

The coat of arms of the Mopani District Municipality is centered on the page. It features two eagles with outstretched wings, one on each side, perched on a shield. The shield is divided into three horizontal sections: a top section with a green leaf, a middle section with a white wheel, and a bottom section with a green leaf. The shield is set against a yellow and green background.

*MOPANI DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITY*

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MDM Vision: "To be the food basket of Southern Africa and a tourism destination of choice."

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICT

Mopani District Municipality is located in Limpopo Province within the north-eastern quadrant of the Province. The municipality is bordered in the east by Mozambique, in the north by Zimbabwe and Vhembe District Municipality. In the southern part the municipality is bordered by Mpumalanga Province through Ehlanzeni District Municipality while in the west it is bordered by Capricorn Municipality and in the south-west by Sekhukhune District Municipality.

The vision of the municipality is “To be the food basket of southern Africa and a tourism destination of choice.” This vision is strongly supported by the key features of the district. The district is home of the Rain Queen, home of the big five, island with natural wilderness and has a baobab tree confirmed to be the biggest in the world with the height of 24 metres and the circumference of 39 metres. The district is also regarded as the food basket because of the agricultural products such as tomatoes, oranges and many others.

During the year in review the total population of the district was 1’223’747 distributed as follows:

○ Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality	-	137 264
○ Greater Giyani Municipality	-	276 668
○ Greater Letaba Municipality	-	260 286
○ Greater Tzaneen Municipality	-	442 282
○ Maruleng Municipality	-	107 247

The Council of Mopani District has 44 councillors with 8 members making up the Mayoral Committee and 9 traditional leaders. Administratively the municipality has 5 departments/directorates and 3 special focus programmes located in the Office of the Executive Mayor. The district has a total of 118 ward committees which have been established and are functional. As a district we have established a District IGR structure chaired by the Executive Mayor and the Speakers Forum chaired by the

Speaker. We have also established District Ward Committee Forum for sharing best practice and information across all wards thereby making them effective and efficient.

1.2 EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S FOREWORD

COUNCILLOR M.H MOKGOBI

2006/7 is the first Financial Year of our Council since we were elected into office by our people on the 1st of March 2006. It is this very same year that we had a political imperative to start responding to the mandate our people bestowed on us as they registered full confidence to our election manifesto.

On the 22nd March 2006, we responded to the Council inauguration with a commitment that “We will do everything possible to ensure that the confidence of the people translates into a meaningful and lasting improvement in the living conditions of all, especially the poor – Fight Poverty and Create Work”.

The 2006/7 Integrated Development Plan and the Budget became the first step in keeping with our promise. We ensured that these plans are geared towards accelerating service delivery in areas such as water provision, access to decent sanitation, and better roads.

Our municipality has shown great improvements in its administrative capacity, benefiting from the strong foundation laid by the previous Council. This institutional strength is evident from planning process to project completion as our municipality continue to strive for better spending patterns and 100% compliance.

Mopani District is known of its rural nature and water scarcity, to mention but few challenges. Our municipality has responded to the problem of water by taking a strategic decision that water projects will be focused on bulk water supply to ensure that small reticulation schemes are linked to water sources that are reliable and efficient.

The progress accounted for in this annual report, is attributed also to our key cooperative government partners, namely, Local Municipalities, Traditional Leaders, and Sector Departments. Our ability to coordinate service delivery has been boosted by the maximum support afforded to us by these shareholders of ‘better life for all’. We therefore believe that the challenges we continue to face in responding to our

people's needs will remain confronted as long as our District Intergovernmental Relation gain more and more strength.

Let me on behalf of the Council also take this opportunity to welcome members of our newly formed the Performance Audit Committee. The establishment of this committee is a crystal confirmation of our commitment to transparent governance and progressive service delivery. This committee comes handy for our Council, Local Municipalities, Government Partners and other stakeholders, to ensure that our institutional wellbeing is kept monitored and supported to respond immediately to administrative challenges.

In closing we are humbled to be joined by the new Councillors whose capacity has been tested and proved to be of high quality. The Council has shown that it is constituted by people-centred leaders who will continue to ensure that our IDP's and Budgets are informed by people's needs received through consultation and thorough public participation.

Abstain, Be Faithful, Condomise! Know your HIV status.

Let us continue working for our people selflessly.

Amen!

Councillor M.H Mokgobi

Executive Mayor

January 2008

1.3 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Given the rural nature and the population figures of the municipality, it is quite clear that the municipality was faced with a number of challenges. However the municipality through its Integrated Development Plan has responded positively to a number of challenges facing it. After adopting our IDP, Budget and the Performance Management System, we were able as a municipality to grapple with the realities that confronted us.

One of the major achievements which have been eluding the district for a number of years was the establishment of a Performance Audit Committee as required by the law which is also meant to service all municipalities within the district. The critical importance of this structure may not be overemphasised as it has a crucial role to play in ensuring that the municipality is measuring its performance in terms of the approved plans and resource allocation. Thus far a workshop has been conducted as part of providing the committee with information and systems used in the municipality. This assisted in ensuring that they resume their responsibility with speed and a better understanding of our environment and the sector. Up to this stage they were able to participate in the annual performance assessments of the section 57 managers in two of our municipalities.

With regard to the overall performance of the municipality, there have been some great improvements in all the directorates of the municipality as reflected in the report. However it must be indicated that our vacancy rate still remains a matter of concern since it has some implications on the capacity of the municipality to meet all its constitutional obligations. The constraints in this regard are more of office accommodation which the municipality is currently addressing.

The other critical issue which may not be ignored is the challenges on the water service provision particularly the revenue collection. Most of our municipalities are experiencing problems of none payment by the communities which has a negative implications on the financial viability of those municipalities. One point in case is the issue between the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality and Lepelle Northern Water which is busy receiving attention from all the stakeholders including the Department of Water

Affairs and Forestry. What is encouraging is that the district has now signed the transfer agreement with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry which is a tool that we are utilising to resolve some of the challenges. In terms of our plans we hope to find an everlasting solution to this problem of which we are optimistic that it will be resolved.

Although there were many accidents in the Mopani District, three were most significant. The first one was a bus accident at Makgoebaskloof road which involved tourists from Mozambique. Only five people were injured in this accident.

On the 27th December 2006 a serious hazardous material accident happened when a train derailed near Mooketsi. Nearly all the wagons derailed scattering their content at a wide region, amongst the products which spilled were Sulphure, compound fertilizer and Urea Prill. One person was critically injured. We lost the driver of the train in this accident. It took almost 7 hours to free the corpse. It took several weeks of intensive work to clean up the spillage.

The third accident took place during a warm up phase of the annual air show held at the Letaba airfield, wherein an air craft flown by the Gauteng pilot crashed 200m away from the air field.

