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**COGHSTA MEC BASIKOPO MAKAMU CELEBRATES LIMPOPO'S MUNICIPAL AUDIT OUTCOMES  
2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR**

MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mr Basikopo Makamu has welcomed the unprecedented improvement by the province's 27 municipalities outlined in the Auditor General's 2019/20 Financial Year Municipal Audit Outcomes.

Despite the dire financial management state in which some municipalities are in nationally, the National Department of Co-operative Governance's report on the State of Local Governance indicates that Limpopo is the only province that has displayed significant improvements.

Limpopo municipalities have moved from 6 unqualified Audit Opinions to 15, with no Disclaimer findings in the year under review.

"We reserve a word of gratitude to the Capricorn District Municipality that has again retained its clean audit, we want to recognize their consistent efforts and congratulate Executive Mayor John Mpe and his staff," said MEC Makamu.

In contrast to the national trend showing an increase in the number of municipalities that have not made submissions, Limpopo has successfully submitted all requirements to the Auditor General.

"This in any vernacular is unprecedented, especially for a province that is on the top of the list in terms of the number of people living below the poverty line at 72,2%. These results are a demonstration of local government at work, and we are slowly moving towards the local government our people deserve," says MEC Makamu.

The MEC says however that the ultimate goal is yet to be reached. "The model that we have implemented to achieve this financial year's results was a targeted intervention approach, specific to challenges every municipality's challenges through coordinated efforts between COGHSTA and the Provincial Treasury. This strategy has proven to be effective, and we will continue to practice it until all our municipalities are no longer found wanting," says the MEC.

The MEC extends his thanks to the administrative staff at COGHSTA, The Provincial Treasury and all municipalities, including their political and administrative leadership, for the sterling work done.

MEC Makamu reserves his utmost gratitude to Limpopo Premier Chupu Mathabatha for the outstanding leadership and guidance he has provided.

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