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FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

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Message from the CEO



It brings me great pleasure to present the iThemba publication for the period January to June 2022. This has been a tumultuous period not only for the District but for the province and the country as a whole. On an international scale, the outbreak of conflict in Europe, whilst geographically far removed from iLembe, is having a negative impact on the cost of living, evidenced by rising costs of agricultural inputs and oil prices. The district is still reeling from the continued devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the July 2021 unrests, which have affected many businesses and resulted in job losses.

The precarious economic situation was further compounded by the floods in April 2022 that caused extreme devastation, loss of life, and the displacement of hundreds of households. The economic impact of the floods continues to be felt as some of the critical mobility routes remain either closed or not yet fully restored. The impact on the agricultural sector included the inability to access markets due to road damage, loss of crops, and life-stock. The processing of agricultural outputs was also disrupted as mills in the district and neighbouring municipalities were also affected.

The tourism sector, still recovering from restrictions on travel and gatherings, also experienced substantial reductions in trade over the easter weekend which is historically one of the busiest periods in the year. Enterprise iLembe has been working with several stakeholders to ensure that affected businesses obtain

access to government relief support and the restoration of critical infrastructure.

A number of projects and support programmes have been implemented by the entity during the first half of 2022. In the agriculture sector, the Entity has supported a number of small-scale farmers with mechanization, and farming inputs, and facilitated access to commercial markets. Various SMME development programmes continue to be facilitated, including the entity's business incubator which provides valuable support to small businesses. The first tranche of the IDC business recovery fund was disbursed to 79 informal traders. Further disbursements are being made to qualifying SMMEs following a due diligence process. In terms of tourism, the Entity continues to promote the destinations through various platforms including exhibitions which are aimed at showcasing the district to potential visitors and investors, these include Meetings Africa, World Travel Market Africa, Rand Show, and the Africa Travel Indaba.

In terms of governance, the Entity welcomed Mr. Philani Gumede as a member of its board of directors, representing the manufacturing sector. The appointment of Mr. Gumede means that the board is now fully constituted and representative of the key sectors of the district economy. A new audit committee was also appointed for a period of 3 years, this will assist the Entity in adhering to good governance practices and ensure robust internal controls.

The Entity received a positive assessment from KZN COGTA in the bi-annual functionality assessment for the period October 2021 to March 2022. During this period the overall functionality was at 77% which highlights the general organizational stability and ability to execute its economic development mandate.

The iLembe Business Confidence Index for the 2nd half of 2021 was released in February 2022. This survey provides insight into the subjective individual expectations of business leaders within the District, thus providing a basis for business retention and expansion interventions. The survey and economic activity indices revealed an overall positive outlook for the district economy, which is the first positive index since the introduction of the iLembe Business Confidence Index. This underscores the resilience of the district economy and the confidence that business leaders have in iLembe as a preferred investment destination. Notwithstanding the overall positive sentiments, some areas remain a concern, these include high levels of unemployment, cumbersome regulatory environment, infrastructure provision, and other macro-economic factors.

Linda Mncube
Chief Executive Officer

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LET'S TALK TOURISM

EXHIBITIONS

MEETINGS AFRICA

The 16th Meetings Africa took place from 28-02 March 2022 at the Sandton International Convention Centre in Gauteng. Enterprise iLembe exhibited in partnership with the KZN Convention Bureau. Meetings Africa focuses on the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Events (MICE) Industry.



WORLD TRAVEL MARKET AFRICA

World Travel Market Africa was held from 11-13 April 2022 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Western Cape. This trade exhibition presented an opportunity for Enterprise iLembe to reconnect with tour operators and trade from across the globe presenting the tourism offerings of the destination.



RAND SHOW

The Rand Easter Show took place from 13-18 April 2022 at Nasrec in Gauteng. Enterprise iLembe showcased the various tourism offerings of the destination directly to consumers encouraging visitors to consider the warm North Coast for their winter getaways.