CHAPTER 2 PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

This annual report will cover all Human Resource related aspects, which are inter-alia Labour Relations, Personnel and Administration, Training and Development and Organisational Development matters.

KEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS AND CHALLENGES

Reporting Level	Detail	Total
COUNCIL MATTERS		
Overview	Council has delegated most of its functions to the Executive Mayor who is assisted by relevant portfolios. The following are existing portfolios: Finance, Governance, Planning and Development, Roads and Public Transport, Energy, Water and Sanitation and Social Services. Further more, there are committees that have been established to assist Council and they are: Rules Committee, Policy and By-Laws Committee and Ethics Committee. There are also functions that have been delegated to the Speaker, full time Councillors and the Municipal Manager.	
Description of the activity	<p>The function of the Mayoral Committee and Council within the municipality is administered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance: assist Council in the allocation of resources for service delivery and ensuring accountability and transparency; - Governance: support Council with Human Resources and General administration in terms of coordination of Council programmes; - Roads and Public Transport: assist Council in the provision of road infrastructure and coordination of public transport activities; 	

- Water and Sanitation: ensures that the community have access to clean water and sanitation services;
- Energy: assist in the coordination of electricity distribution and any other form of energy;
- Planning and Development: assist in the coordination of the development of the IDP, economic development and planning in general;
- Social Services: ensures the provision of fire services to communities, coordination of all the social services including HIV / AIDS

As stipulated in section 37 of the Municipal Systems Act the responsibilities of the Speaker include amongst others, the following:

- Presides at meetings of Council;
- Ensure that Council meets once quarterly;
- Maintain order during Council meetings;
- And to ensure that Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Rules of order.

The roles and areas of responsibilities of full time councillors include, but not limited the following addition to the duties delegated by the Executive Mayor:

- Ensuring that Portfolio Committee meetings are held monthly;
- To serve as a communication link between the Executive Mayor and municipal Councillors in the district;
- Assisting the Executive Mayor in coordinating the activities of developing strategic plan for the Municipality.

The Municipal Manager's functions include, but not limited to the following in terms of section 55 of the Municipal Systems Act:

- Formation and development of an economic, effective, efficient and accountable administration;
- Management of the municipal administration;
- Implementation of the municipal Integrated; Development

	<p>Plan and monitoring progress;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Management of the provision of services to the local communities in a suitable and equitable manner 	
Analysis of the Function	<p>Council and Traditional Leader</p> <p>Council is the highest decision-making body of the municipality. In terms of Section 81 of the Municipal Systems Act, Traditional Leaders not exceeding 20 % of the number of Councillors may form part of Council. Traditional Leaders also form part of Council and the relationship between Council and Traditional leaders is excellent. All Traditional leaders who are members of the Council do take active participation in Council matters. All of them are members of the various Portfolio Committees.</p> <p>Council Details:</p> <p>Total number of Councillors: 44 Total number of Traditional leaders: 09 Number of Councillors on Mayoral Committee: 08</p> <p>Ward Details:</p> <p>Total number of wards 118 District Ward Committee meetings held 02</p> <p>Number and type of Council & Mayoral Committee meetings held and other structures of Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ordinary Council sittings 03 ▪ Special Council sittings 03 ▪ Mayoral Committee meetings 06 ▪ Special Mayoral Committee meetings 04 ▪ Number of Speakers Forum meetings 03 ▪ District Mayors Forum 03 ▪ District Municipal Manager’s Forum 02 <p>Number and type of Portfolio Committee meetings held:</p> <p>Govern & Admin 06 Finance 06 Planning 06 Social Services 07 Water Services 07 Energy 07 Disaster 07</p>	

	Council Resolutions taken Number of Resolutions implemented Resolutions still in process	72 67 05
RECORDS MANAGEMENT		
Overview	The report on the municipality's status with respect to Records Management.	
Description of activity	To deal with the municipalities status with regard to handling of records. This includes, amongst others, handling of files and correspondences, faxes, opening of mail, custody of records and disposal.	
Analysis of functions	The municipality has developed all the relevant systems dealing with records. The following systems have been developed and approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File plan ▪ Registry procedure manual ▪ Schedule for paper based records The Records Management policy is pending approval by the Archives.	
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
Overview	To analyse the role and function of the Management Committee.	
Description of activity	Management Committee comprises of the top and middle management of the municipality's administration component. All administrative decisions are discussed and taken at this level before they are executed. Council through respective Portfolio Committees and Mayoral Committee.	
Analysis of function	Management Committee meets every month. It normally meets at the beginning of the month. The number of meetings held during the report period were ordinary meetings:	08

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS				
Overview	To report on the Municipality's status with respect to Human Resources Management			
Description of activity	<p>This division renders effective HR Management Services which include inter-alia the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personnel Administration ▪ Training and development ▪ Organisational Development ▪ Performance Management (Individual) ▪ Occupational Health & Safety ▪ Employee Wellness ▪ Labour Relations 			
Analysis of function	<p>Personnel Administration and Organisational management</p> <p>A1. Institutional Structure</p> <p>The institutional structure (Organograms) has been adopted during this period this and is aligned with the functions of the District Municipality as provided in relevant Legislation and the Labour complement was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved positions ▪ Positions filled ▪ Vacant position 			
	Department	Positions approved	Filled positions	Vacant Positions
	Municipalities Manager	23	11	12
	Corporate Services	46	32	15
	Technical Services	37	16	21
	Community Services	115	53	62
	Finance	23	13	10
	Planning & Development	15	6	09
				281 144 138

	Office of the Executive Mayor	16	11	05		
	Office of the Speaker	04	1	03		
	Office of the Chief Whip	02	1	01		
	TOTAL	281	144	138		
A.2 EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PLAN						
The institution had an Employment Equity Plan (EEP) which demonstrated the target to be attained during the recruitment processes. The representative in terms of Designated and non-Designation were as follows:						
	Job Category	Post Level 0-3	Post Level 4-6	Post Level 7-9	Post Level 10-15	Post Level 16
	Designated	19	30	54	18	12
	Non designated	01	00	05	00	00
A.3 STAFF TURN OVER						
In terms of staff turn over during the year in review, the total number of staff was 135 with 12 being appointed while 5 permanent staff resigned.						
B. LABOUR RELATIONS						
Mopani District Municipality has been committed to sound Labour Relations hence a Local Forum was established with a representation from both the employer and employees components. Eight (8) Local Labour Forum meetings were held during the period in review.						
C. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT)						
In compliance with the Skills Development Act 97/1998, Workplace Skills Plan (2007/2008) and the Annual Training Report (2006/2007) were compiled and forwarded to the LGSET on the						

	28 th of June 2007. During the 2006/2007 Financial Year, an amount of R866'500 was received from the LGSETA and that the following interventions were implemented;		
	PROGRAMMES	LEARNERS	STATUS
	Community House Builder level 2 -	20	Currently in progress
	LED level 4	23	In progress
	Advance Municipal Development Programmed (AMDP)	30	In progress
	ABET Skills Program	400	(300 completed) 100 in progress
	Training of Training Committees	47	Completed
	Further twenty (27) learners participated on the LED Learnership and all succeeded and the impact has been that only two (2) of them have been placed in Maruleng Local Municipality & Greater Letaba Municipality		

2.2 FINANCE DIRECTORATE

The Finance Directorate is headed by the Chief Financial Officer. The Assistant Director was appointed during the financial year. There are two Accountants, one responsible for income and the other expenditure.

