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MEC FOR FINANCE, MS. MOTLALEPULA ROSHO AT THE NORTH  
WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON THE 07<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**Honourable Speaker, Susanna Basetsana Dantjie;  
Honourable Deputy Speaker, Lenah Miga;  
Honourable Acting Premier, Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi;  
Honourable Members of the Executive Council;  
Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature;  
Modulasetilo wa ntlo ya Dikgosi le maKhoi-SAN, Kgosi Maotwe II;  
Dikgosi tsa rona tse di tlotlegang;  
Executive Mayors and Mayors of Municipalities;  
Chairpersons and Board Members of Public Entities;  
The first MEC for Finance, Martin Kuscus;  
Heads of Departments and CEO's of Public Entities;  
Leaders and Members of Labour Movements, Civil Society and Faith  
Based Organisations;  
Distinguished Guests;  
Ladies and Gentlemen;  
Bagaetsho Dumelang.**

*“Time doesn't heal wounds to make you forget;  
It doesn't heal wounds to erase memories;  
Time leaves you with a scar to remind you of how you fought through it;  
Time leaves you with a scar to remind you of how you bled and how you  
survived;  
You survived”*

Lauren Jarvis-Gibson in this poem titled “**You are stronger than your scars**” reminds us that our journey through life is marked by the battles we face, the wounds we endure, and the scars we carry. Yet, within each scar lies a story of resilience and triumph over adversity. We are reminded that these scars do not merely represent pain endured but are testaments of our forte.

**Honourable Speaker**, as we reminisce and marvel on our thirty years of democracy, we need to embrace the scars that were brought about by the injustices of the past on our people. We all bear scars which are a witness to the struggles we faced, the battles we fought and the pain we endured. Yet, despite the hardships, we emerged victorious and reaffirm that government is committed to continue with its efforts of creating a better life for all.

The first President of the political movement that later came to be known as the African National Congress Doctor John Langalibalele Dube who mapped the way for our democracy once said “by dint of our perseverance, our patience, our reasonableness, our law abiding methods and the justice of our demands, all these obstacles shall be removed and enemies overcome”. These words remind us of our inner strength, resilience and capacity to rise above the pain and emerge stronger than before.

**Honourable Speaker**, reflecting on the thirty years of democracy, we see a nation that has overcome tremendous challenges, bringing former adversaries together to build constructive relationships that focus on nation building. Consistent with our objective of creating a better life for all, the ANC government has made positive progress in relation to ensuring that services reach all corners of the province.

According to Census 2022, the population of the North West Province grew to 3.8 million in 2022 from 2.7 million in 1996. Despite the continuous increase of the population in our province, government managed to implement policies, strategies and plans that were helpful in assisting to stretch the rand to provide the necessary basic services to the people of the province.

Since the dawn of democracy in 1994, there has been a gradual improvement in the quality of the lives of our people. One of the key indicators that is used to measure human development is the Human Development Index (HDI) which measures improvement in the quality of the lives of the people. Based on the Standard and Poor (S & P) Global estimates, the HDI of the North West was registered at 0.51 in 1996 and increased to 0.63 in 2022. This is an indication that government interventions to advance the standard of living of our people has yielded positive results.

**Honourable Speaker**, due to our interventions in the health sector, the quality of lives of our people as per the latest Stats SA report has improved. Life expectancy of our population in the province increased from 49.1 years for males and 53.3 years for females between the five years from 2001 to 2006 as compared to 57.8 years for males and 65.2 years for females between 2016 and 2021.

Similar positive trends have been recorded where a proportion of the population with matric increased from 12.8 per cent in 1996 to 35.5 per cent in 2022. The literacy rate in North West increased to 85.3 per cent in 2022 from 61.1 per cent in 1996.

**Honourable Speaker**, the provision of critical household services in the province as per Census 2022 has improved drastically. The proportion of our population having access to flush toilets connected to sewerage increased from 30.9 per cent in 1996 to 58.5 per cent in 2022. Access to piped water in dwellings increased to 43.3 per cent in 2022 from 29.3 per cent in 2011. Electricity for lighting households increased to 93.9 per cent from 42.7 per cent in 1996.

