and Ndwedwe to benefit from agricultural equipment supply. The cooperatives are Ayabongelwa, Intobeko Yomndeni from KwaDukuza and Sqondephambili, Emkhambeni and Mhlaziya Marry Grey from Ndwedwe Municipality.



WOMEN'S MONTH OUTREACH PROGRAM



## TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK DAY

The goal of the Take a Girl Child to Work Day initiative is to "deepen the thinking of the girl child with regard to her infinite roles in society, enhance her self-esteem, inspire and motivate her to reach her full potential and through exposure to diverse careers and positive role models assist her to prepare for the world of work. The educators together with Enterprise iLembe organised for female learners from disadvantaged backgrounds, to spend the day at a place of work. Some of the topics that were covered included, teenage pregnancies leading to school dropouts. HIV/AIDS and child-headed families also negatively affect teenagers and the exposure to high levels of sexual abuse, rape and violence against women and girls.



## PROJECT – FRIMAX MARKET

Enterprise iLembe, Office of the Premier, Department of Agriculture and Rural development has ongoing engagements with Frimax for iLembe local farmers to benefit in a market opportunity to supply potatoes. Frimax has appointed LLN Capital to assist in the implementation of this project. Frimax will enter into contractual agreements with local

farmers to supply potatoes to Frimax. There are ongoing engagements between the farmers and Frimax discussing production plans and procurement of the seeds. One farmer based in KwaDukuza has officially started with mechanization in preparation for planting.

# LET'S TALK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## MACHICHIMANE TRADING

Meet Tholakele Simphiwe Luthuli who is the vibrant owner of the Machichimane Trading steel fabrication company which is 100% female owned; they specialise in making burglar guards and aluminum windows and doors for the community which is one of their main target markets. Ms. Luthuli is also born and raised in Maphumulo, which is also where she operates her business in Ekunqobeni Area in Ward 12.

Ms. Luthuli has five [5] employees. Her business was severely affected during the July 2021 unrest, which resulted in a decrease in production

due to the materials and equipment being stolen. She applied for the IDC Business Recovery fund which is administered by Enterprise iLembe and will utilise the funds to replace stolen stock repairs of the premises and equipment replacement.

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## THEKWINI SAUSAGE

Thekwini Sausages Factory and Butchery is owned and operated by Mr. Phillip Dlomo. The business started operating at the Sundumbili Plaza in Mandeni in 2006. The business serves as both a meat outlet and a production factory; that produces an estimated 8 000kg of sausages on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, in early 2019, the production

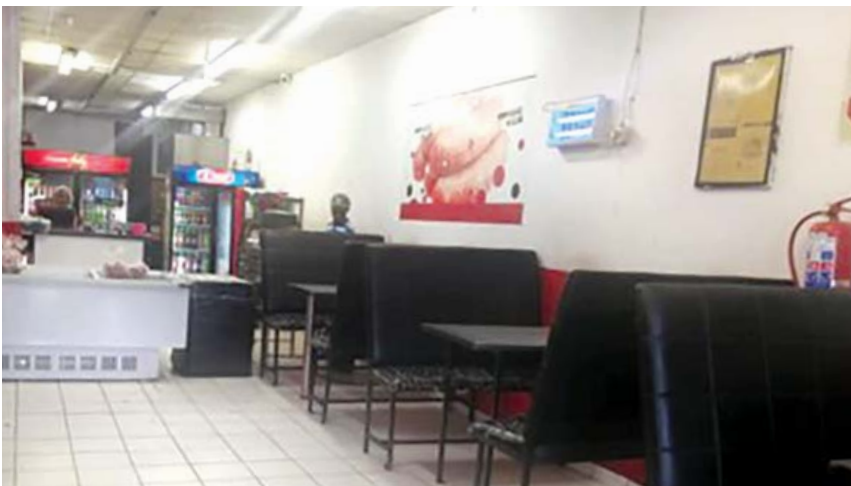
factory was damaged during a community strike in Mandeni; and again by the July 2021 unrest. In an effort to assist Mr. Dlomo in restoring and resuming his business to its full capacity; Mr. Dlomo received grant funding support from the IDC Business Recovery Fund. The funding will be used towards the replacement of stock and stolen equipment

in an effort to produce the quantities to meet customer demand.

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# LET'S TALK TOURISM

## LUTHULI LEGACY WALK AND FUN RUN – 23 JULY 2022

The Luthuli Legacy Walk & Fun Run is an annual commemorative event organized by the Luthuli Museum. The event is aimed at commemorating the passing of Chief Albert Luthuli on 21 July 1967. It takes place during the month of July to coincide with the date of his death.