Financial Management involves the following:

- ✓ Compilation and Preparation of budget
- ✓ Medium term budget framework
- ✓ Management and control of expenditure
- ✓ Revenue collection
- ✓ Finance and cash flow management

The Finance Directorate has to also ensure compliance with legislative framework and professional entities within various municipalities and provincial departments.

KEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

The Finance Directorate is responsible for ensuring delivery of the following functional services:

- Budget and Financial planning
- Revenue Management
- Expenditure Management
- Financial Reporting and Accounting
- Supply-Chain Management
- Procurement of services

The key issues identified for **2006/2007** financial year includes the following:

- Assisting the Project Consolidate Municipalities

- Reducing Unemployment Rate by implementing the Financial Internship Programme
- Ensuring that proper assistance is offered to those members of the district municipality who could not afford to bury their relatives due to financial constraints

2.2.1 QUARTERLY INFORMATION ON GRANTS

Grant name	1 st Quarter		2 nd Quarter		3 rd Quarter		4 th Quarter		Total	
	Rec	Exp	Rec	Exp	Rec	Exp	Rec	Exp	Rec	Exp
MIG	R 30'500'000	R 52'004'946	R 49'000'000	R 60'376'798	R 12'841'925	R 71'676'135	R 20'000'000	R 96'566'113	R 112'341'925	R 280'623'992
MSIG	R 500'000	R 394'465	R 500'000	R 850'565	Nil	R 1'237'199	Nil	R 1'564'595	R 1'000'000	R 4'046'824

2.2.2 PROCUREMENT

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	The Finance department is charged with the responsibility of managing the Supply Chain Management of the municipality.	
Description of the activity	<p>The function of procurement within our municipality is administered as follows and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quotations - proposals - tenders and - Contract management. <p>The strategic objective of the function is to ensure objectivity, transparency in the awarding of tenders and to ensure cost benefit to the municipality.</p> <p>The key issues for 2006/7 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensuring empowerment of women, youth, disabled and youth, - improving on the usage of external service providers for service delivery; - adherence to budget allocations for projects and programmes. 	

<p>Analysis of the information</p>	<p>Details of tender/ procurement activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - total number of tenders considered - Total number of tenders approved - Average time taken from tender advertisement to award of tender <p>Details of Bid Specification Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Machethe TV - Rep from the section requiring the service <p>Bid Evaluation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lebopa KB - Ralulimi T - Seshoene ME <p>Bid Adjudication Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M.M Mokgolobotho - M.O Mathebula - M.P Ndlovu - N.L Ramathoka - MI Moakamela 	<p>14</p> <p>14</p> <p>Five weeks</p>
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2.2.3 FINANCE

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	<p>The Finance section is headed by the Chief Financial Officer. There is one Assistant Director currently responsible for both Income and Expenditure. There are two Accountants, one responsible for income and the other one for expenditure each responsible for his/her core functions and activities.</p> <p>Financial Management involves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Compilation and Preparation of budget ✓ Medium term budget framework ✓ Management and control of expenditure ✓ Revenue collection ✓ Finance and cash flow management 	
Description of the activity	<p>The function of finance within our municipality is administered as follows and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget and Financial planning - Revenue Management - Expenditure Management - Financial Reporting and Accounting 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply-Chain Management - Procurement of services <p>The strategic objectives of this function are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure good credit rating; - financial accountability; - ensure financial viability and sustainability and; - sound governance. 	
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2.2.4 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007 indicated a surplus of R55, 730, 888.00. The financial statements for the 2006/2007 were prepared and submitted to the department of Local Government and Housing, Provincial Treasury and the Auditor General by the 31 August 2007.

Budget Income	<u>R245'903'766</u>
Budget Income	R245'903'766
Actual Income	R350'179'835
Actual Expenditure	<u>(R256'809'145)</u>
Surplus	<u>R 93'370'690</u>

The statements reflect that the income increased by 42% and the expenditure increased by only 4%.

2.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In terms of the Powers and Functions, Mopani District municipality has the authority over the following: water and sanitation, district roads, environmental health services, bulk electricity and integrated waste management. It must be noted that some of the function were not rendered due to the devolution processes that still had to be concluded. In this regard, we are referring to the environmental health services which were still performed by the relevant department however as a district, we could only support. The following is a brief report on the backlogs in service delivery:

Service delivery backlogs			
	Water	Sanitation	Electricity
No. of Households	257 431	257 431	257 431
Minimum Standard of service	6kl	Ventilated pit latrine	50kwh
No. of household not receiving service as at 01 July 2007	143 783	96 876	66 471
No. of household provided with service during the year	14 293	12 121	6420
No. of household without service at end of year	80 500	84 755	60 051

While much has been done during the financial year in terms of reducing the service delivery backlogs, it must be noted that the issue of financial resources cannot be down played. Initially, water within the district was a serious matter hence most allocations during the previous years were channelled towards the provision of water.

However, there was an omission on the part of the municipality to isolate sanitation from the water service provision as it is inclusive. Our major challenge is the way in which our villages are dispersed causing service delivery to be a huge challenge. It is clear that in such settlement patterns, much more resources will be needed to deliver services thereby reducing the backlogs.

2.3.1 ROADS

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	<p>The division mainly focuses on the district roads and public transport matters. It must also be noted that in certain instances, we collaborate closely with Road Agency Limpopo and the Department of Roads and Transport due to their capacity to deal with matters of transport. As a result, we also acquired funding from the department to develop our integrated transport plans which we hope to complete by end of the current financial year.</p>	
Description of the activity	<p>The main key activities of the division is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop the access roads from gravel to tar and bridges; - coordinate issues of public transport. 	