Ma-Aforika Borwa a mantle, tla re kanoleng dihuba fa pele ga lefatshe mme re lo itsise gore fa re ise re swe mantswe, ga re kitla re kgala mafoko ganong go tlotlomatsa balwela-kgololosego ba rona. Se ke ka ntlha ya gore rona le bana ba rona re kotula mofufutso wa diphatla tsa bagaka ba motsotso mongwe le mongwe wa matshelo a rona. Tota le ditshika tsa rona tsa boraro di tlile go ungwelwa go tswa mo bogatlamelamasing jwa batswasetlhabelo bano.

**Honourable Speaker**, President Cyril Ramaphosa, when delivering the 2024 State of the Nation Address called on all of us to be optimistic about the future of this nation when he said “As we move forward, let us remember that it is up to us, not anyone else, to determine the future of South Africa. We are not passive observers of our history. We are its authors. We are the builders of this country we call home.” The government of North West re-assures the President that we remain steadfast and look forward to the future with optimism and envision a province that will grow stronger and more vibrant.

**Honourable Speaker,** in 2019, the Sixth Administration made a commitment to the people of this province that it will continue to deliver services better, faster and smarter in order to build a performance-oriented state. Guided by these imperatives, government has implemented a range of initiatives that responded to the eradication of the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment, and inequality.

Bagaetsho, go ne go le bokete le jaana go bokete gonne tota nnete e mo pepeneneng ke gore maemo a ikonomi a koafetse mme seno se amile naga ya rona ka fa go seng monate. Fela re le bana ba mmu, ga re a tsholola baagi ka go ineela le go ba tlhobosetsa gore mpuru o faretswe. Bomme le borre ba ba romilweng ke baagi go ba etelela pele, ba ile ba apara metlokolo le ditshega mme ba lwa ka sengwe le sengwe seo ba nang le sone mme ba lwa ntwā sesole.

## **ECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

**Honourable Speaker,** when delivering the 2024 Budget Speech, Minister Godongwana highlighted that National Treasury estimates that real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the country is expected to have grown at 0.6 per cent in 2023. This figure is a downward revision from the 0.8 per cent growth that had been projected during the 2023 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS). The revision was brought on by weaker-than-expected economic growth during the third quarter of 2023. National Treasury projects GDP to grow by an average of 1.6 per cent between 2024 and 2026.

According to Standard & Poor's Global forecast, the North West Province GDP is expected to have grown by 0.65 per cent in 2022. S & P further predicts that the provincial GDP will grow at an average rate of 1.56 per cent from 2022 to 2026 per annum. The tertiary industries (services) and primary industries (mining and agriculture) are the main contributors to the provincial economy.

## **GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENTS IN DEPARTMENTS, ENTITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES SINCE 2019**

**Honourable Speaker**, the state of local government is rapidly deteriorating. The situation is further exacerbated by the current economic climate which puts pressure on local government to provide free basic services. Municipalities in the province are experiencing long-standing political and administration challenges which have impacted adversely on governance, institutional capacity, financial management and service delivery. These challenges marked the deepening crisis and lack of accountability in the municipal environment.

**Honourable Speaker**, in response to these daunting challenges, the Provincial Government resolved to commence with the implementation of the mandatory Financial Recovery Plans (FRP) in seven municipalities facing severe financial crisis namely; Naledi, Madibeng, Kgetlengrivier, Ramotshere Moiloa, Tswaing, Ditsobotla and Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati. In addition, the Provincial Treasury is supporting Mamusa, City of Matlosana and Maquassi Hills with the implementation of a voluntary Financial Recovery Plan.



The FRPs are comprehensive strategies aimed at overhauling financial management, strengthening municipal capacity, improving service delivery and restoring the trust of our people in their local government.

In an effort to strengthen the municipal capacity to implement the FRP, the Provincial EXCO increased the number of Provincial Executive Representatives (PERs) deployed from seven (7) to fifteen (15) to assume the responsibility of implementing the FRPs at ten (10) municipalities. Significant progress has been registered relating to the establishment of administrative and policy improvements that assist the municipalities with a sound framework from which to run their operations.

The provincial government continues to carry its legislative mandate through building capacity of municipalities for efficient, effective and transparent financial management. To this end, 847 municipal officials and 380 Councillors were capacitated on local government financial management reforms.

The overall municipal audit outcomes have improved as compared to the past five years. Disclaimers have reduced from twelve (12) to three (3), qualified from nine (9) to twelve (12) and unqualified from zero (0) to three (3).