The Luthuli Legacy Walk follows the footsteps of Chief Albert Luthuli's final walk to the railway bridge where he was allegedly hit by train thus leading to his untimely death. The Fun Run links significant

sites linked to Chief Albert Luthuli, which are the Nonhlevu shop and Luthuli Museum.

The event took place on 23 July, where over 100 people participated.

The event benefits the local economy, creates temporary employment, creates awareness of the region's history, culture, and heritage at large and promotes social cohesion and wellness.



## SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM GRADING WORKSHOP

The Tourism Grading Council of South Africa (TGSA) and Enterprise iLembe Economic Development Agency partnered to host the Quality Assurance Workshop for Tourism accommodation establishments and conference venues within iLembe District municipality. The aim

of the workshop is to create awareness on the importance of quality assurance to promote the recovery and development of the tourism sector. Tourism Accommodation establishments were able to apply for grading on site with TGSA.





# TOURISM EDUCATORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Educators Development programme hosted at Relax Inn was aimed for grade 10 – 12 tourism educators. EDTEA in partnership with Enterprise iLembe, Department of Tourism, Department of education, DUT and Local municipalities partnered to strengthening its support for teachers through engagements and sharing of knowledge. The role

of tourism, Tourism Marketing, Sustainable Tourism, Industry Protocols for Covid 19 and Best Practices amongst other topics were covered. The highlight of the event was the introduction of Ingakithi Competition which will enable tourism learners to acquire more knowledge about the attractions, events, and tourism services in areas they reside in.



# WORLD TRAVEL MARKET (WTM)

Enterprise iLembe partnered with Durban Tourism and Tourism KwaZulu-Natal to attend the World Travel Market in London from 7-9 November 2022. WTM London is attended by tour operators, travel agents, media and event organisers and has around 5 000 exhibitors from 182 countries and regions.



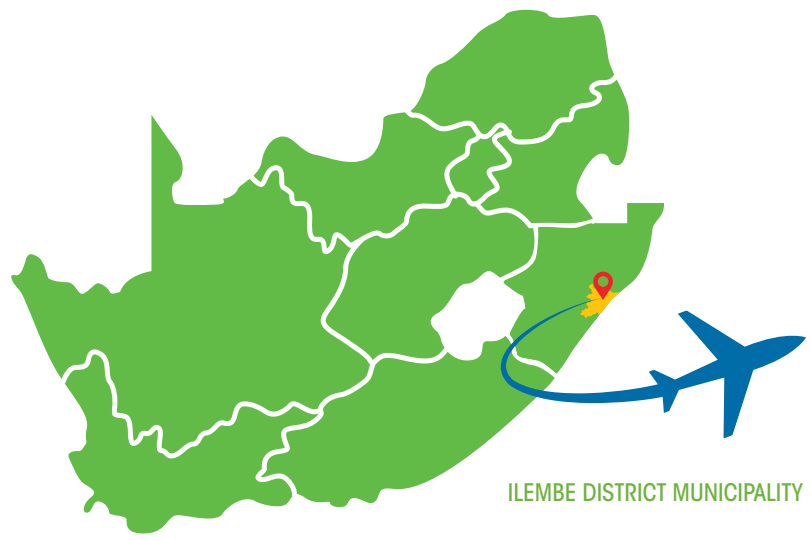
# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

## ILEMBE BUSINESS BREAKFAST – 23 SEPTEMBER

Enterprise iLembe in partnership with Trade & Investment KZN and Tourism KwaZulu-Natal hosted a Business Breakfast on Friday 23 September 2022 at the Capital Zimbali. The key topic for discussion was 'rethinking tourism and investment within a changing economic landscape'. The session was well attended by representatives from both public and private sector including the mayor of iLembe District Cllr T Shandu, Mayor of Mandeni Municipality Cllr T Mlalose, Mayor of Ndwedwe Municipality Cllr S Mfeka.



# TOURISM SECTOR PERFORMANCE 2022



**777 189**  
total visitors to the iLembe North Coast (overnight and day)

**14%** were Day Visitors



**1 367 488**  
Bednights sold

**59%** Accommodation Occupancy Rate



**R4 923**  
average spend per visitors

**3 nights** Length of Stay

## Purpose of Visit



- Holiday / Leisure (41%)
- Visiting friends and family (15%)
- Weddings / Functions (14%)
- Other (13%)
- Shopping (9%)
- MICE (3%)



The main reason for tourists visiting the region was for leisure followed by visiting friends and family and key domestic source markets remain as Gauteng, KZN and Western Cape.

