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MEC Gaolaolwe meets with Mayors to discuss Municipal Infrastructure Grants

Municipalities in Bokone Bophirima are battling to spend their allocated Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and this prompted the MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Galaletsang Gaolaolwe to convene a meeting yesterday with all the Mayors to discuss the implication of non expenditure.

MEC Gaolaolwe said at the centre of the poor expenditure of MIG allocations by municipalities, is late appointments of contractors, re-prioritization of projects, late submission of submission of projects registration, non-compliance on submission of contractual documentation and poor planning by municipalities.

Out of R1, 8 billion MIG allocation for 2017/2018, just over R147 million which is only 8 % of the total allocation, has been spent as at the end of August 2017. MEC Gaolaolwe called on Mayors to ensure that the MIG is spent in line with the provisions of the MIG formula and framework as guided by the policy. According to the policy, allocation should be as follows:

- 75 % of allocation must be spent on water services, roads and storm water
- 15 % of allocation must be on community facilities, multi-purpose halls, fencing, libraries etc
- 5 % of allocation must be on new, rehabilitated and municipal bulk, connector and internal municipal infrastructure

‘In order to nip this in the bud I will be signing performance contracts with mayors. It’s is very worrying that municipalities are unable to spend on infrastructure and as the provincial government, we cannot allow the situation to continue. Water is a basic need and municipalities should at least prioritize water and sanitation projects”, she said.

Caption: 1st photo MEC for Local Government & Human Settlements

2nd photo: Mayor (Kgosi)Motlhabane sitting next to Mayor Palagangwe of Lekwateemane

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