

THE ADDRESS NOTES FOR THE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS ON THE OCCASION OF THE HOUSE HAND OVER IN MAPHOPHE, COLLINS CHABANI MUNICIPALITY, ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018, 10:00

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Programme Director

The Limpopo First Lady, Mme Mathabatha

Mayor of Collins Chabani Municipality

Hosi and the Traditional Council

Councillors

Members of the Media

Ladies and gentlemen

It is with great pleasure today, that, again our deeds before the people are creating waves of love, peace humility. The waves of ensuring that our deeds before the people are about creating a history that is about improving on the quality of life for our people.

It is the deed that define our lives as a community of givers, especially to the poor and indigent people within the society we live in. We appreciate the hand that gives for the development our society.

This gift comes at the right time when we are face with the season of rain and thunderstorms. We are proud of the work that is being done by government and

the First Lady Trust, in ensuring that our people are taken good care of. The season of giving is here, and let all of us join hands and improve on the quality of life for our people.

One of the major programmes of a democratic dispensation has been to provide human settlements for our people. Government is talking about upgrading of the human settlements. And for this to be successful, we need an infrastructure that supports human settlements; like housing, water, sanitation, roads, parks, and etc. That is why co-operative governance is prudent for the people to emancipate themselves from poverty and inequality through collaborations between the Municipality and Traditional Leadership.

As we move on the great race of ensuring our people get better services, we have to talk about the issue of the servicing sites within the municipalities, especially those that are closer to the traditional leadership, or where the land belongs to the Senior Traditional leadership.

What unites us as a community, is the love we have for our people. And the love we have for these people has to be translated into the deeds that will improve on the economy and sustainability of the municipality to deliver services to our people. Limpopo currently has a limited scope on the current urban set up. That is the reason why it is important that, the love we have for our people has to mean that Traditional leaders and Municipalities have to collaborate to urbanize and develop some rural areas.

For urbanization and development to take place, we need Senior Traditional leadership to be aboard this flight to prosperity, working together with the Local Government.

There are many un-proclaimed areas, in the province, which we are unable to develop. The moment when Traditional Leadership donate a land for development and urbanization, it means municipality will have tax base and consumption of services will result in revenue collection and assist in the financial viability of the municipality.

What we have to run away from, is the moment in time when our people migrate to areas where there are services, when we could have been proactive and innovative enough to provide our people with better services.

We are talking of bettering the lives of our people. Bettering their lives means we have to engage in active citizenry. Active citizenry that has registered to participate in an election that will say South Africa's rural communities should have a greater opportunities to participate fully in the economic, social and political life of the country.

These, their success, is motivated by good quality education, healthcare, transport and other basic services. A successful land reform, job creation and rising agricultural production will serve us all well for the development of an inclusive rural economy.

Let's make sure, as Traditional leaders and Councillors encourage and remind our people that we are taking a flight to the quarter of a century since democracy and now, everyone, especially the first time voters, and those who have relocated to our areas to make sure they visit their Municipal offices to get assistance on their registration status.

A lot has been done for our people, for the past 24 years, and we are hopeful that together we will carry the message of the President and raise our hands high and say "Thuma Mina – Send me" to the communities to bring in hope to the hopelessness.

"Thuma Mina – Send Me" to be an ambassador of urbanization and development for the benefit of our people.

Indeed, we should all be agreeing to join hands on the "Thuma Mina – Send Me" call, to build new settlements not far from places of work. This goodwill train of "Thuma Mina – Send Me" inspires us to do more for our people especially on the rural spatial planning.

Our hands are on the deck dealing with sensible and sustainable land reform, support to farmers, roll-out of household services, and appropriate economic infrastructure such as roads and irrigation schemes.

Today we are joined together on a message of hope, as we celebrate the good work done by the First Lady Trust. We appreciate that this family of Bungeni

Muxabeni, a mother of two, will today have a roof above their heads and furniture to compliment it.

As part of a caring government. A government of the people that keeps her heart and mind on the down and trodden, the poor and unemployed, this gesture will go a long way to Ms Bungeni who takes care of her grandmother Mithavhi Shalati Chauke (70) and great grandmother Tsatsawani Mabasa (88).

This is the work of a caring government supporting the work of the First Lady Trust. As a caring government, especially at local level, we should always have our guards on check, because this family of seven has been living and sharing two rondavel houses for many years.

There are services like the Expanded Public Works Programme, which the government of the day has been implementing especially targeting youth, women and people with disabilities, and child headed families, and Mayor, it would be necessary to assist where possible that when such projects find themselves in this area, we think of families like these.

We wish this well as they enter into a journey where their security through housing is now secured.

I thank you