Provincial Treasury continued to provide support to all departments and public entities on accounting, audit, review of interim and annual financial statements and monitoring of implementation of post audit action plans for improved audit outcomes. The departments audit performance has improved from 2019 to date from eight (8) unqualified, four (4) qualified and one (1) disclaimer to ten (10) unqualified and three (3) qualified.

There have been no disclaimers in departments since 2020/21 and Provincial Treasury has maintained a clean audit for the past ten (10) years consecutively.

The audit outcomes for public entities have improved from 2019 to date from three (3) unqualified, five (5) qualified and seven (7) disclaimers to seven (7) unqualified and eight (8) qualified. There were no disclaimers in public entities in 2022/23. There were two (2) clean audits received in public entities for the year ended 2022/23.

**Honourable Speaker**, the project to improve the number of departments achieving clean audits is gradually gaining momentum and through this initiative, five (5) departments, the North West Provincial Legislature and one public entity are being assisted. Almost four (4) years into this initiative it is encouraging to note a marginal decrease in irregular expenditure in some of these institutions due to the targeted interventions that have taken place. Irregular expenditure and compromised controls around procurement remains the key impediment for these institutions to obtain clean audits.

Unauthorised expenditure amounting to R773 million incurred in previous years prior to 2022/23 was approved by the North West Provincial Legislature. This provides the departments and Legislature with an opportunity to clear their books. The approval of the unauthorised expenditure bill does not impact negatively on service delivery of the affected institutions as it seeks to support the fair presentation of their financial statements.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN SUPPORT OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

**Honourable Speaker**, the province has registered significant progress in relation to the delivery of social and economic infrastructure.

An investment of R6,98 billion in roads infrastructure was made over the last five (5) years. This allocation was utilised to upgrade roads from gravel to surface, expansion of existing roads, re-gravelling of certain roads, restoration of roads damaged by force majeure across the province. As a result of the improvements to the road infrastructure, communities have better access to services including health care facilities, schools and shopping centres.

The investment towards health care facilities for the past five years amounts to **R3.51 billion**. These allocated funds over the past five years have been utilised on building new community health care centres, installation of back-up generators to counter the effects of load-shedding. The funds were also utilised for provision of additional facilities for housing of specialised units such as oncology and cosmetic restorative surgery, increasing the number of beds in existing hospitals and upgrading of clinics to 24-hour health care facilities across the province to mention a few.

**Honourable Speaker**, a revolutionary and non-violence anti-apartheid activist, President Nelson Mandela, once said “No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated”.

In line with the former President's commitment to education, the North West Provincial government has invested R4.44 billion in building new schools over the last five years. The funding was also utilised for the provision of extra classroom space, erection of fences around schools to improve security for our children, provision of infrastructure to accommodate laboratories and National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) kitchens across the province.

**Honourable Speaker**, the province has delivered 21 139 housing units and 27 930 service stands to our people at a total investment of R4.473 billion for the past five years.

## **2024/25 FISCAL FRAMEWORK**

**Honourable Speaker**, the provincial fiscal framework consists of equitable share, conditional grants and own revenue amounting to R53.700 billion for the 2024/25 financial year, R55.086 billion for the 2025/26 financial year and R57.348 billion for the 2026/27 financial year. This culminates into a total allocation of R166.134 billion over the MTEF.

The **Social Cluster**, consisting of Education, Health, Human Settlements, Social Development, and Arts, Culture, Sports & Recreation is allocated an amount of **R42.842 billion** in 2024/25. In this cluster, the Department of Education receives **R21.932 billion**, Health is allocated **R16.522 billion**, Human Settlements' budget is **R1.826 billion**, Social Development allocation amounts to **R1.811 billion**, whilst Arts, Culture, Sports & Recreation receives **R750.401 million**.

Within these allocations, special provisions are made for the following:-

- For construction and maintenance of health facilities, the province will be spending an amount of **R705.561 million** through the Health Facility Revitalisation Grant in the 2024/25 financial year;
- An amount of **R1.6 billion** is allocated for medicine and medical supplies. This allocation will ensure that people of the North West Province have access to medicine and medical supplies as and when they visit hospitals and clinics;
- An amount of **R1.304 billion** is allocated for Education Infrastructure Grant to fast-track the implementation of school infrastructure and the elimination of backlogs with the focus of increasing classes, improving sanitation at schools by building toilets that provide learners with adequate and dignified sanitation;
- For the delivery of Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM), inclusive of stationery, textbooks and workbooks to 1445 schools and 32 public special schools around the province an amount of **R702.874 million** is allocated in 2024/25;
- An amount of **R664.104 million** is allocated for the National School Nutrition Programme to benefit 750 000 learners annually where breakfast will be introduced to certain schools in the most disadvantaged communities.