Analysis of the function	1	No. and cost to employer of all personnel associated with road maintenance and construction:	
		- Professional (Engineers/Consultant)	01
		- Field (Supervisor/Foreman)	01
		- Office (Clerical/Administrative)	01
		- Non Professional	Nil
		- Temporary staff	Nil
		- Contract staff	Nil
	2	Total number, kilometres and total value of road projects planned and current:	
		- new bituminised	11.1Km
		- existing re-tarred	Nil
	- new gravel	0	
3	Estimated backlog in number of roads, showing kilometres and capital cost:		
	- Gravel	2 061.33Km	

2.3.2 WATER DISTRIBUTION

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	This is one of the core functions of the municipality. Currently our provision for water services has improved during the previous financial years. This is attributed to the decision taken by the municipality in 2003 to prioritise water in the district when it	

	comes to allocations. Currently the municipality needs almost R545m to eradicate the backlog on water while R593m is required for sanitation.	
Description of the activity	<p>The function of water services divisions within our municipality is administered as follows and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - water and sanitation; - water quality management; - water demand management and; - policy and by-laws development; - tariff setting for water. 	
Analysis of the function	<p>1 No. and cost to employer of all personnel associated with road maintenance and construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional (Engineers/Consultant) 01 - Field (Supervisor/Foreman) 04 - Office (Clerical/Administrative) 03 - Non Professional 0 - Temporary staff 0 <p>2 Number of households with water service, type and cost of service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - piped water inside dwelling 25 176 - piped water inside yard 71 154 - piped water on community stand: < 200m of dwelling 56 932 - piped water on community stand: > 200m of dwelling 143 783 	

	- borehole	4 521
	- spring rain water tank.	325
3	Estimated backlog in number (and cost to provide) water connection:	
	- piped water inside yard	33 588
	- piped water on community stand: < 200m of dwelling	125 963
	- piped water on community stand: > 200m of dwelling	52 615
	- borehole	6 718
	Free Basic Service Provision	
5	- Free Basic Water Provision: Total number of household benefiting	
	- Quantum (value to each household).	186 619

2.3.3 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	The role of our municipality in terms of electricity is to coordinate and support the local municipalities and Eskom.	
Description of the activity	The function of electrical service within our municipality is administered as follows and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participation in the Energy Forum; - provide intervention on electrification when necessary and;	

	- facilitate Free Basic Electricity	
Analysis of the function		
1	No. and cost to employer of all personnel associated with road maintenance and construction:	
	- Professional (Engineers/Consultant)	Nil
	- Field (Supervisor/Foreman)	Nil
	- Office (Clerical/Administrative)	01
	- Non Professional	Nil
	- Temporary staff	Nil
	- Contract staff	Nil
2	Number of households with electricity access, type and cost of service:	
	Electrified areas	
	- Municipal	1 417
	- Eskom	2 776
3	Estimated backlog in number electricity connection:	66 471
4	Free Basic Service Provision	
	- Quantity	73 223

2.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Directorate is responsible for social services which comprise of the following programmes:• Municipal Health Services• Health Services and HIV and AIDS• Environment and Waste Management• Education and educational facilities• Sport, Arts and Culture• Safety and Security• Fire services• Housing Services <p>These programmes are vital for improving the quality of life for our people.</p> <p>Municipal Health and Fire Services are the core functions of the Directorate, and coordinate, support and monitor the rest of the programmes as per the IDP and PMS respectively.</p>	
Description of the activities	Community Services seeks to respond to the vision of the municipality through the	

implementation of the above – mentioned programmes under the Key Performance Area, i.e. Social and Environmental sustainability.

Analysis of the function:

- To ensure safety and security in the district;
- To ensure a healthy environment;
- To promote health;
- To ensure adequate housing;
- To promote quality learning and teaching;
- To monitor the health and social development services; and
- To protect and save life

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES:

Purpose:

(Municipal Health/Environmental Health) Services

- To monitor, coordinate and support food safety and hygiene
- To monitor chemical safety
- To implement the National Devolution Strategy of Environmental Health Services
- To monitor water quality
- To conduct health surveillance on premises
- To monitor and control the spread of communicable and environmental health related diseases

- Devolution of Environmental Health

- Memorandum of Understanding between Mopani District

<p>Services from Department of Health to Mopani District Municipality</p>	<p>Municipality and the Department of Health and Social Development was signed on January 2007;</p>	
<p>World Food Day Celebration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health Services are transferred to Municipalities by 01 July 2006, of which the target was met. Environmental Health Practitioners are currently seconded to Mopani. <p>Preparatory meetings were held as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/09/06 • 26/09/06 • 03/10/06 • 06/10/06 • Main event was held on the 11th October 2007 at Santeng village – Maruleng Local Municipality • The following institutions exhibited their products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lepelle Water - Local farmers - Safety and security - Home Affairs - Department of Health - Social Security - Muti Wa Vatsonga - Correctional Services 	<p>45 EHP's</p> <p>1 Event, 3500 people attended the event, 25 food parcels were handed out to the orphans by the Executive Mayor</p>
<p>Bimonthly visits to informal food handling outlets (target 40%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of the 2830 informal businesses, 58% were visited for evaluation purposes; 	<p>1649</p>

- Out of 4851 formal businesses, 2376
49% were evaluated;
- Out of 165 meat handling 107
premises, 61% were visited
- The average target reached is
56% on food outlets.
- Food transportation vehicles 66 vehicles
were evaluated for compliance
with Food Transportation
Regulations, and 88% were
satisfactory;
- Out of 444 Primary School 335 schools
Nutrition Programme, 73% were
satisfactory;
- Street food hawkers were 350 hawkers
monitored on 185 pension pay
points;
- Unsound foodstuffs and 8955 kg
beverages were condemned and
disposed off. foodstuffs
783 Litres
beverages
- Food caterers were monitored for 48
district and Provincial events.

Food sampling	Food samples were taken at Maruleng and Ba - Phalaborwa for laboratory analysis; the target for compliance was 100% in terms of compliance of the samples with standards, and it was achieved.	4 milk samples
Food safety by – laws	The following by – laws were	3 By – laws

	developed:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Vending; • Street Trading; • Food Handling; 	
Food safety and hygiene workshops	Workshops were conducted 1 per local municipality.	5 workshops
Food Control Committee Activities	District Food Control, meetings were held as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/07/2006 • 24/08/2006 • 21/09/2006 • 19/10/2006 • 23/11/2006; 	5 meetings
Control of communicable diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilharzias cases were reported at Greater Tzaneen Municipality around Tickyline & Shiluvane ; • Dog bites for suspected cases of Rabies were reported at Greater Tzaneen Municipality and Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality • Death cases reported • Food poisoning cases reported • TB cases investigated at Greater Letaba Municipality and Greater Tzaneen Municipality. 	256 cases 28 cases 3 deaths 12 48 cases
District Health Council Activities	Meetings were convened on 27 September 2006 at Karibu Leisure Resort; the second meeting did	2 meetings

proceed the committee did not form a quorum.

