

WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF STEVE  
TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CLR. M A MASINA DURING THE  
SALGA ON THE REVISED IDP FRAMEWORK HELD AT STEVE TSHWETE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE 28 FEBRUARY 2013

THANK YOU PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S

WORKING GROUP CLR.V MAGAGULA

MMC'S

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON OF MUNICIPAL TRADING & SERVICES

LADIES & GENTLEMEN

I bring the warm greetings of our municipality to everybody in attendance of this important SALGA workshop on free basic services\ MIG and comprehensive infrastructure plans.

Allow me to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of the struggle stalwart CDE. Phyllis Naidoo I believe her soul will rest in peace.

Let me thank SALGA for bringing this very important workshop to us as Steve Tshwete Municipality, I believe you choose us because of the model role we play on the same matters, I assume we are not far from apprehending the strategies you are coming to enhance today through this workshop.

## FREE BASIC SERVICES

Free basic services includes provision of water and electricity to the poor (indigent) this services are prioritized , our municipality has a number of indigent people as a result of high level of unemployment.

## CHALLENGES

Some people are self employed some work in informal businesses such as taxi industry their salaries/ profit maybe far higher than people who are working but still register themselves as indigent, and therefore create a burden on the little resources the municipality may have.

Registered indigent, when their status change for better they don't come and update or deregister.

The municipality does not have a social welfare division/ unit which will register and evaluate all applicants and services so that the free basic services is received by the intended people.

The scourge of HIV and aids increases the number of indigents on the municipal resources.

## MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (MIG)

As Steve Tshwete we have spent more than 90% of the MIG on infrastructure.

Comprehensive infrastructure grant assist municipalities to address developmental challenges, in our case we have built a beautiful park at extension 7.

To deal speedily and effectively with the challenges facing municipalities and our country today, a consolidated effort from both government and private sector is important. Shaduka has committed to build ECD centre and houses in our area therefore this workshop is

coming handy for government and private sector to combine resources for service delivery.

## PROGRAMMES DIRECTOR

Allow me to welcome everybody to our shores, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality the constant recipient of clean audit from the auditor general, green drop award winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up of the greenest town award in SA.

I Thank You!!!!