AFRICA TRAVEL INDABA

The Africa Travel Indaba was held from 03-05 May 2022 at the Durban International Convention Centre in KwaZulu-Natal. The show returned after a two-year absence and saw a huge attendance from travel agents, tour operators, trade, and media from several international countries.



TRADE AND INVESTMENT KWAZULU-NATAL'S INVESTMENT SEMINAR & EXHIBITION

Trade and Investment KwaZulu-Natal held its Investment Indaba at Durban International Convention Centre from 22-24 March 2022, the theme of the event was Halaal Day. The conference was attended by exhibitors, delegates, and investors who want to tap into the niche market of Halaal. This conference is part of the government's efforts to build a resilient and sustainable economy, especially after the adverse effects of COVID-19.



TOURISM ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

The Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) hosted a Tourism Advocacy Workshop at the Luthuli Museum on 25 March 2022. The workshop was attended by representatives from local municipalities and was centered around Database Management Systems which include data collection, capturing, and storing. Data collected will feed on to the provincial and national database of tourism products to be used for planning and strategic tourism mandate execution processes.

THE INSIDER SA WITH KAMO MPHELA

Insider SA TV Programme visited iLembe from 09-10 March 2022 to shoot an insert for their programme. Kamo Mphela the amapiano hitmaker was taken on an adventure ride where she experienced ziplining at **Venture Valley**, jet skiing at **Ballito Ski Park**, obstacle course at the **Tree Trails**, and wine tasting at the **Seventeen 87 Wine Cellar** at **Sugar Rush Park**.



TOURISM SECTOR PERFORMANCE 2021

SUMMARY OF ILEMBE DISTRICT TOURISM PERFORMANCE 2021

Total visitors staying in paid accommodations **661 049**
 Total visitors staying with friends and relatives **211 536**
 Total day visitors **52 884**



925 469

Total Visitors

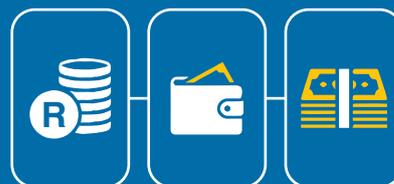
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Total direct spend by visitors to the iLembe District



60%

Average room occupancy in 2021



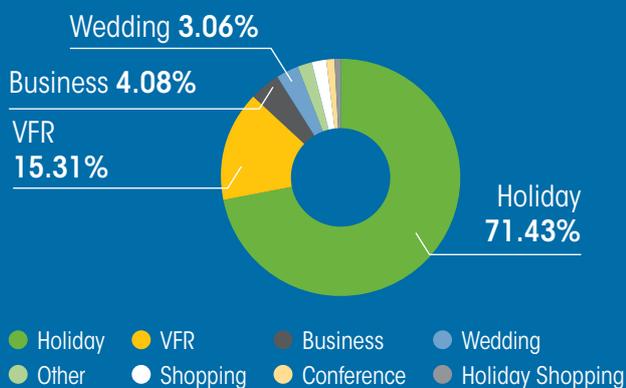
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Number of job opportunities supported by the sector

R3 954 599 222

GDP Contribution

Purpose of the Visit



Top source market of international guests	Top source market of domestic guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Kingdom • India • Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gauteng • KZN • Western Cape
<p>98% of the tourists to the iLembe District indicated yes when asked whether they would recommend iLembe as a tourist holiday destination</p>	

- There was a total of 925 469 tourists (overnight and day) to iLembe in 2021 with a total direct spend of over R1bil and a GDP contribution of R3.9bil.
- There were over 8000 job opportunities were created through tourism in 2021.
- The main reason for tourists visiting iLembe is for leisure followed by visiting friends and family.
- The top domestic source markets are Gauteng, KZN, and Western Cape and the top international markets are UK, India, and Germany.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS RELIEF FUND

The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) partnered with Enterprise iLembe as a Strategic Implementing Partners (SIPs) to assist informal traders and SMMEs affected by the July 2021 unrest. The relief fund is designed to target the socio-economic challenges of businesses in townships, rural areas, and small towns directly affected. The initial phase of the fund saw 86 informal traders from across the iLembe

District receive a once-off R8000 grant at a handover ceremony held on 08 March 2022. To date, 4 SMMES from Maphumulo and Ndwedwe have also received grants towards stock replenishing, repairs, and equipment replacement. The Entity is continuing with the verification process of applicants which is being conducted in partnership with respective local municipalities.