Environment and Waste Management	World Environment Day celebration was rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances and was postponed to July 2007.	
Cleaning the environment projects (cleaning – up campaign)	Cleaning up campaigns were conducted in Greater Giyani Municipality and Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality.	2 campaigns
Environmental pollution control	Evaluation of all the waste disposal sites within the local municipalities were conducted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Tzaneen Municipality and Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality are 100% satisfactory. • Ba – Phalaborwa landfill site is full, and there is a need for a new one; • Maruleng Municipality, Greater Giyani Municipality, and Greater Letaba Municipality need new sites as well; land claim process is a major obstacle in acquiring new sites for the landfill. 	5 disposal sites
National Arbor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mopani District Municipality supported preparatory meetings; 	350 trees 1500 people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting was held on the 15th August 2006, and the event was held on the 6th September 2006 at Majeje village – Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality. • Indigenous trees were distributed to the households and schools for planting; 	
Eco Schools programme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools participated in the programme; • Workshop for schools were conducted on this programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Makhanani School - Phulani Byi Hola School; - Sasekani School; - Mamphai School - Benson Shiviti School and; - Sirepe School 	<p>8 schools</p> <p>6 schools</p>
Environmental Preservation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet lands were preserved • 2 at Ba- Phalaborwa Municipality 2 Greater Giyani Municipality, 2 at Greater Tzaneen Municipality 	6 wetlands
Quality Assurance of water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water samples were taken for laboratory analysis, 95% of the sample were free from pollutants. • Schools in Greater Giyani Municipality were evaluated for proper water and sanitation; • Schools in Greater Tzaneen Municipality were also evaluated 	<p>32 samples</p> <p>78 schools</p> <p>66 schools</p>

Solid Waste Management	The following By- laws were developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste Management by –law - Cemetery and Crematoria by – laws; 	2 By – laws
Wetlands awareness celebration	Awareness campaign was conducted on the 23 rd March 2007 at Maruleng; People attended the event	1 event 2000
Initiation schools monitoring	Initiation schools were monitored; Deaths were confirmed in Greater Tzaneen Municipality and Greater Letaba Municipality respectively.	61 schools 3 death cases
State of Environment Report (SoER) school competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools participated in the competition; • Schools short listed for the final elimination; • Schools awarded prizes: • Workshop for participating schools conducted on the 14th July 2006 at Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality; • Awards were handed over on the 16th August 2006 at Modjadji FET as follows: Category 1: - Rethusitswe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mankete - Nhlalala Category 2: - Pfunanani <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Makhanani - Tshembani 	102 schools 60 schools 9 schools

Category 3: - Masalanabo

- Matlhari

- Majeje

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Mayor's Charity Cup

The main event was held on the 29th July 2006 at Nkowankowa stadium; The following teams participated:

- City Pillars
- Winners Park
- Jomo Cosmos
- Bilika All Stars

The champions were City Pillars.

The following charity organisations shared money collected from the entrance fee and donations

- Kodumela ADP from Maruleng Local Municipality. R10 000
- Nkuri Health Development from Greater Giyani Municipality R10 000
- Tswelopele Drop in Centre from Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality R10 000

Indigenous Games

- The District selections were held on the 22nd July 2006 at Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality; 3 Games
- Participants and technical officials were selected. 100
- The Provincial selection was held on the 17th - 20th August 2006 at Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

- National event was held at Badplaas on the 31st August – 05th September 2006;
 - Delegates from Mopani District Municipality were selected from municipalities. 8 delegates
 - Medals obtained for the District (Ncuva from Mopani District Municipality); 1 Gold, 3 in total for the Province.
 - Athletes from Mopani District Municipality participated in the National event. 35 athletes

- OR Tambo Games
 - The District selections were held on the 2nd August 2006 at Greater Letaba Municipality; 3 Games 500 participants
 - The Provincial selection was held from the 25th – 29th September 2006 at Waterberg District; 30 participants selected;
 - Cricket:
 - Essy Mbhalati – from Ba - Phalaborwa
 - Dale Steyn – from Ba - Phalaborwa
 - Netball:
 - Vaster Mhlongo (Turkies Netball team) – Greater Tzaneen
 - Football:
 - Disebo Mamejja (Banyanabanyana)– Ba – Phalaborwa

Jacob Nkoane (Supersport United) – Ba Phalaborwa
 Raymond Mdaka (Dynamos Coach) – Grater Tzaneen

Junior Dipapadi	The district event was held on the 23 rd February 2007 at Greater Tzaneen Municipality;	600 preschool children participated
Wellness Day	The District event was held on the 4 th April 2007 at Maruleng Letaba Municipality;	1 500 senior citizens attended
	The following activities took place:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5km fun run - Ncuva - Kgati - Aerobics - Diketo - Muravarava 	
District Sports Council	Workshop for Sports Council members and Portfolio Committee was held from the 9 th – 11 th March 2007 at Makgoebaskloof hotel;	1
Heritage Day	The District Heritage Day was held from the 22 nd – 23 rd September at Muti wa Vatsonga;	1
Amarula Day	District event was at Muti Wa Vatsonga.	1

Mapungubwe District Festival	District competitions were held from the 15 th – 17 th September 2006 at Greater Letaba Municipality – Soetfontein and Rotterdam village respectively. The performance covered visual and performance art;	1 10 000 people attended
HIV and AIDS:	<p>The following NGOs benefited from Mopani District Municipality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lerato community Home Based Care from Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality. • A hi Pfunaneni Community Project from Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality. • Hitekani Community Garden from Greater Tzaneen Municipality. • Memory Home Based Care from Greater Letaba Municipality. 	5 NGOs; 20 orphans; 200 families and 11 care givers
Garden Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following organisations were funded: • Mbatlo Home based Care from Greater Giyani Municipality. • Horizon Thushanang from Giyani Letaba Municipality. • New Rita Community project from Greater Tzaneen Municipality. 	5 Projects

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hitekani Community Garden from Greater Tzaneen Municipality. • Khomanani Disabled Project from Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality. 	
Christmas Presents	Food parcels were purchased by Mopani District AIDS Council	200 child – headed families
Moral Regeneration	Committees were launched as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality: 24th July 2007; • Greater Giyani Municipality: 12th August 2007. 	2 Committees 84 people attended; 102 people attended.
DOT Support Day	The event was held on the 5 th October 2006 at Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality in Matiko Xikaya and was combined with Immunization Day, and the Executive Mayor was privileged to immunize the first child;	1 1500 people attended
World TB Day	The event was held at Sekgopo village on the 16 th March 2007;	1 2500 people attended
Safety and Security	Mopani participated in the joint Femicide and ritual killings campaign with Vhembe District Municipality which was held on the 15 th – 18 th November 2006 at	1

Vhembe District;

