HE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

## COGHSTA MEC ENDS THE IMPASSE IN MUSINA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.



MEC Makamu addressing the residents of Musina.

The MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu led a Departmental team to Municipality Local Municipality. The visit was part of the department's intervention aimed at restoring peace and stability in the Municipality and to ensure public services are rendered optimally.

The municipality was shut down on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 as dozens of protestors took to the street demanding the removal of the Municipal Manager. Other issues include the discrepancies on the appointment of staff, salary disbalances, financial management and service delivery.

The MEC met with all the structures in the municipality including the Political Management

Team (PMT), Councilors, Organized Labour and Musina Community. Speaking during the meeting on 11 July 2024, MEC said: "I came here last week after we were notified about the strike taking place in the municipality. The protests managed to bring the municipality to a standstill. We are ready to work with all stakeholders to ensure normal services resume".

MEC Makamu concluded by indicating that the department will continue supporting municipalities as they are in the coal face of service delivery to communities "We rest assured that municipalities provide immediate intervention in terms of provision of basic services .We know it well that none of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as a united people, to build Limpopo in the current financial year and beyond, "said MEC Makamu.