AGRISETA CERTIFICATE HANDOVER

AgriSETA and Enterprise iLembe in partnership with IThunga Development conducted a 12-month training programme (NQF 2) for farmers in Ndwedwe in 2019. The training focused on mixed farming systems and plant production. The AgriSETA certificate handover to eighty (80) farmers took place as part of the Let's Talk Agriculture event on 26 May 2022.



OPERATION VULA BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Enterprise iLembe in partnership with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs hosted a workshop for beneficiaries of the Operation Vula Fund on 29 March 2022. The session was held at the iLembe Auditorium with the aim to capacitate SMMES business and financial management.

Thank you to all stakeholders who partnered with the Entity on this initiative; Department of Agriculture, Department of Small Business Development, SEFA, SEDA, ADA, EDTEA, KZN Treasury, Elan Foundation, Mandeni PCO, Mandeni Local Municipality, KwaDukuza Local Municipality and the iLembe Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.



ACCESS TO RELIEF FUNDING WORKSHOPS

Enterprise iLembe together with SEDA and SEFA facilitated several workshops in each of the four local municipalities to assist small businesses to access and apply for relief funding which was made available through the Department of Small Business Development. The workshops were held from 06-09 May 2022.

LET'S TALK AGRICULTURE

FRIMAX POTATO MARKET

On 09 March 2022, Enterprise iLembe together with relevant stakeholders held a session on the Frimax potato market led by LNN capital. The onboarding session was for local farmers interested in planting for this market for the Frimax brand. Enterprise iLembe will be assisting farmers to source funding so that they can take advantage of this market. Stakeholders who formed part of the session included the Office of the Premier (KZN OTP), the KZN Department of Agriculture (KZN DARD), LNN Capital Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA), and all local municipalities.



AGRICULTURAL WORKSHOP

Enterprise iLembe in partnership with Ndwedwe Local Municipality held its inaugural 'Let's Talk Agriculture' stakeholder engagement session on 26 May 2022. The platform provided an opportunity for various stakeholders to share information with local farmers in Ndwedwe on how agricultural opportunities can be best unlocked. These opportunities include the latest agricultural trends, marketing opportunities as well as financial support offered by the different funding institutions.



SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS (LDS CHARITIES)

A long-standing partner of Enterprise iLembe, LDS Charities approved a further 5 (five) projects to be assisted for the 2021/22 financial year. This is a long-standing partnership between Enterprise iLembe and LDS Charities which started in 2016 and sees agricultural cooperatives receiving assistance with infrastructural requirements so they can maximise production and adhere to food safety standards.



LET'S TALK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Enterprise iLembe continues to support, guide and nurture SMME's as well as work with local communities to promote local economic development. The objective is to shift SMME's to the centre of the economy with the aim of creating a positive impact with job creation and poverty elimination.

TYRE SOLUTION

Meet one of our Business Incubator Project beneficiaries – Endlessday Trading t/a Tyre Solution.

Endless Day Trading t/a Tyre Solution is a proudly South African company registered as Private Owned and is 100% owned and managed by a black local entrepreneur emanating from a tyre fitment background and is based in Luthuli Centre; Groutville Township located within KwaDukuza [iLembe].

The company separates itself from the rest with its professionalism and qualified team to undertake projects. Tyre Solution specialise in retailing new passenger vehicle tyres, used passenger vehicle tyres, new light vehicle tyres, used light vehicle tyres, new medium and heavy-duty truck tyres, and used medium and heavy-duty truck tyres from different manufacturers (brands) from South Africa and abroad.