16 Days of Activism	The event was held on the 5 th of December 2006 at Greater Tzaneen Municipality;	1 500 people attended
Health Promotion	The road shows were held as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th June 2007 at Greater Giyani Municipality;• 26th June 2007 at Greater Tzaneen Municipality;• 27th June 2007 at Ba – Phalaborwa Municipality;• 28th June 2007 at Maruleng Local Municipality;	4 road shows 600 people attended 800 people attended 200 people attended 200 people attended
Education:	The following schools were visited after obtaining 100% pass rate and awarded a Cheque of R15'000.00 each by the Executive Mayor and the other one was a special visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masiza High: Greater Giyani Municipality;• Khanyisa Education Centre: Greater Giyani Municipality• Ben Forster High: Greater Tzaneen Municipality• Mandela Barlow World: Greater Letaba MunicipalityNkwangulatilo High (Special Visit):	4 schools 2 Learners offered registration fee

	Greater Giyani Municipality.	
Fire Services	• Establishment of Fire Services Associations.	1
	• Incidents responded to;	69 events
	• Education on Fire Prevention – Schools visit fire stations on weekly bases. Learners get informed on the role and purpose of fire rescue services. Demonstrations are given on the use of fire and rescue equipment. Basic fire prevention principles are discussed.	63 school visited the fire station
	• Joint Operation Centre - joint operation centres were established as part of Arrive Alive Programme at Mooketsi, Hannerzburg and Mica.	34 personnel were deployed; 600 hours was spent on these centres; 11 vehicles were deployed.
	• Accidents attended to;	83
	Deaths cases;	11
	Injury cases;	251
	Other incidents attended to are as follows:	
	Fires	565
	Rescue services	477
	Special services	164

Humanitarian calls	7
Hazmat	3
Diving	38
Emergency calls	2573
P1 Injuries with threatening death	71
P2 Serious injuries	261
P3 Minor injuries	830
P4 Deceased	80
KM's covered.	85229

Major incidents:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	28
Hazmat	1
Structural fires	11
Accidents	40
Chemical tanker burning	15
Rescues	34
Bees removal	5
Train accidents	1

2.5 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Development as a directorate has a mandate in respect of the following core functions and performance areas; Spatial Planning, Integrated Development Planning (IDP), Economic Development and Tourism. Though infrastructure planning and Geographical Information System have been approved as functions of the directorate due to financial constraints the functions are not yet operational in the directorate.

The directorate is staffed by the following:

1 director and his secretary

1 LED assistant director

1 Spatial planning assistant director

1 IDP manager (he resigned later in the year and was replaced by an acting IDP manager)

1 IDP coordinator

2 Administration officials

This report will be divided into three parts that is parts A, B and C. Part A will focus on the LED component, part B will concentrate on spatial planning and part C will be on the IDP.

2.5.1 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED)

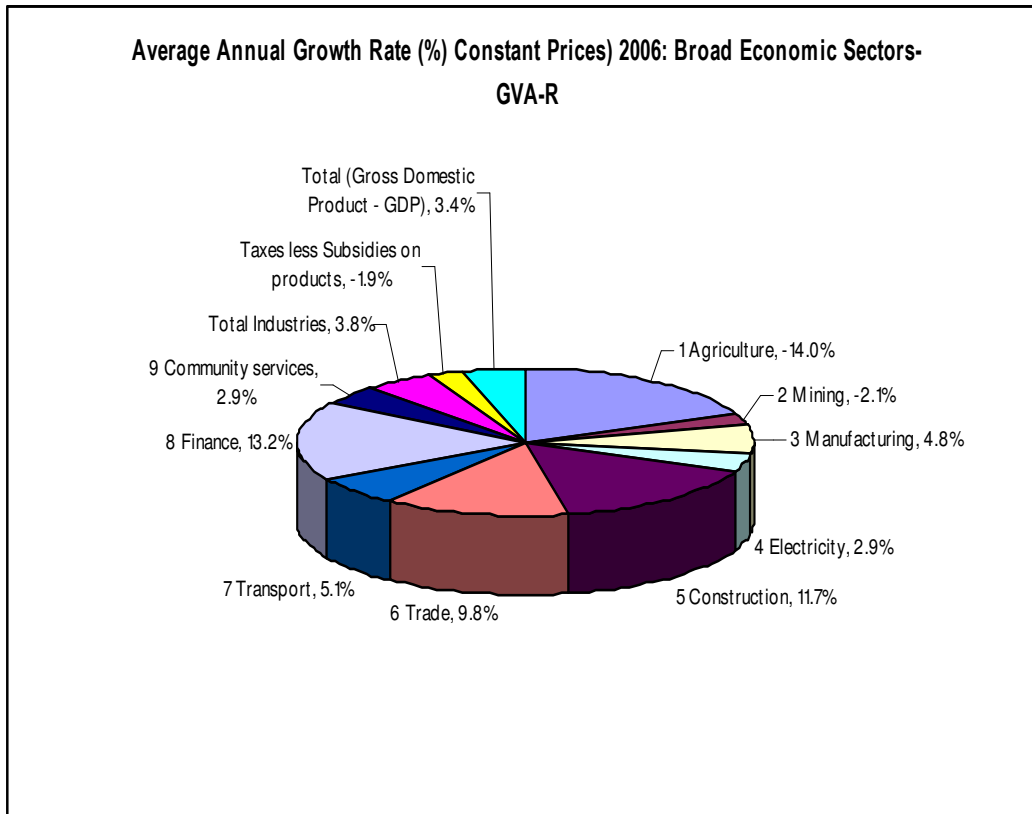
Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	Economic Overview of the district The LED Unit is tasked with responsibility of ensuring economic growth in the district. In light of these responsibilities the department developed an LED strategy to guide its development path. The economic summit held in February 2007 reinforced the need for the Unit to coordinate its functions to ensure sustainable economic development.	

	<p>From 2005 to 2006 and 2007, the district economy grew at moderate pace than the provincial economy at an average annual growth rate of 4.3% in 2005 to a decrease in to 3.8% in 2006 per annum compared to 4.3% in 2005 and 3.4% for the district economy in 2007. This resulted in the district economy increasing its share in provincial output. The unemployment in the district is at currently at 41.8%</p>	
<p>Description of the activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure economic growth by partnership with relevant stakeholders. • The LED Unit coordinates Business Forums meetings (agriculture, tourism, mining and manufacturing and trade) • The unit coordinates, marketing, investment retention and attraction; • To assist Cooperatives and SMME's in business financing and to exploit regional markets • To link the emerging small enterprises with big business in the first economy • To market the district economic and tourism potential to international markets and SADC regions • To identify projects that can kick start development in the municipality. • Tourism promotion and Marketing 	

