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## Business thrives for a dynamic young poultry farmer

By Tsholofelo Dintwe

Then he entered the National Youth in Agriculture Awards Programme in 2018, Thabang Mokwele like any other young farming devotee was adamant that he would win; confident of the efforts he made towards his broiler chicken farm. As it occurred, Mokwele who is a farm manager of Thaba-Kwena Projects PTY (LTD) which specialises with broiler production, scooped the overall winner during the North West Provincial Youth in Agriculture Awards of the same year, organised by the Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development

Although he did not win the National Awards, the 32 year-old Mokwele remains confident that his business is on a growing trajectory. He plans of once more entering the national awards as they come with monetary boost, but he believes his love for farming is priceless. He says his passion for agriculture will drive the business to even greater heights. Mokwele is also confident that the support he got from READ department has enabled his business to grow. He is now making strides to ensure that it prospers further and competes on a national or even international space.

The farm is situated in the rural Graaslaagte, 08km east of Lichtenburg town in the Ditsobotla Local Municipality.

The farm had in 2017 received financial support of nearly R1 million from READ. With it the department assisted the project with payment of electricity and purchasing of feed. Over and above this financial support, the farmer has been receiving monitoring and extension as well as advisory



services from the department.

To date the farm has ten (10) broiler houses with the capacity of 15 000 birds each, producing at least 150 000 birds per cycle. Mokwele has managed to employ twenty eight (28) employees in his farm, and eight (08) of them are permanent employees while the other twenty (20) are casual

Relating to his experience of striving to being the best, Mokwele said he dedicates time to

secure formal market contract with a renowned poultry company, Kroons, which is based in Pretoria. One of the project owner's future plans is to have his own abattoir so he can employ more people and make his contribution in the fight against unemployment and poverty. He is currently doing some intensive research to this effect. He also once more, after fully settling the farm, which he currently lease, would want to diversify to crop as well as livestock farming. He further said he would appreciate if there would be more financial support for farming in the country at large that would enable more production.

The North West Province produces more than 20% of South Africa's crop and livestock (cattle and poultry). To ensure that the province's agriculture sector remains one of the biggest players in the country and the Southern hemisphere, the department had during the 2018/19 financial year, allocated about R400

million budget for farmer support development. The Department provides opportunities to young people through a variety of programmes as well as recognition activities such as the Youth Awards programme which seeks to acknowledge, encourage and increase participation of young people in the agricultural sector, highlight the significant role played by young people in food security and the fight against the triple challenges of job creation, economic growth and poverty and to empower young people and support their involvement in the province's economic

Thabang Mokwele was the main winner of the provincial youth in agriculture awards, winning the 2018 award for Best Youth Commercial Enterprise and the overall winner for the 2018 Young Farmer

## Community Libraries change lives

By Thato Matshidiso

outh Africa came out of apartheid rule in 1994 and this transition came with its own challenges including that of access to information which is an essential pillar in upholding democracy.

The Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs (CATA) in the North West Province has the mandate to build Community Libraries as dynamic centres of learning. These libraries are important part of any community as they provide information and learning material for them especially to the previously disadvantaged communities faced with the triple challenges of

poverty, inequality and unemployment.

Communities across the four districts of the province continue to enjoy the benefits of service delivery as the Department managed to hand over a total of 14 Community libraries during the 5th Administration, from 2014 to date. These libraries currently have about 33 dedicated library staff members. In total, there are 107 fully functional community libraries across the province.

In 2014 the community of Moses Kotane Local Municipality received a state of the art Mogwase community library which houses over 3 700 books ranging from nonfiction, children's section, free internet access as well as a section for the Visually

The beneficiaries of the Mogwase community library indicated how the services they are receiving from this community library managed to change their lives for the better.

One of Mogwase Community Library regular users, Mr Ofentse Gaitate who is visually impaired has a good story to tell in terms of how the library changed his life for the better. Mr Gaitate who is a Sport Science honours degree graduate from the University of the Western Cape, became blind in 2012. He was taught how to use the equipment for the visually impaired people by the Librarians at Mogwase Community Library.

This has changed his life as he is able to use the computer, cellphone that has audio software, and is using the daisy reader - a machine used to read audio books. This service enables him to get in touch with the outside world through the skills that were taught at the library, and impart his knowledge