Tyre Solution also offers the most advanced balancing and alignment equipment, incorporating the latest technology into their workmanship, supported by their clean and functional workshop.

Enterprise iLembe started supporting this company from 2019, with an aim of gaining support on access to market and finance. Mr. Eddie Moses Thusi is the Managing Director of the company; and he and his team pride themselves on their impeccable experience; unmatched product knowledge; service excellence and understanding of all aspects of the tyre, wheel, and accessories trade.

Since its inception, the company has been consistent and compliant with all incubation activities and attended all training, mentor sessions as well as monthly one-on-one meetings with the implementing agent.



LADY M COSMETICS

Meet Ms. Mbali Ngcobo who is the founder of Lady M Cosmetics, and is a qualified Agriculturalist and a COO of the Drakensberg Bee Keeping Academy. This Passionate Businesswoman has a sheer passion for community development and growth, and a strong desire to help grow the economy of iLembe, especially in KwaDukuza which is where the founder of the company resides.

Lady M Cosmetics offers products that are made from honey which ranges from perfume manufacturing; Lotions made from hemp,

essential oils, and raw butter; as well as candles made from soy & bees wax; and many more. Enterprise iLembe looks forward to working with this vibrant Lady; by assisting her in growing this unique business opportunity. Enterprise iLembe will explore possibilities of helping in a form of looking for facilities within iLembe to expand the business; provision of business incubation opportunities; partnering with various stakeholders who might be interested in assisting the business to expand its product range, and also develop a website to attract new customers.



ILEMBE BUSINESS INCUBATOR



Enterprise iLembe hereby invites applications from SMMEs located within the local municipalities of KwaDukuza, Maphumulo, Mandeni, and Ndwedwe in the iLembe District to participate in the *iLembe Business Incubation Programme*.

The *iLembe Business Incubation Programme* is aimed at assisting local SMMEs with the provision of business mentorship, coaching, training, facilitation of access to funding, and market and procurement opportunities for the sustainability and growth of their

existing businesses within the following economic sectors:

- Manufacturing;
- Construction;
- Renewable Energy;
- Agriculture;
- ICT;
- Tourism; and
- Services.

Enterprise iLembe provides suitable work and training spaces as well as business development services through an implementing agent at the business incubator which is located in the KwaDukuza CBD.

The Recruitment & Selection Criteria, Evaluation Criteria, and Membership Form are available free of charge for download from the Enterprise iLembe Website: www.enterpriseilembe.co.za.

Alternatively, please e-mail your request for application documents to:

Ms. F. Mazibuko; Tel: 032 946 1256;
E-mail: fanele@enterpriseilembe.co.za;

Applications must be hand-delivered in a sealed envelope labelled '**APPLICATION FOR THE BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROGRAMME**' to Sangweni Tourism Centre, Cnr Link Road & Ballito Drive, Ballito.