- The Sanitary Dignity Programme (SDP) is allocated an amount of **R19.341 million** in 2024/25 to support over 252 000 learners in quintiles 1 to 3 schools as well as in special schools. This programme provides girls with uninterrupted education and instils confidence and self-esteem allowing them to reach their full potential;
- Social welfare services to the communities, including services to people with disabilities as well as for implementing social behaviour programmes is allocated an amount of **R270.088 million**. The largest share of this allocation is funding earmarked for Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) amounting to **R240.088 million**;
- An amount of **R155 million** is allocated to transform community library services mainly for previously disadvantaged communities;
- An amount of **R1.556 billion** is for development of houses and servicing of the sites through the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) and Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUP);
- Due to the reduction to the HSDG and ISUP funding over the MTEF and increasing need for housing coupled with backlogs in this sector, the Executive Council has endorsed a process to solicit **R2 billion** through front-loading/pledging of future Human Settlements grants. The pledging will be done in line with the Borrowing Powers of Provincial Government Act 48 of 1996 read together with the Division of Revenue Act in an effort to aggressively expand housing delivery in the face of pending grants reduction.

The **Economic Cluster** consisting of Public Works & Roads, Agriculture & Rural Development and Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism has been allocated a consolidated budget amounting to **R6.224 billion** in 2024/25;

Allocations to the departments within this cluster are apportioned as follows, **R4.032 billion** for Public Works & Roads, **R1.209 billion** for Agriculture & Rural Development and **R982.163 million** for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism.

In pursuit of the priorities of this cluster:

An amount of **R64.594 million** is earmarked for SMME & Co-operative support. The intervention is aimed at, amongst others, providing small business enterprises with business development support services and enhance growth and acceleration, including access to markets, product development, skills development, thematic months celebrations and events;

An additional allocation of **R70 million** is made to Public Works and Roads for resealing and pothole patching including the re-establishment of Asphalt Material Factory in all four districts of our province. This funding is to supplement the **R1.567 billion** allocation for Provincial Road Maintenance Grant (PRMG) to make provision for resurfacing, patching and pothole repairs. Included in the allocation for PRMG is an additional amount of **R511.805 million** to improve the state of some roads in the province to a condition that will attract investors and enhance delivery of services;

Included within the budget for Public Works and Roads is an additional amount of **R10 million** which has been allocated for acquisition of houses for members of the Provincial Legislature;

Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant (CASP) is allocated **R192.437 million** to broaden access to agriculture support to black subsistence and distressed commercial farmers to improve access to formal and institutional markets;

The **Governance Cluster** comprising of Community Safety and Transport Management, Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs, Provincial Treasury and the Office of the Premier is allocated an amount of **R4.114 billion** in 2024/25;

Community Safety and Transport Management is allocated an amount of **R2.363 billion**, Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs receives **R697.360 million**, Provincial Treasury's allocation is **R573.808 million** whilst Office of the Premier is allocated **R480.136 million**;

Within these allocations is funding for:

- Information Communication Technology (ICT) transformation which is crucial in running the provincial government. This function has been allocated a budget of **R103 million**;
- To ensure that all eligible learners receive transport to their designated schools, an amount of **R450 million** is allocated for scholar transport;



- An amount of **R100 million** is made available for Water and Sanitation for short term interventions in hotspots where quick, urgent, necessary and immediate responses are needed in the province without delay. These funds are an extra-over allocation above the R1.454 billion water and sanitation conditional grant allocations made to municipalities through Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG), Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG);

**Honourable Speaker, the Provincial Legislature** receives **R520.332 million**. Inclusive in this allocation is R22 million to address payments of Salary and Allowances for additional five (5) Members including Constituency Allowance, gratuity and temporarily accommodation for additional members;

The total provincial infrastructure budget meant to facilitate development and maintenance of all departmental, social and economic infrastructure amounts to **R6.013 billion** for the 2024/25 financial year. This allocation is meant to be used by all departments as a catalyst to stimulate economic growth, create much required jobs through labour intensive methods, accelerate contractor development with specific focus on previously disadvantaged individuals (PDIs), women and youth contractors, as well as military veterans.

