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Intervention on Municipal Infrastructure Grants in twelve priority municipalities

Mahikeng- Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in an effort to accelerate service infrastructure development in the province, has identified specific challenges facing the twelve priority municipalities to turn around the situation in improving their infrastructure development. This is part of departmental ongoing support to the municipalities within the context of Section 154 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa which mandate the National and Provincial Government to support municipalities to meet their constitutional obligations.

The inter-ministerial task team gave the directive that, the National Department of Cooperative Governance through Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency (MISA) to provide technical expertise to support municipalities which experience a lack of technical capacity in dealing with infrastructures challenges i.e. sewer, inadequate water supply, roads related challenges, solid water management.

Commenting in the session, MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Galaletsang Gaolaolwe said "there is a dire need to strengthen our planning systems, accelerate municipal infrastructure grant expenditure through district inter governmental and support the initiative we receive from MISA ", said the MEC

The session gave clear directives led by the MEC Gaolaolwe to all affected municipalities i.e.(Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality, Mahikeng Local Municipality, Ditsobotla Local Municipality, Tswaing Local Municipality, Mamusa Local Municipality, Naledi Local Municipality, Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality, Bojanala District Municipality, Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality, Madibeng Local Municipality, Maquassi Hills Local municipality) to update their recovery plans

(to include interventions to accelerate service delivery); Province to monitor the implementation of municipal recovery plans on a monthly basis and support(Municipal Recovery Programme focusing on Governance, Service Delivery and Financial Management).

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