



THE STATE OF MUNICIPAL ADDRESS AND ADOPTION OF IDP/BUDGET 2015/16

Delivered by Her Worship Mayor, Cllr Maria Mokobodi on

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Aganang Council has gathered during a month commonly known as Youth Month in South Africa. During this month in 1976, young people have revolted against the former government for elevating Afrikaans to supreme language for all South Africans. Today as we speak, we have 11 official languages which reflect the diversity of our different cultures. We thank them for their bravery and commitment to democratic society. We call on our youth today to follow their example.

As the Municipality, we look back with pride as we have electrified all our 105 villages. We appreciate and commend the partnership between Aganang Municipality Capricorn District Municipality and Eskom. We will continue to strengthen this partnership in order to electrify new extensions and settlements in our Municipality.

Roads infrastructure

Over the period of time, the road infrastructure of Aganang has changed for better as we continue to build roads which connect villages and support economic growth of our people. Currently, we are constructing Rampuru internal street and Mohlonong to Diana clinic phase four. On the other hand, we have been able to assemble a fleet of plants that will enable us to perform our daily maintenance of roads.

Roads and community safety remain one of our priorities. Aganang Traffic Station is fully functional and thanks to Department of Transport under MEC, Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana. We call on all our communities to use the facility effectively.

To firmly put people first, we have taken a decision that in the new financial year, the following forums must meet on a quarterly basis; roads and transport, housing, water and sanitation, energy, disaster and LED.

Education

Education and early-childhood development of our children is key to their brighter future. It is also one of the priorities of government. Since 2000, we were able to build 24 pre-schools throughout our municipality. We really hope that we are creating a favourable condition for their successful tomorrow.

We have budgeted R4, 8 M in the next financial year to construct four creches (Kolopo, Semaneng, Boetse and Venus).

Water

Water is still a huge challenge for our area in particular reliable sources of water (Bulk supply). However, through the contribution of the District many of our communities are connected to tap water. We call upon our communities to save water and report damaged taps and pipes so that they can be repaired.

Sports facilities

We were able to put resources towards ensuring that our youth have facilities where they can play and perform extra-mural activities such as sports, arts and cultural programmes. We have successfully renovated Tibane stadium, Seema, Jupiter and Maribana halls. We will continue to put resources towards improvement of facilities so that our young people can discover their talents. In terms of sports, we have put aside an amount of R200 000 for Mayor 'soccer tournament, R100 000 for Mayor's marathon, R80 000 for Mayor's netball cup and R250 000 for support to federations.

Local Economic Development (LED)

As a municipality, we will continue to strive for the improvement of the local economy. We must ensure that money circulate within the municipality before it can be spent outside. We have successfully revised our LED Strategy which is the road-map to economic prosperity of the municipality. Together with Aganang Chamber of business, we have successfully partnered with Walk-in-25, Masesizane, Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to establish the wholesale warehouse in order to support retail business within Aganang. This model is at its very early stage of development and it needs more support from all partners involved.

We have put aside an amount of R500 000 to host Aganang show. We hope this will help facilitate development and creation of market for Small Medium and Micro-Enterprise. On the other hand we have engaged with Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA), which is

bringing R8 M loan funding and R2, 4 million grant funding to support retail shops that will be linked to Aganang Walk-in-25 wholesale warehouse

Spatial Planning

We are still committed to the establishment of shopping complexes and township in the municipality. We are pleased that finally we have made progress to resolve issues around establishment of the mall and township with Moletši Traditional Authority .The processes of establishment of Tibane and Mashashane shopping complex are also on course.

Spatial Planning and Land-Use Act will be implemented in the next financial year 2015/16.This Act will give us an opportunity to approve land-use applications unlike before where we were recommending these applications to CoGHSTA. This will improve the turn-around time in processing land-use applications and accessibility of land use services to our people.

Environmental management

We have started with environmental programmes including rural waste collection in 10 pilot villages. We will be starting soon with the construction of our landfill site where we can dump waste. However, we encourage our communities to reduce, recycle, and re-use waste.

Let us support healthy environment initiatives including Greening Concept. It is winter now; let us avoid veld fires as they destroy our environment and grazing land. Again, let us stop dumping disposable nappies all over as they kill our livestock and pollute the environment.

Fighting HIV/Aids

Our fight against HIV/Aids continues. We are happy with the work of Aganang Aids Council. We remain the most affected local municipality in Capricorn District and need to redouble our efforts to create more awareness with youth being our target.

2015/16 Municipal Budget

Our total budget for the financial year 2015/16 is R181 million. This amount will be divided as follows: 64% will fund operations (OPEX) and 36 % will be used to implement infrastructure projects (CAPEX).

Allocation of budget to IDP priorities 2015/16

As the municipality, we will continue to implement our priority list as guided by the IDP. In the next financial year, our focus will be more on provision of electricity, roads, bridges, pre-schools, free basic services, sport facilities and LED.

Our capital projects will be as follows in the table:

Projects	Budget
Tarring of Mhlonong to Kalkspruit and Lonsdale via Flora to Percy Clinic (Kolopo)	R19,5 million
Construction of Pinkie-Sebotse to Cooperspark bridge	R2,5 million
Electrifications of extensions: Venus, Bellingsgate, Glenrooi,Mapeding, Madiba, Burgwal, Kanana, Terrebrugge, Mankgodi, Phago,Flora,Phaudi,Rankhuwe	R8 million
Free basic services (free basic electricity,free basic alternative energy and free basic water)	R6,5 million
Construction of creches (Kolopo,Semaneng,Boetse and Venus)	R4,8 Million
Mall and township establishment	R 4,4 million
Upgrading of Mhlonong stadium	R5 million



The Speaker, Cllr Mary Dikgale facilitating Open Council Meeting proceedings

In conclusion, I would like to express my special gratitude to the support given to the municipality by the Station Commander of Matlala SAPS, Colonel Moabelo and Mashashane SAPS, Captain Letsoalo for their good work of keeping Aganang Municipality safe and secured area. We are proud of their hard work and contribution. We also wish to convey our appreciation to all our sector departments operating within the municipality for their role in ensuring that our people receive services from provincial government. Again, we want to appreciate the support we received from our Traditional leaders, Ward Committees, Community Developments workers, CBO's and NGO's.

**Together we are moving
Aganang Local Municipality forward.**

Thank you!

“Mmogo re tla kgona”



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