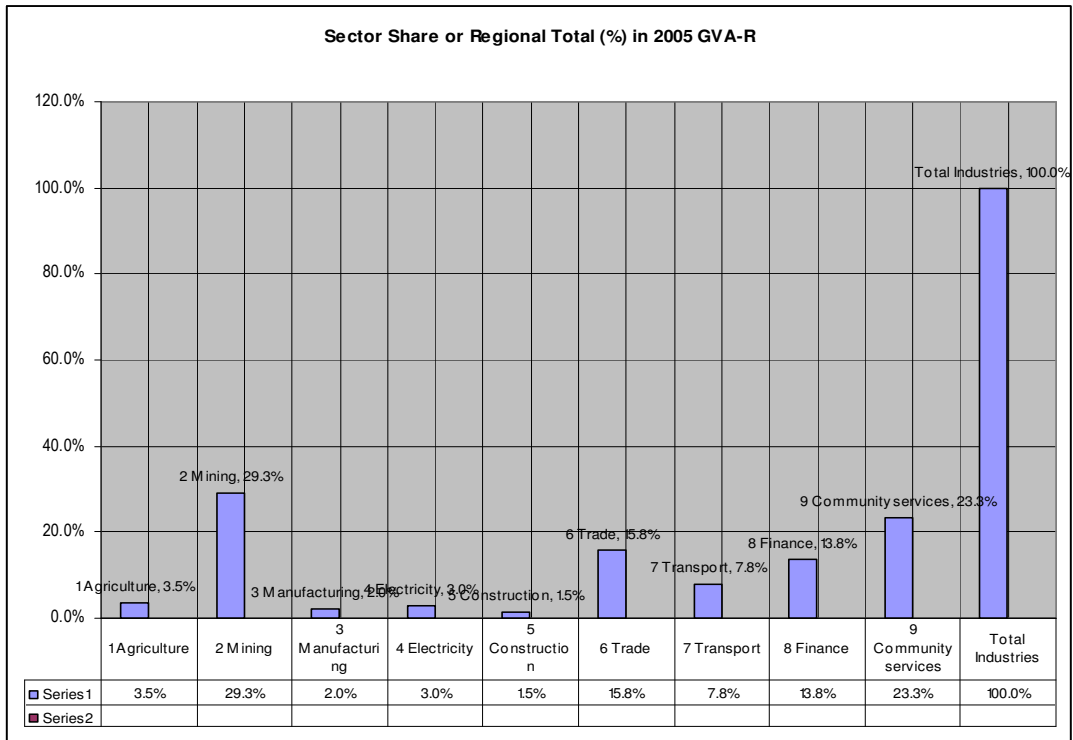
2006/7	<p>ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRESH PRODUCE MARKET</p> <p>The District Municipality received funding from the European Union through the LED Limpopo Programme to Establish The Fresh Produce Market located in Nkowakowa through Local Government Support Fund 1. Expected jobs to be created at the Fresh Produce Market are 41 permanent jobs and hundreds more indirectly.</p> <p>MOSHUPATSELA PROGRAMME</p> <p>There was a significant milestone when the district through its poverty empowerment initiative bought a farm to empower Agricultural Cooperatives through the programme named Moshupatsela. A feasibility study was conducted on the farm and four key business initiatives were identified. The business areas are the Orchard Growing, Vegetable Production, Dried Fruit and Juice Production, and Atchar Production. Moshupatsela Farm created 9 permanent jobs and hundreds more are expected to be created.</p> <p>ECONOMIC SUMMIT</p> <p>The district held its Growth and Development Summit in Phalaborwa in line with the president’s directives that all district and metropolitan municipalities should host their Growth and Development summit.. Key resolutions amongst others were the commitment to implement the summit declaration and anchor projects proposed in the district LED strategy.</p> <p>LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) STRATEGY</p> <p>The Local Economic Development (LED) developed was adopted during the year under review. Key anchor projects in the LED strategy were identified. Within those identified four projects had feasibility studies conducted. It was resolved that feasibility studies for the remaining eleven would be done the following financial year. The anchor projects are Small Scale Mining of Illmenite, Fresh Produce Market, and Tunnel Dried tomato Project. As far as the</p>	R800, 000
Highlights		370 attended the summit

	<p>implementation of the programme is concerned cooperation with the Trade and Investment Limpopo (TIL) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) was sought. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) undertook to support any interested investor in these projects.</p> <p>TOURISM PROMOTION AND MARKETING</p> <p>The following National and Regional Tourism shows and events such as the Durban Tourism Indaba Travel show, Getaway travel and Tourism Show, Morula/Mukumbi Festival, launch of Tourism Month in Mpumalanga, Tourism Day celebration, Abhor week celebrations, Letaba Agricultural show and the NCOP visit in Greater Tzaneen were attended. Brochures and tourism promotional material were distributed in these shows and events. A total of two thousand one hundred brochures were distributed at these shows. Also, the attendance to these shows and events was used to disseminate general information of the district municipality.</p>	2100
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Source: Global Insight



Gross Value Added by Region (GVA-R) Broad Economic Sectors (Sector's Share of Regional total (%) in 2006



Source: Global Insight

Most frequently exported products from the district

Source: Trade and Investment Limpopo

Most Frequently Exported Products	High Volume Destination
Edible & Processed Fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit or melons	France/ United kingdom
Edible Fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit or melons	Netherlands/ United kingdom/Belgium/ Canada/Cameroon
Other made up textile articles, sets worn clothing, rags	Zimbabwe
Edible Fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit or melons	Netherlands/ United kingdom
Preparations of vegetable, fruit & nuts	Netherlands / United Kingdom
Edible Fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit or melons	Netherlands/ Hong kong/ France/ Japan
Coffee, tea, and spices	USA /Pakistan/Australia
Live trees, bulbs, cut flowers	Jordan/ Kenya / Cote Ivoire / Germany
Copper and Vermiculite	Taiwan/ Indonesia / Singapore/ USA/ UK
Salt, sulphur, earth & stone, plastering materials	Taiwan / USA /United kingdom / Canada
Fertilizers	India /France
Inorganic Chemicals.; organic/ inorganic compounds of precious metals	India/ United kingdom/ Netherlands/ Belgium
Ores, slag & ash	Germany/ Japan

NB. The export % of GDP is at 12.2.

