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Local Municipality



Mayor to address challenges in Luka, Phokeng, Phatsima and Robega Mayoral Imbizo



Executive Mayor of Rustenburg
Local Municipality,
Cllr. Mpho Khunou



The Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr. Mpho Khunou, came face to face with some of the challenges facing residents in Robega, Phatsima, Mogono and Luka during his Mayoral Imbizo visits this week.

Residents in these areas – who were given time to come forward with their grievances before Cllr. Khunou and his Mayoral Committee – complained about the lack of employment, recreational facilities, and poor services at municipal clinics. Solly Ramorula (33) complained about a sewerage pipe that had not been repaired by the Municipality for a long time. He said, "I am happy that you have come to listen to some of our problems today. We have a sewerage pipe that is not being fixed. Within the community,

we also need a library, a sports complex and other recreational facilities so that our youth can be positively occupied."

A Luka resident – Tshepo Mekgwe – pointed out that the high rate of unemployment in the area resulted in many youths turning to criminal activities. "If young people are able to get some form of work, then there would be less crime. Our young people end up going to Phokeng and Rustenburg to get jobs because here there are no jobs. Those who do not, turn to crime," said Mekgwe.

In response, Cllr. Tshepo Maifala who is the MMC for IDP said that the residents should give the municipality time to implement an IDP programme that would lead to the improvement of living conditions in the area. He

said, "We have an IDP that will last for five years and we are determined to follow it until the end." Addressing the residents, Cllr. Khunou pledged to look into the complaints that were raised by the various speakers.

He exclaimed, "We are here to address your problems. The municipality has an obligation, once it is put in office by residents. We have put in place a committee that will look at how the mines in the area can play a part in employment creation. We will also have a skills audit for people in Luka so that we can identify how we can assist people with regard to employment."

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