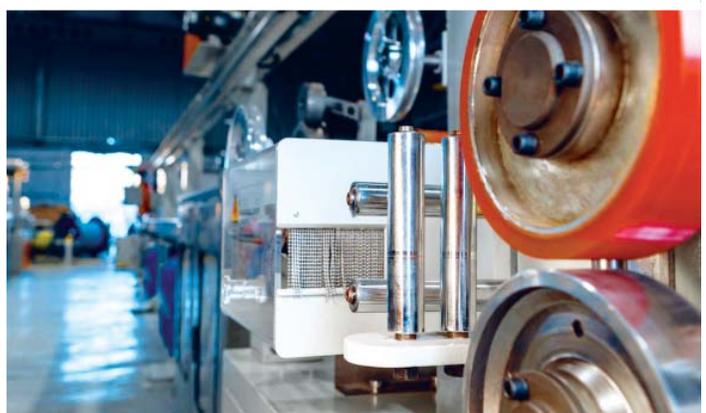
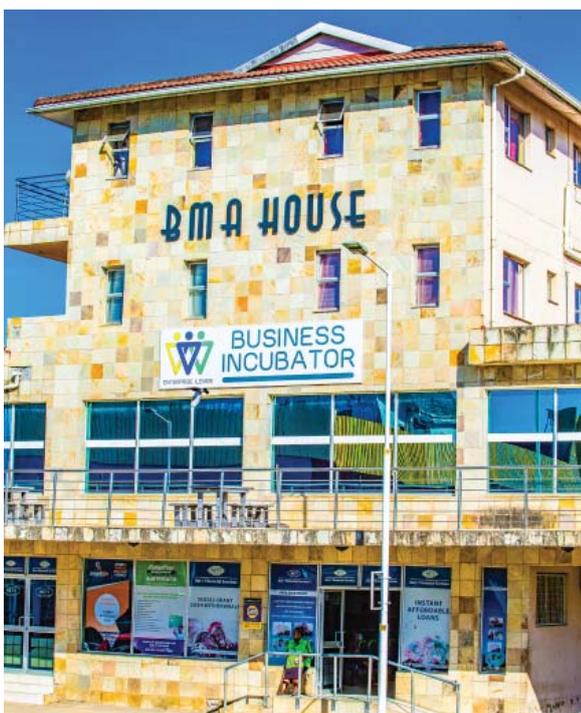
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The application process will remain open from 20 July 2022 as this is a three [3] year Business Incubator Programme.

All applicants will be evaluated and approved in terms of the selection and recruitment criteria, and only qualifying SMMEs will be invited to participate in the programme. Should you not receive an invitation to participate within 4 weeks from the date of submission of the application, please consider your application as unsuccessful.

Please note: Enterprise iLembe reserves the right not to accept any or portion of the applications received under this call.





ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

In an effort to raise awareness for the rights of children, the iLembe District Municipality in partnership with sector departments and other relevant stakeholders kicked off the Child Protection Awareness campaign in Mandeni on 03 May 2021. Even though the country observes Child Protection Week from 28 May - 03 June, iLembe has over the years dedicated the whole month of May to mobilise all sectors of society to care for and protect children. This year's Child Protection Week took place from 29 May - 04 June 2022, under the theme: "Let us all Protect Children during COVID-19 and Beyond". The program saw 26 schools in the district championed by the Gender subcommittee which is chaired by Councillor Monica Khoza. Ilembe District municipality uses this platform to engage with children from lower primary school seeking to curb the rampant substance abuse, teenager pregnancy, and bullying amongst other priority issues.



NEW NDULINDE PROJECT INTRODUCED TO COMMUNITIES

Ilembe District Municipality and Mandeni Local Municipality introduced the new Ndulinde Water Supply Scheme Phase 4D during community meetings held in Ndulinde on 15 and 16 May 2022.

The municipality will be installing two new reservoirs next to the Ndulinde pump station with a budget of R29 million set aside and is scheduled for 12 months.



STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

His Worship the Mayor Cllr Thobani Shandu addressed council members and guests including MEC Champion for the District, Ms. Peggy Nkonyeni who is the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, on the state of the district following a sitting of council in Ndwedwe on Friday, 27 May 2022.

The address took place at the Johnny Makhathini Hall and included the gains and plans by council and using the address to account to the residents of Ilembe District.

“We shall build on the achievements made in the delivery of basic services to the people and in terms of dealing with our infrastructure development, we would like to present to you that we are vigorously dealing with backlogs” said the Mayor.



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KWADUKUZA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY FACILITATES AND HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL TWO-DAY MULTI-STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BLITZ

KwaDukuza Municipality working closely with the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs – Business Regulations Unit coordinated a multi-law enforcement agencies operation/blitz under the auspices of the quarterly KDM EDP – Development Enforcement Bylaws Enforcement Blitz Programme. The enforcement blitz took place between 29-30 April 2021.

