

Part Two: Acting Municipal Manager's Overview (Mr. Motswaledi Makhutle)

This Integrated Development Plan (IDP 2021/22) remains a legislative requisite and in line with guiding the developmental principles in the Constitution, White Paper on Local Government and Municipal Systems Act of 2000 (Act No: 32 of 2000).

Our 2022 IDP has been developed at a time when we as a country and the world, faced economic decline and the negative impact of Covid-19 which is expected to be severe on the Labour market although we dare not lose hope despite the setback.

The President of our country Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa declared a national state of disaster amid Covid-19 which became effective on Friday, 27th March 2020 in line with Disaster Management Act introduced with regulations to address, prevent and to combat the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 in the Country.

COVID-19 Effects on Lockdown Restrictions:

- These effects have threatened business operations and solvency by leaving workers vulnerable to income losses due to reduced working hours and layoffs.
- Increased level of infections and death rate
- The response to negative impact on normal schooling routine

Notification by District Municipalities:

All district municipalities must, after consultation with its local municipalities in its area- (a) alert communities within that district of the increasing number of infections that could lead to that district being declared a hotspot;

Basic Education:**On Learner Support Programmes:**

- Department of Basic Education (DBE) together with provinces has prepared online and broadcast support resources comprising subject content and a focus on Grade 12 learners and the promotion of reading for all the grades.

Although National Government has proposed various structural reforms that could be implemented right away to begin rebooting the economy in line with National Economic Recovery Plan

Tourism Relief Fund:

Different type of categories in tourism business and those eligible to apply for the Tourism Relief Fund

Business Growth/Resilience Facility:

All small, medium and micro businesses geared to take advantage of supply opportunities resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic or shortage of goods in the local market.

District Economic Response Plan:

The main objective here was to develop a strategic and business case for the formal adoption and declaration of the Vaal as an SEZ in line with legislative prescripts.

- Profile strategic infrastructure plans for short, medium- and long-term interventions
- Develop a comprehensive regional economic development plan and implementation strategy
- Develop credible funding models for both on and off-balance sheets interventions
- Develop comprehensive destination marketing and communications strategy and implementation plans
- Profile and manage key and strategic stakeholders, and develop and manage International partnership
- Manage intergovernmental collaboration, partnerships
- Conduct feasibility studies for large scale projects

This come at a time when we had plans in place that will reduce the level of unemployment with the aim to co-ordinate the work of district, its Local Municipalities and other spheres of government in a coherent plan had to be deferred although with intended plans to improve the quality of the lives of the people of Sedibeng District Municipality.

Despite the fact that as a country while we still grappling with the health and welfare issues of our communities then our actual plans had to be deferred due to the declining of our economic situation which left our monetary value situation deteriorating and being reduced into junk status.

Despite this setback in our lifetime this IDP still reflects our vision for the long-term development of the Municipality with special attention on critical developmental issues and internal transformation needs, reviewable annually we are still deliberating on best possible ways to address the current set up with existing practices of powers and functions which have financially handicapped this district municipality.

It is also further unavoidable to look at alternative sources of revenue in order to make our Municipality sustainable.

The recent introduction of District Development Model (DDM) concept as outlined by the President will also assist in responding to provision of resources which are needed for sustainability.

We also see the DDM and Covid -19 as an opportunity to coordinate and integrate our work and service delivery in the Region. There are indeed many things we can do together and collectively.

This planning process called ONE PLAN will be technically facilitated and supported in a more rigorous way at local level through reconfigured capacities. The resultant One Plan for each space will be approved and adopted by all three spheres of government on the basis of consultative processes within all spheres of government and in consultation with our communities and stakeholders.

This ONE PLAN as outlined in the DDM have to set the objectives, outputs, roles and responsibilities, and commitments in terms of which all spheres and departments as well as partners will have to act and ensure all of us are held accountable for prioritizing resources and delivering results.

It will also seek to utilize the existing legal framework and implementation machinery, which includes the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Framework Act which provides for the Minister (and department) responsible for cooperative governance to provide “a framework for coordinating and aligning, as well as defining the powers and functions as well as defining district functions .

This IDP 2021/22 has identified changed and new circumstances and resulting gaps and looks at the required changes to planning and deliverables amended on revised strategies and projects section.

It is a well-learnt lesson that the success of any plan is dependent on its execution. We believe that working closely and in collaboration with the National ,Provincial sector departments and Local Municipalities with committed and dedicated staff, communities and role players to ensure the successful

implementation of our IDP aligned to One Plan (DDM) and through attainment of our broader objective: to improve the quality of the lives of our people.

Planning and working together we will overcome these challenges and hurdles and take our Sedibeng District Municipality and its local municipalities (Emfuleni, Lesedi, and Midvaal) forward!

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