**Honourable Speaker,** we impress upon departments and public entities to ensure that they spend the allocated funds prudently to reduce unnecessary spending on non-core items.

I wish to emphasize that government strives to make the most of limited resources, supporting economic growth, core services, and social welfare. I thank you all for your unwavering support and dedication to our shared vision of a better future for all.

## **CONCLUSION**

I express my gratitude to the residents of the North West, for the opportunity to have served in the Sixth Administration. Together, we have faced challenges, grown stronger, and persevered. As we move forward, let us remember that time, often seen as a remedy for healing, does not simply erase our memories or make us forget the trials we've endured. Instead, it etches them into our being, leaving behind marks that serve as a testament to our endurance and courage.

I enjoyed my stay at Provincial Treasury as the MEC for Finance. My responsibilities largely relate to the consistent application of legislation for the benefit of the people of North West with the sole purpose of ensuring that service delivery takes place uninterrupted. Based on my stern application to fulfil these responsibilities, I attracted the name “Chobolo ya compliance” in the process.

Fa monyetla wa go direla baagi ba rona o ka iponagatsa mo isagong ga nkitla ke nagana gabedi, nka boa ka ponyo ya leitlho. Mme ke na le tshepo ya gore seo se ka diragala gonne mokgatlho wa gaetsho o ke golelang mo go one, e leng African National Congress, o tlile go boa ka maatla morago ga ditlhopo tsa bosetshaba tsa monongwaga. Re a boa bagaetsho go tla go tswelletsa tiro ya Modimo.

Ke a leboga nna Mmamokati wa lewa, nna tshwene e naiwang mmeleng makopong e sa naiwe.

**Honourable Speaker**, having outlined the fiscal framework and allocations to the departments, please allow me to table the following documents which provide much more detail to what I have outlined:

- Appropriation Bill, 2024;
- Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure;
- Socio-Economic Review and Outlook; and
- Budget Speech

**Honourable Speaker**, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the guidance and support received during the compilation of the 2024/25 Budget to:

- Honourable Premier Maape who is indisposed. We pray for his speedy recovery;
- Acting Premier Patrick Dumile Nono Maloyi;
- The former Premier, Prof. Tebogo Job Mokgoro;
- My colleagues in EXCO;
- Honourable Members of the Legislature;
- Chairpersons and members of the two portfolio committees that we engage and interact with as Provincial Treasury;
- The Head of Department, Team Treasury, support staff in my office and my family.

**Honourable Speaker**, the budget proposals being tabled today dovetail with the commitments that have been made by President Cyril Ramaphosa at the recently held ANC Election Manifesto Launch for 2024 where the six priority areas for the ruling party were announced.

As the ANC government, we wish to reaffirm to members of this august house and the public at large that we will follow through on our commitments when we emerge as the Seventh Administration of this province. We promise to return with renewed purpose and we pledge to continue serving our people, building on the achievements of the Sixth Administration. Ons kom terug om ons mense te bedien. “Amandla”

I thank you.

## 2024 Departmental Allocations and the Provincial Legislature

Department	2023/24 Financial Year	2024 Medium Term Allocation		
	Adjusted Budget	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Office of the Premier	471,201	480,136	502,054	524,754
Provincial Legislature	541,491	520,332	525,907	550,279
Health	15,831,083	16,521,794	16,968,210	17,814,071
Arts ,Culture, Sports & Recreation	764,249	750,401	775,359	810,613
Community Safety and Transport Management	2,722,011	2,363,007	2,459,890	2,571,020
Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism	1,017,442	982,163	1,023,828	1,070,090
Provincial Treasury	554,908	573,808	599,004	626,043
Education	21,485,477	21,932,248	22,864,872	24,022,622
Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs	674,075	697,360	682,936	713,816
Public Works and Roads	3,875,647	4,032,198	3,668,454	3,626,407
Social Development	1,742,545	1,810,809	1,892,878	1,979,219
Agriculture and Rural Development	1,241,071	1,209,718	1,282,846	1,338,731
Human Settlements	1,794,801	1,826,411	1,839,894	1,700,156
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>52,716,001</b>	<b>53,700,384</b>	<b>55,086,131</b>	<b>57,347,820</b>









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