The average growth rate per year from 2019 to 2022 is estimated at

**-4%**

where 2019 to 2020 had a rapped decline due to Covid and other negative events

**-43%**

2021 had a high growth rate

**27%**

and 2022 showing a pre-pandemic year-on-year growth rate

**5%**

**R3.5 billion**

estimated total direct spend

**R5.5 billion**

Total GDP Contribution

**R1.3 billion**

Total Housing Income

**11 911**

jobs supported within the sector

**R431 million**

Total Taxes

**Total Economic Impact**



## ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

### TAKING COUNCIL TO THE PEOPLE OF MANDENI AND KWADUKUZA

The Taking Council to the People programme was launched in KwaNgcedomhlophe Stadium in Mandeni on 8 September 2022 to expose the public to council business matters and create a platform for engagement. The program targets recently elected ward committee members and take place every quarter in one of the four local municipalities with invites also extended to Community Development Workers and Amakhosi. Outlining the purpose of Taking Council to the People, His Worship, Mayor Cllr Thobani Shandu said it is important for ward committees to understand how the district works so they can pass that knowledge to the public.

“Due to the short time given during Integrated Development Planning meetings and other platforms of engagement such as radio interviews and the like, we thought its best to engage ward committees in order to capacitate them. There are many challenges in the work that the district does which we will speak about today but there are also roles and responsibilities members of the public must play,” said the Mayor.

The second instalment of the programme took place at the Groutville Sports Field in KwaDukuza on Friday, 14 October 2022. The meeting was also attended by community development workers, Amakhosi with walk-ins from the public also allowed. Mayor Shandu also urged ward committees to encourage residents to apply for indigent support instead of tampering with the water supply. Those who qualify for indigent support must apply to get free basic water and avoid the temptation to tamper with the supply and also avoid paying penalties when caught because they will be caught. We currently have contractors busy right now attending to illegal connections,” he said.



### PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK

Health Deputy Minister Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo in his capacity as national District Development Model champion led a press conference on the outcomes of the 2022 Public Service Week outcomes on 30 September 2022 in KwaDukuza.

The Public Service Month and week serve as a reminder of what it means to serve communities and also look at the impact the government has with the aim to improve service delivery; to ensure Government frontline services are accessible, efficient and effective; to use Batho Pele as the pillar of Government delivery model; Fast track decision- making to unblock burning issues and implement projects in the District and to strengthen the implementation of the District Development Model, among its goals.

Ilembe District staged various activities throughout this week under the theme; "Institutionalization & Implementation of One Plan" with various activities taking place, including visits to key catalytic projects, deployment of Senior Managers to Frontline Service Delivery points; Assessment of War Room Functionality; Community engagements in all Local Municipalities; Convening meetings of DDM Clusters with a Public Service Week tailor-made agenda and other activities. The District celebrated Public Service Week with a focus on the institutionalisation and strengthening of the District Development Model (DDM) approach within the iLembe Family of Municipalities.



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### ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN AMAKHOSI AND COUNCILLORS A HUGE SUCCESS

The end-of-year annual engagement between the iLembe Local House of Traditional Leaders and councillors of the iLembe Family of Municipalities took place on 18 and 19 November 2022 and was a resounding success as KwaZulu-Natal Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC Mr Sihle Zikalala joined the engagements.

Presentations on water, economic development, agricultural and road projects were received from iLembe District Municipality, Enterprise iLembe, the department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the department of transport. Other presentations included placing of communities and impact on development by the district municipality's planning unit for Amakhosi and presentations for councillors on ward committee functionality, anti-fraud and Corruption and the Public Service Commission.

iLembe Local House of Traditional Leaders Deputy Chairperson Inkosi DZ Gumede, who spoke on behalf of Chairperson Inkosi NA Bhengu, said such engagements should be ongoing to speed up the process

of service delivery. "It is not enough to merely have presentations by officials but we need a clear understanding of the roles Amakhosi ought to be playing in the development of their communities so that we can really work together.

Delivering the keynote address MEC Zikalala commended iLembe District for hosting the stakeholder engagement and called for greater cooperation between all stakeholders in the interest of communities and to empower all to play a meaningful role in development.

Day 2 of the engagement between iLembe Local House of Traditional Leaders & iLembe Family of Municipalities saw councillors and Amakhosi battle it out in the field of play to strengthen their relationship and partnership. This year's programme has a bit of a twist as Ukhozi FM soccer and netball teams also participated. Son of the soil, former South African football player Sithembiso Ngcobo (of Kaizer Chiefs, Bidvest Wits and Free State fame), who hails from Ndwedwe also participated in the games playing for councillors.



