

R100m to fix potholes

Programme to improve the condition of the roads and ensure motorists travel safely

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THE department of public works, roads and transport has set aside R100m in the budget for the 2017-18 financial year to repair potholes, public works, roads and transport MEC, Sasekani Manzini said when she presented her budget on Wednesday.

Manzini said the budget set aside for repairing the potholes was in support of the newly launched war on the programme, Sidudula amapotholes.

She said the programme would be used to improve the condition of the provincial roads and ensure motorists were travelling safely.

They were aggressively attending to the potholes across the provincial road network working together with all social partners such as municipalities, the government agencies, private sector and communities themselves.

"We have declared war on potholes as we have already launched a programme which will significantly reduce the prevalence of potholes in the province. Mpumalanga cannot be known as the province of potholes.

"I want to take the stigma of potholes to the dustbin of history and usher in the correct perception. I will spend a fair amount of time myself this



WAR ON POTHOLES: Public works, roads and transport spokesperson David Nkambule, MEC Sasekani Manzini and department head Mohlasedi Mohlabane.

year, join my teams on the roads and together we will carry out potholes patching."

She said apart from the potholes, they would also attend to the maintenance of roads.

"In support of this potholes patch-

ing programme, the department has pledged an additional funding of R343m for the resealing of surfaced roads.

"Due to climate change and lack of regular maintenance as a result of limited funding, many of our roads

are under distress and potholes have surfaced as a result.

"A pothole is a symptom of a more structural damage to a road, and patching is always understood as necessary but short term intervention

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