

Mayor Mosikatsi charms national audience

Friday June 24 2016 proved to be the day Executive Mayor of JTGD Sofia Mosikatsi faced and charmed the South Africa's mainstream media to inform the nation about everything that is taking place within the district.



The day's activities started very early in the morning for Councilor Mosikatsi as she faced viewers of the country's most watched morning show on television 'Morning Live'. Here the mayor outlined the achievements and challenges that people of the district face. She went on to elaborate on the untapped tourism potential that exist within JTGD. The show was broadcast live from the 'Eye' which together with the Moffat Mission is the most popular tourist destination within the JTGD district. Mayor Mosikatsi informed the nation that among the many challenges faced by people of the region, key of these is the crisis at the various mines where retrenchments were taking place because of the deteriorating commodity prices. The loss of jobs due to retrenchments is a major source of concern for all involved, as mining has been the key economic activity in the region for many years, and as a result people are forced to seek other avenues for survival and reskilling of those retrenched is vital.

In the evening the Executive Mayor accompanied by the Speaker, Councilor Seweditse Gaobusiwe, took part in the Motsweding FM election debate that was aimed at giving communities an insight into what the various political parties have in terms of developmental intentions for their constituencies. The parties that took part in the debate were ANC, COPE, EFF, UCDP and DA. The regional leaders of these parties engaged in a fierce debate with the intention of attracting voters for their parties in the upcoming local government elections scheduled to take place on 3 August this year (2016). Here the Mayor and Speaker were able to address communities on the progress made by the district and various local municipalities with regards to improving lives and service delivery. “As a municipality we have managed to do more with limited resources. We have been able to assist and coordinate the service delivery activities of the local Municipalities with regards to provision of water, electricity and maintenance of roads,” said Mayor Mosikatsi.

This year’s election debate though robust, took place in a relatively calm atmosphere compared to previous ones which were marred by violence. That is an indication that there is a spirit of political tolerance within the region.

