



**ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF VHEMBE
DISTRICT CLLR LERULE-RAMAKHANYA M DURING THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL SITTING ON THE 30 JANUARY 2019.
14H00 AT VHEMBE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

District Speaker, Cllr Nkondo F

Chiefwhip Cllr Ndou R

Members of Mayoral committee present

MPAC chairperson Cllr Makhomisane E

Traditional leaders led by Thovhele Vho-Kutama

Fellow Councillors

Acting Municipal Manager Ms Ndou S and her administration

Invited guests

Members of the public at the gallery

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon!

Fellow councilors, Let me begin by welcoming everyone back to our first ordinary council for 2019. I believe that it is going to be an exciting year of challenges and opportunities and i am confident that the district will go from strength to strength.

Please allow me to send my sincere condolences to the family of one of our employee who was allegedly shot last week on Thursday night as he was entering home, a workers' representative Mr Musetsho TT and as council we are touched by the incident. At the same time we condemned the barbaric act of those involved. We wish him a speedy recovery.

This year is already kicking off on a particularly high note as the African National Congress is celebrating its 107, while as a district we are going to host the Provincial ANC manifesto launched on the 16th February at Thohoyandou Stadium. All progressive members are invited.

Fellow councilors, this ordinary council meeting takes place shortly after our special council which sat two weeks ago. It shows that being a servant of people requires commitment around the clock as you may be called to duty at any given time.

As we enter this month and as part of promoting education, more than twenty of schools were visited during our back to school campaign program to encourage learners at the beginning of academic calendar. As district we have managed to contribute to more than 200 school-shoes to the needy students and 1000 sanitary towels as part of our SHE Conquer program.

Today also we see an opportunities for us to invest in the future of leaders of tomorrow by granting bursaries to the deserving and ambitious students from this district, it is interesting to announced that last week on Friday the bursary committee finalized the awarding of bursaries to the shortlisted learners and they are collecting their letters of commitment to funding their 2019 academic year.

Madam speaker

Indeed in terms of capital and budget records implementation progress achieved when measured against planned year to date expenditure for various capital funding sources at the mid- year period they stand as follows:

MIG spending: 40%

WSIG spending: 0% as contractors were only appointed in December due to the delay in evaluation as a results of municipal informal strikes.

As I conclude Madam Speaker, we call on our administration to focus and subordinate itself to the interest of the people of this district municipality and the strategic mission and vision of this municipality. No amount of deviation or personal interests above those of the institution will be allowed. Council committees should remain vigilant and diligently study all the

reports in order to make appropriate recommendations before this council.

We should continue to give the people of this district prudent governance and comply with all the basic principles and values of public administration. The shutting down of services by employees to our communities will not be left unattended. Administration must ensure that no work no pay principles should be applied.

Allow me to present the following items for council adoption: