

**Radio talk show- 20 Years of freedom and democracy – Executive Mayor JTG  
District**

**18 February 2014 at 09:00**

**Presenter- Mayor can you give us an overview of what this 20 years of freedom entail.**

Celebrate victory over apartheid

Reflect on achievements of 20 years: 1994 vs 2014

South Africa has come a long way in addressing injustice, inequality and poverty.

**Nationally we saw:-**

1. Life has changed for the better since 1994.
2. Massive transformations since 1994.
3. Income levels have increased, education levels are up and millions of people now have access to water, electricity, sanitation and housing.
4. Injustices of the past where people were judged according to their race, creed and sexual orientation have been firmly cast off.
5. A society that has risen from the ashes of apartheid to be a beacon of democracy and hope.
6. Main economic objectives of government have been job creation, elimination of poverty, reduction of inequality and sustainable growth.
7. The triple threat of inequality, poverty and unemployment still lingers and must be defeated.
8. Economy must grow faster and in ways that benefit all citizens.
9. Through the NDP strive to build a society where South Africans can contribute to the future growth and well-being of our nation.
10. Raising living standards to minimum level will involve
11. increasing employment
12. higher incomes through productivity and growth
13. Social wage and good-quality public services.

**What about the achievements in our district?**

Well Lebo, many things happened in the district and people are not aware thereof. Today I am just going touch on a few. The district has grown tremendously over the last few years and with it came economic growth and challenges. This means that we had to work harder than before to services more people than we initially anticipated.

**In Ga-Segonyana municipal area we had:-**

- Installation of 33 High mass lights
- Construction of 5.1km of UPVC class 6 pipelines and the equipping of 4 boreholes in Mothibistad
- The construction of the Kagung community hall- completed
- Bulk water supply augmentation in Seven miles- completed
- Gamopedi , Ncweng, Sedibeng Bulk water supply project that was launch on the 7 March by Minister Molewa where 1225 Households benefitted from the water supply project which includes 7350 people. The project also created 76 Jobs.
- Ditshowaneng, Kagung had complete construction in water supply
- Batlharos saw their internal gravel roads upgraded
- Communities such as Mapoteng, Bankhara Bodulong, Magojaneng, Thamayoanche and Gantatelang had various infrastructural projects upgraded and installed which are all complete.

In Joe Morolong we experienced key successes in:

- Established 14 ward committees of the 15 wards and they are functional
- Youth forums were established
- Held a Youth Summit
- Construction of Sports facilities was completed
- Adopted LED strategy
- Training of SMMEs
- Creating of 652 job opportunities created though we had planned for 300

- Mayor's Poverty Alleviation Project created 225 job opportunities through infrastructure projects
- With regard to housing , 227 units were created
- Upgrading of the water schemes at Mokala-wa-noga, Kleinneira, Vanzylsrus and Tlapeng was completed
- 90% of the roads were maintained
- Spend 100% of the MIG budget

**In Gamagara we have also experienced the following:**

- Implementation of housing project to address the backlog
- Cash flow position of the municipality improved
- To ensure that internal controls are adhered to, reports submitted in time and compliance with legislation
- Upgrading of internal gravel roads in Deben R4m
- Upgrading of Olifantshoek Internal Roads and Stormwater R15m
- 886 Beneficiaries, but currently in a process of updating the indigent register
- Construction of Dibeng Sewer Network phase 1 R14m (MIG funded)
- Upgrading of Olifantshoek bulk electricity R1,9M is completed

**What about some of the achievements of government departments?**

- Government and our stakeholders in the Mining sector also had some major achievement over the years. Let me list a few:-
  - The Manyeding Cooperative Project through Agriculture launched by the President of South Africa in 2013 saw 24 people getting permanent jobs and the cooperative consist of 159 beneficiaries;
  - Seoding had a new built ECD in Lareng done by Khumba ensuring that young children become school ready;
  - Maipeng saw 10 households receiving happy letter – for their houses to be built through COGHSTA (to name but a few)
  - Bankhara Bodulong saw the completion and implementation of their new high school with a fully equipped cyber laboratory that was

launch by the Deputy Minister of Communications- 10 computers and printers were donated;

- Department of Justice launched the Ndabezitha program educating rural communities through the Traditional Leaders on domestic violence;
- Kathu saw the year of the Artisan program launched by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training where 849 youth were already in the program and 2200 apprentices have been placed with employees through the program. In Kathu 4 youth signed their employment apprenticeship to get their red seal apprentice over 3 years some of them being young females;
- The Kgomotsego Thusong Service Centre in Vanzylsrus services this rural community with regular government services and information and Vanzylsrus saw the launch of the Jacob Shuping Complex launched in August 2013.
- DWA allocated a total of R280 million over three financial years, through the MWIG Program.
- A Business Plan was submitted to MIG to the total value of R92 494 375.00 for 27 villages.
- 2013/14 Projects are in progress. 143 Job opportunities created
- The establishment of a food bank is in process
- In 2003/04 & 05 more than 16 clinics were built in the district and therefore more than 500 job opportunities were created
- And lastly Home Affairs exceeded their targets in the rollout of the ID Smart Card process in the district with:-

## **PROGRESS REPORT ON OUTREACH PROGRAMMES AND SMART ID CARD ROLLOUT**

### SMART ID CARDS

The Local Office Kuruman, as part of the new Smart ID Card rollout of the **Department of Home Affairs has made strides in contributing towards achievement** of the target of 100 000 IDs to be issued by the end of March 2014. The department is currently very close to reaching this target.

The target that was set for the office was **2520** smart ID cards to be issued by the end of March. At the current rate the target is well within reach.

Currently the scenario is as follows:

Number of Applications processed to date (05 March 2014): **1689**

The number of smart ID cards that ***have not yet been collected*** in the office is currently at **356**.

## OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

**The Mobile Services** communities/villages in John Taolo Gaetsewe District:

ID applications taken in 2013/14 financial year (up to February 2014): 695

ID delivered to clients: 759

### **School Project**

High Schools in the district were visited for service delivery.

Number of IDs applications: 564

ID's delivered to learners: 615

### **Hospital Connections**

Three hospitals and a clinic in the district are connected for online registration of babies to make sure they are registered within 30 days from date of birth. These are Tshwaragano, Kuruman and Olifantshoek hospitals and Kagiso Health Centre.

Number of babies registered in 2013/14 (up to February 2014): **2 942**.

### **LATE REGISTRATIONS OF BIRTHS:**

Applications taken: **91**

### **In Summary:**

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<b><u>OUTREACH PROGRAMMES</u></b>			
	IDs applications	IDs delivered	Births registered
<i>MOBILE VISITS TO COMMUNITIES</i>	695	759	
<i>MOBILE VISITS TO SCHOOLS</i>	564	615	
<i>HOSPITALS (4)</i>			2942
LRBs (including those done at office)			91

**Any closing remarks?**

Yes as I mentioned – many things happened in our district. We have many individuals that can testify how they were assisted to start their own businesses through SEDA and other receiving grants so they can better their lives through SASSA. Food parcels received through Social Development and the implementation of programs such as 16 Days of Activism, youth month, and women's month. From the district side a successful IDP Lekgotla was held in January 2014, the functioning of the AIDS Council and the IGR.

I thank you