## KWADUKUZA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

### KWADUKUZA MAYOR COMMITTED THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TO DOING GOOD BEYOND 67 MINUTES

The Mayor of KwaDukuza, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca spent her Mandela Day contributing 67 minutes or more at various organisations in KwaDukuza with the aim to offer support and to deal with some community complaints. Visits included the KwaDukuza Home Affairs Office to assess the impact of the multidisciplinary service interventions that were being implemented. Other visits included the Enduduzweni Community Care Centre in Melville, the Grootville Community Hall for the Senior Citizens Day, a hand over of a home that was constructed in partnership with SAIDICS (Stanger & District Islamic Cultural Society) to a female only child headed household in Shakaville D-Section and her final visit was to Asibathande Care Centre in Lindelani. During these visits, blankets, clothing and sporting equipment was handed over to beneficiaries.



### KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY STEADFAST ON CLAMPING DOWN CRIME

On the 19th of July 2022, the KwaDukuza Municipality's Community Safety Unit, Ilembe Crime Intelligence Security, Taurus Security, Fidelity SIU, McCarthy Risk and Bidvest Trading supported a SAPS operation which led to the arrest of three suspects in connection with a hijacked shipping container that dispatched from Malaysia to the Durban Harbour. The recovered items in the container were valued at R1.5 million and included microwave ovens, tyres, and bags of counterfeit face creams. The team also confiscated several unlicensed high calibre firearms at the location where the container was recovered. The Mayor, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca commended the good work done by various law enforcement agencies.



### KWADUKUZA MUSEUM PROJECT WELL ON ITS WAY TO COMPLETION

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2022, the Mayor of KwaDukuza, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca, led an oversight delegation to the construction site of the KwaDukuza Museum to assess the completion levels of this project that is being purposely built to provide a rich pan-African knowledge hub, authentic history of KwaDukuza where creatives can ply their trades to unearth African Untapped Resources as well as offer a unique world-class tourism experience. This museum project forms part of the municipality's KwaDukuza CBD Regeneration Projects aimed at reviving the potential of the business district. The museum is located directly opposite the King Shaka Visitor Centre, the locality wherein the reincarnation of the late King Shaka kaSenzangakhona's grave was planted.



### IN A CONTINUED BID TO ACHIEVING SAFER BEACHES, THE MUNICIPALITY HAS IMPROVED THE VISIBILITY OF LIFEGUARDS BY UNVEILING THEIR NEW UNIFORM

On the morning of Tuesday, 25 July 2022 the municipality unveiled new uniforms that will be worn by lifeguards at all designated bathing beaches. The reason for the new uniforms is make sure that lifeguards become more visible thereby promoting safety at the municipality’s beaches.



### KWADUKUZA MAYOR LAUNCHES ‘SENZALULA CAMPAIGN’ GEARED TOWARDS MUNICIPAL TRANSFORMATION

Senzalula comprises of the municipality’s ‘Scada System’ rollout project. The introduction of the Scada System will diminish extended electricity outages and restoration of power in the case of outages. This system is empowered with a diagnostic tool that will assist the municipality’s technicians to respond even faster to technical faults thereby decreasing turnaround time and, rectification of any fault in the grid will be reduced. The campaign also comprises of the ‘Ease of Doing Business’ project which entails the migration of applications for building plans, town planning, occupation certificates, outdoor advertisements, rates clearances, electricity connections, business licenses and informal trading permits to an on-line platform.







## MANDENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

### A MUNICIPALITY AT WORK

On 19 October 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality aided informal traders operating at the Mandeni Plaza Precinct with tents, tables and chairs in order to provide them with shelter for their businesses. The gesture was warmly welcomed by the beneficiaries and echoed that it will assist them during their operations.



### WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TAKES CENTRE STAGE

On 19 October 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality joined forces with The Presidency and Office of the Premier in empowering women owned businesses at Sbusisiwe Hall. This initiative was aimed at helping women in business with the necessary skills and information to enable them to access funding. Stakeholders who were present included CIPC, SARS, UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S SUPPORT, SEDA, EDTEA, BBBEE, NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL TREASURY and many more.



### MANDENI MUNICIPALITY MEETS WITH AMAKHOSI

On 13 October 2022, the leadership of Mandeni Local Municipality sat for a Joint Coordinating Meeting with Amakhosi Asendlunkulu who's jurisdiction coincides with the Municipality's area of service. The meeting yielded positive engagements centered around creating synergy between the work done by Municipal Council and Tribal Authorities.





### ARBOR WEEK CELEBRATION

In celebrating Arbor Week, Mandeni Local Municipality held a tree awareness and planting session at Sibusisiwe Hall on Thursday, 15 September 2022. The event was graced by students from various primary schools from around Mandeni and was capped off with the planting of trees in newly constructed facilities.