This operation focused on dealing with non-compliance with building regulations and protecting our country's revenue base by removing counterfeit goods and illegal immigrants. The operations also focused on dealing with infringement of municipal bylaws, enforcement of the Road Traffic act, and criminal activities.

KWADUKUZA MAYOR CONGRATULATES LOCAL GOLD MEDALIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

KwaDukuza Mayor, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca joined the rest of the nation in applauding Lungelwa Mtetwa (21) who will be heading to China

after winning in the inter-continental leg of the Worldskills Africa Bricklaying Competition earlier this week at Swakopmund, Namibia. Mtetwa is a Civil Engineering & Construction student at Coastal TVET College who hails from Darnall, KwaDukuza, he is amongst the five South African gold medalists who were competing in the Worldskills Africa Competition 2022.

KWADUKUZA MAYOR COMMITTS TO INTENSIFY ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ENERGY LOSSES

KwaDukuza Mayor, Lindile Nhaca called on all stakeholders to work together in intensifying the fight against electricity theft and illegal dumping. "Working with various stakeholders, we will be launching the Programme for Change which seeks to intensify action against illegal dumping. This will be a multipronged strategy underpinned by five key pillars to drive a change agenda.

Due to electricity theft and activities alike, the municipality experiences energy loss of an average of R20 million per month. KwaDukuza Municipality purchases energy at an average of 55-Gigawatt hours (GWh) which costs an average of R70 million per month. It then sells at an average of 44GWh with the price of an average of R80 million per month. This means that energy losses are averaged at 11GWh costing an average of R20 million per month.





MANDENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MANDENI CELEBRATES FREEDOM DAY

On 27 April 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality rolled out numerous social cohesion events aimed at celebrating Freedom Day. The day-long festivities held at Isithebe Park saw scores of young people coming together for a fun run early in the day followed by football matches and a peaceful march against social ills. The day ended with tree planting at the homes of some of the victims of recent GBV cases as a gesture of bringing hope to their families.



TAKING THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ROADS AGENCY (SANRAL) TO THE PEOPLE

On 20 May 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality hosted SANRAL's stakeholder engagement session at the Sibusisiwe Hall. This was an initiative aimed at offering various stakeholders, particularly within the transport, road infrastructure, and development sectors an opportunity to learn about the opportunities SANRAL has for small businesses and the processes involved to access these opportunities.





MANDENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY //...

MANDENI MAYORAL CUP 2022

On 16 June 2022, Mandeni Local Municipality, held the final leg of the Mayoral Cup, the two-day programme kicked off on Sunday, 12 June 2022 with a Karate Tournament followed by soccer and netball on day 2 which was held on 16 June 2022. A fun run aimed at promoting healthy living was also held. Speaking at the awarding and closing ceremony, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Thabani Mdlalose lauded all participants for their dedication to their craft and urged them to continue plying their trade in the various sporting codes.

"We are proud of the work that you put in today, your athleticism was put to the test and you all passed, continue striving for excellence, as the Municipality and this Council, we are always willing to help all year round. Our offices are open not only for sports-related matters but for everything in general" said Mdlalose.



"We are proud of the work that you put in today, your athleticism was put to the test and you all passed, continue striving for excellence..."

MAPHUMULO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MAPHUMULO FARMERS MARKET DAY

Maphumulo Local Municipality hosted a successful Farmers Market Day on Friday 24 June 2022 at the Maphumulo Town Hall. This initiative was held in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Enterprise iLembe, Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, and the Maphumulo Sub-tropical Fruit Growers Cooperative. The theme for the market day was "To exhibit our products, to promote job creation to youth, women empowerment and people living with disabilities."

Local entrepreneur Mr. Nene delivered a motivational message emphasizing the contribution of agriculture to the economy. "It is agriculture that will help us fight poverty alleviation, unemployment, and unstable economy. Let us promote the upscaling of Agriculture in particular Agro-processing and manufacturing of agricultural products. Let us also promote the exporting of agricultural products as well as to organise marketing the assistance of the Municipality."