2.5.2 SPATIAL PLANNING

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	<p>The District Municipality is required in terms of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and the White Paper on Local Government to address the spatial distortions of the past to create integrated liveable communities. Therefore the district municipality has to coordinate and support activities that seek to address the spatial challenges such as skewed spatial pattern, urban sprawl, spatial separation and disparities between towns and townships, and the promotion of linkages between urban and rural settlements. The district municipality together with other government sectors are required to ensure that liveable human settlements are created.</p> <p>The district should thus strengthen the existing liveable spatial quality while addressing the existing spatial weaknesses caused by development sprawl of the past to achieve the following objectives as set out in the White Paper on Local Government and the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of household infrastructure and services • Creation of liveable and integrated cities, towns and rural areas • Promotion of local economic development and sustainable jobs • Promotion of community empowerment and redistribution 	
Description of the activity	<p>To ensure spatial integration and efficient provision of infrastructure and service delivery and hence liveable human settlements, the Mopani District Municipality established the following programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Demarcation Support to Local Municipalities • Formalisation of informal settlements • Development of Spatial Development Framework • Development of Land Use Management System 	

Analysis of the function	SITE DEMARCATION SUPPORT TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES & FORMALISATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS	
	<p>The district assisted local municipalities in planning and pegging of sites for both business and residential use.</p>	
	<p>- Sites demarcated</p>	<p>150</p>
	<p>- Sites committed for the development of layout plans during the financial year under review.</p>	<p>500</p>
	<p>The areas that benefited from this programme are as follows:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muhlava Headkraal 	
	<p>Sites were demarcated and pegged at Muhlava Headkraal. This project was partly aimed at removing some residents who occupied sites on the existing pipeline which could pose danger to the residents should it burst. Therefore, it was agreed with the community and traditional leadership that priority for the allocation of sites on the new development would be given to the residents whose sites fall on the pipeline. The sites on the pipeline were mistakenly formally demarcated by the Department of Local Government and Housing without creating pipeline servitude.</p>	<p>50</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ximausa community 	
	<p>Sites were demarcated and pegged at Ximausa community. This project was a re-planning of the informal settlement in Ximausa community where people illegally occupied the area without due regard to the official township establishment procedures.</p>	<p>50</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ga-Kgapane Township: 	<p>50</p>
	<p>Sites were planned in Ga-Kgapane Town during 2006/7 financial year. This was an infill development where some parks and reserved sites were sub-divided to provide for new sites for various uses. This project</p>	

	<p>followed the Development Facilitation Act (DFA) route and hence coincided with the expiry date of the Land Development Tribunal where new members had to be appointed to the board. This caused a delay in the processing of the application hence no pegging was done pending the formation of the new Land Use Development Tribunal to take the process further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ntata community: Three hundred sites were committed for planning and pegging. • Mariveni community: Two hundred sites were committed for planning and pegging. <p>THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (SDF)</p> <p>The Department of Local Government & Housing supported four municipalities in Mopani District area on the development of Spatial Development Framework (SDF). The following municipalities benefited from this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mopani District Municipality • Greater Giyani Municipality • Greater Letaba Municipality • Maruleng Municipality <p>The scheduled timelines to complete these projects were the end of March 2007 which proved to be challenging, and was later extended to the end of September 2007. Significant progress was made by the end of June 2007 where all service providers managed to complete the draft SDF's. Tzaneen and Ba-Phalaborwa are developing SDF's from their own funding.</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT OF LAND USE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</p> <p>The Land Use Management System (LUMS) development was</p>	<p>300</p> <p>200</p>
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	<p>dependant on the completion of SDF's. LUMS will then be developed after the completion of the SDF's.</p>	
<p>2006/7 Highlights</p>	<p>SITE DEMARCATION</p> <p>The district municipality managed to formalise 650 sites in communities in three municipalities of Greater Tzaneen, Greater Giyani and Greater Letaba. These three municipalities are the hardest affected as far as informal settlements backlogs and sites shortage are concerned. This has been demonstrated by the applications submitted for assistance by local municipalities to the district municipality. The completion of the SDF will assist in decision making to ensure that sites are demarcated on the development nodes to enhance efficient service delivery, economic development, job creation and sustainable human settlements. This will ultimately achieve the objectives of the White Paper on Local Government and the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 which seek to address sprawl and poverty manifesting themselves in our cities, towns and rural settlements.</p>	<p>650</p>

2.5.3 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (IDP)

Reporting level	Detail	Total
Overview	<p>The District Municipality is required in terms of the Municipal Systems Act 32/ 2000 to review the integrated development plan (IDP) annually.</p> <p>Informed by various national, provincial and local impetus and further by the performance in the previous year(s), the municipality needs to re-consider its forecast priorities and plans to achieve them.</p>	
Description of the activity	<p>To ensure participatory process of planning the Municipality drew and approved an IDP Framework and Process plan. It is within this Framework and Process plan that every stakeholder's role is clearly defined and every community development structure is represented in strategic decision-making of local government.</p> <p>The following areas were addressed in the IDP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic development of the municipality - Provision of services: Social services and Infrastructure services - Institutional and Financial Viability -Governance and Administration 	
Analysis of the function	<p>PARTICIPATION</p> <p>As per the process plan, the following stakeholders participated in the IDP process: Government officials, councillors, members of public, municipal officials, private sector, faith organisations, traditional authorities and community based organisations (CBO's). Communities were represented in the IDP process through their representation structures that attend the IDP representative forum which is a consultative forum that assists in strategic decision-making.</p>	
2006/7 Highlights	<p>IDP FRAMEWORK</p> <p>The District Municipality managed to get the approved IDP within the provisions and framework stipulations by the applicable Acts, namely the</p>	

Municipal Systems Act 32/ 2000 and Municipal Finance Management Act 56/ 2003. Plans set in the IDP were aligned with budgetary provisions. The development of outstanding core sector plans was planned for the subsequent year.

SECTOR PLANS

The IDP 2006/07 addressed issues in accordance with powers and functions pertaining to the District Municipality as per the following sector plans:

- Water Services Development Plan
- Integrated Transport plan
- Health plan
- HIV & AIDS plan
- LED Strategy

IMPLEMENTATION

Service Delivery Implementation Plan (SDBIP) has been developed and approved. All IDP projects are monitored through this plan on regular basis.

CHALLENGES

The IDP had challenges in terms of the adherence to the process plan due to other important activities of the municipality. We however managed to speed up processes and were able to get the IDP approved by Council and further submitted to MEC for Local Government within legislative timeframes.

**CHAPTER 3 AUDITED STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL
INFORMATION**

The 2006/2007 audit report by the Auditor General was not available as the audit has just started. Once audit has been concluded the report will be tabled before Council for adoption and deliberations. Our observation is that there is improvement as compared to the previous years.

CHAPTER 4 CONCLUSION

The 2006/2007 financial year was a great one for the municipality looking at the fact that we have emerged from the local government elections with Maruleng Municipality been part of the district. This in itself increased our service backlogs while on the other hand we may say that it brought some good moments for the district. Just like any institution we were confronted with a number of challenges which we managed to handle as expected but some of them will still remain such as the office space for employees and Council.

It is quite encouraging to have observed the great improvements that are happening within our district. The fact that our district was declared the “Best Workplace” by LGSETA on the area of skills development is matter that cannot go unnoticed and this is attributed to the collective effort of our Skills Development Facilitators district wide. As a district we believe in sharing our limited resources in order to improve our institutional capacity and we hope that this spirit will prevail even in years to come.