### MANDENI FARMER'S MARKET

DAY ONE OF THREE || From 07-09 September 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality and the Department of Agriculture (Mandeni Office) hosted the "Market Day" for Mandeni farmers at Sibusisiwe Hall parking lot. Farmers offered their fresh produce to consumers at competitive prices.



### EQUIPMENT HANDOVER

On 13 October 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality in partnership with the Department of Sports and Recreation officially handed over various sporting equipment to Boxing Clubs, Volleyball teams and soccer teams under the Jurisdiction of Tribal Authorities. The gesture was warmly welcomed as the Municipality continues on its bid to uplift all sporting codes from rural areas and offer the youth opportunities to improve their skills.



## MAPHUMULO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

### MAYOR NYATIKAZI OFFICIALLY OPENS MAPHUMULO SPAR SHOPPING COMPLEX

Under the theme “transforming the rural economic landscape”, Maphumulo Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Siboniso Nyatikazi alongside Deputy Mayor Snehlanhla Chili, Council Speaker Musawenkosi Ngidi and Municipal Councillors officiated over the opening ceremony of the first phase of the new Maphumulo Spar Shopping Complex on Wednesday, 21 September 2022. This new shopping complex presents a great opportunity for sustainable livelihoods in local community. It aims to make notable headway in addressing unemployment as

well as respond to the government’s clarion call for businesses to spearhead rural economic strategies. Mayor Nyatikazi extended words of appreciation to the businessmen, Rencken Brothers Group for transforming rural communities over the years as well as their entrepreneurial love of infrastructure investment and development. Rencken Brothers Group spearheaded the building of the shopping complex that consists of shops such as Spar, PEP and Ackermans.



### MAPHUMULO MUNICIPALITY CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Maphumulo Local Municipality alongside stakeholders from various government departments, Maphumulo Men’s Forum, Councillors, Ward Committees and community representatives, gathered as a collective at the Maphumulo Town Hall on Friday 21 October 2022 to continue to strategise and discuss methods to prevent GBV through socio-economic development. The primary purpose of this workshop

was to create a platform for local men to tackle issues women and children are challenged with and help them claim and retain their rightful place in society. This workshop was also designed for representatives to identify future actions to safeguard communities through socio-economic development.





## MAPHUMULO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY //...

### MEC SIPHO HLOMUKA TO HANDOVER A R77 MILLION CONTRACT TO REPAIR FLOOD DAMAGED MAIN ROAD R74 LINKING KWADUKUZA – KWAMAPHUMULO – KRANSKOP AND GREYTOWN

As part of honoring the commitment of fixing all strategic infrastructure that was damaged by floods, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport led by MEC Sipho Hlomuka, handed over on 06 September 2022 the construction site of the KwaMaphumulo R74 main road to contractors. The contract value for the construction of a new structure is R77 million. Through this contract, local contractors will also benefit, and jobs will

be created. This main road links KwaDukuza, KwaMaphumulo, Kranskop and Greytown. The project is strategic for the provincial economy as it is used by many heavy vehicles to transport agricultural produce. This road was damaged during the December 2021 floods when an Armco pipe culvert was washed-away. This resulted in a huge sinkhole and other failures.



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## MUNICIPAL NEWS



# NDWEDWE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

## HOUSING HANDOVER

The Mayor handed over houses in different wards within the municipality. Displaced families due to the floods, and the occasional strong winds and thunderstorms were given permanent residential units and temporary residential units. These houses were built with the assistance of the Department of Human Settlements and Operation Sukuma Sakhe.



## WOMEN'S MONTH EVENTS

The municipality embraced women's month through community engagement that included clean up campaigns and dialogues. The municipal staff were also spoilt with roses, chocolates and an outing.



## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The municipality engaged in a number of events under the banner of 16 days of Activism against women and children, which was a build up to the district event of '16 days of Activism' led by MEC Peggy Nkonyeni.





### MAYORAL GALA DINNER

The Gala Dinner was a success, its main purpose was to attract investors to the municipality. The event was well attended by business people from near and afar. It was at this dinner that the mayor presented the commercial sites that were available for rental at the shopping centre and envisaged the tourism potential that Ndwedwe possessed. One invitee, the Sihle Zikalala Development Trust donated 8 jojo tanks (5000L each) to 8 wards in Ndwedwe.



### MASKANDI FESTIVAL

The star studded show began with a maidens parade from Nombika Sportsground to Johnny Makhathini Hall. The venue was packed with attendees coming from all corners of the municipality. The line up included; Ntencane, Jaiva and Saliwa among others.





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