Mayor, Cllr Siboniso Nyatikazi encouraged local farmers to work closely with the traditional leadership to promote agriculture stating that the vision is to make Maphumulo a liveable place where socio-economic well-being and quality of life are realised by 2035. He emphasised that agricultural development is important for the local municipality and that it should be appropriately implemented in Maphumulo. The Municipality has developed strong and sustainable working relationships with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Enterprise iLembe, Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, as well as with local cooperatives.

Maphumulo Local Municipality is committed to developing local communities by investing in agriculture. The Local Economic Development office together with strategic partners is available to assist Farmers and SMMEs to establish sustainable businesses owned by local youth, women, and people living with disabilities.





MAPHUMULO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY //...

MAYOR ASSESSES HOMES AFFECTED BY FLOODS

Following the recent disaster floods, Maphumulo Local Municipality Mayor Cllr Siboniso Nyatikazi and councillors conducted an oversight visit to families who were affected by the floods on Friday 29 April 2022 in Ward 10.

Assessment results showed that Maphumulo had 281 damaged homes where 60 people were left homeless and there was significant

damage to access roads and bridges. The Mayor urged community members affected by the floods to report to their ward councillors so that they can receive immediate interventions. "These floods have caused great economic and social damage, and we urge the Provincial and National government to swiftly assist in ensuring that our people receive urgent attention to recover." Said Mayor Nyatikazi.

The Mayor was accompanied by relief support assistance from Ink Foundation which was tasked by National Lotteries Commission as an implementing organization to support 200 severely affected households within Maphumulo. 200 food parcels, 200 blankets, 200 sponges, 200 five (5L) water, and 200 Dignity packs.



NDWEDWE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



IMPACT OF FLOODS ON NDWEDWE COMMUNITY

Like the rest of the province, Ndwedwe Municipality was affected by the floods that saw families being torn apart with no food, shelter, or clothing, and in some cases, casualties. Some of the hard-hit areas were Ndongolo, Galile, Meme, Ntaphuka, Wewe, Mona, and Mission. 13 deaths were reported and the municipality assisted with the burials and it continues to offer relief to the affected families. To date, the municipality has assisted 50 beneficiaries in wards 11 & 12 (Isibonelo Creche), 50 beneficiaries in wards 13 & 14 (Mavela Court), and 50 beneficiaries in wards 09 & 19 (Sgedleni), 50 beneficiaries at ward 03 & 07 (Umzamo Hall). The National Minister of Social Development

Ms. Lindiwe Zulu and MEC for Social Development Ms. Nonhlanhla Khoza also extended support to the distraught families with food parcels and blankets.

The Ogunjini bridge which connects Ndwedwe and Osindisweni collapsed during the heavy rains, the Mayor was accompanied by KZN Premier Sihle Zikalala with MEC for Transport and Community Safety Liaison Peggy Nkonyeni and other councillors. The extent of the damage is significant and the province will assist with the repairs.





NDWEDWE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY //...

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING OFFICE FOR NDWEDWE

His Worship Mayor Cllr S Mfeka was delighted to officially open the Ndwedwe Motor Vehicle Licensing Office on 01 April 2022. This comes as a relief to the motorists of Ndwedwe as they no longer have to travel long distances to renew their vehicle licence discs. The centre is situated at the Municipal Building and it operates from 07h30 to 16h00 during weekdays. The community is urged to make use of this office and make sure their vehicles are safe enough to be on the roads.



JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The quarterly Joint Coordinating Committee met on Monday 20 June 2022 at the Ndwedwe Municipal Council Chambers. The main aim of the JCC is to bring under one roof active participants in service delivery. Mayor Cllr Mfeka highlighted the 2022/2023 IDP, its milestones, and future undertakings. The meeting was well attended by municipal officials. The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and traditional leadership led by iNkosi Khumalo was also in attendance.





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