Ka Ipeleng Matlabe le Kgomotso Mokgatle

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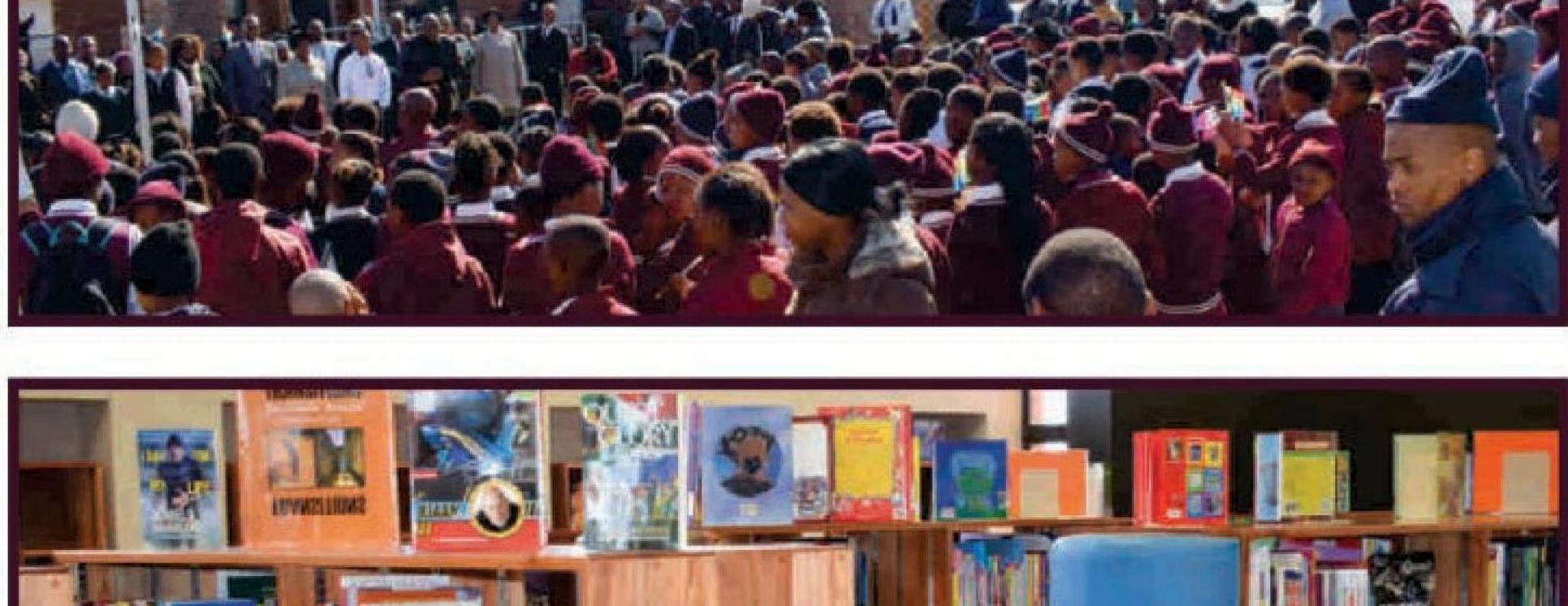
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TRANSPORT TOTAL





Lefapha le tsweletse go tlhabolola ditirelo le go matlafatsa

Another happy library user is a 65 year old Mr Andrew Seakatsie who says he is happy with the services offered at Mogwase Community Library.

"I did not know how to use my new walking stick and the mobility training offered at the library helped me as I am now able to use walking sticks or canes effectively. This training has helped us to be informed.

independent as we are able to navigate the environment independently, through the use of the walking sticks", says Mr Seakatsie.

"I am a religious person and love the word of God, coming to the library I am able to listen to the bible on my own through the use of daisy reader", says Mr Jafta Ngikelane who is also a regular

"The library users have realised that a library is the heart of their communities and offers vital resources to address community needs. The community library provides free accessible space, information resources, storytelling, internet access and resources for the visually impaired" Mr Tsholofelo Thulare who is the Head Librarian of Mogwase Community Library.

Mr Tebogo Maheso, a resident of Moretele Local Municipality who uses Mphebatho Community Library, says using the library facilities such as books, internet services helped him to write his first book called "Be Yourself". He did not have any information on how to write a book but the library facilities and staff members guided him.

As for the 54 year old Mr Sydney Tlhapane, Ipelegeng Community Library in Schweizer-Reneke has changed his life. "Libraries are built for development, regardless of your age. Ever since I started visiting the library, I've seen development in my life. I am using technology such as internet and e-books with my two children. Thanks to the staff and management of Ipelegeng Community Library, who taught me how to use technology".

The Department also intends to hand over Dual Purpose Community Libraries to the communities of Lebotloane in Moretele Local Municipality and Boikhutso in JB Marks Local Municipality, during this financial year - 2019/20. The provincial government has noted with great concern, the burning of libraries and other critical public facilities whenever communities protest against lack of service delivery, and urges communities to stop this disturbing phenomenon so that the country can reach its goals of developing a successful cadre of youth that will take South Africa forward.

None show such lack of appreciation than those who vandalise or burn community properties such as libraries. Committing such crimes is not only an insult to society, but a spit in the face of the hardworking authors and publishers who make those books possible, and the committed Librarians who have dedicated their lives to keep us all

## Massive road recovery plan roll-out

By Kgomotso Mokgatle

total of 32 road maintenance projects have been rolled out across the province as part of the department's roads recovery plan, with an estimated cost of R430 million. This work has been delivered through

Maintenance Framework Agreements - Term Contracts which include 120 contractors with lower grading of between 1 Civil Engineering (CE) and 3CE for road reserve maintenance.

Bojanala Platinum District leads the pack with 15 roads earmarked for maintenance followed by Ngaka Modiri Molema Districts with seven.

Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Dr Kenneth Kaunda Districts each has five roads to improve.

For road reserve maintenance in all four districts, the plan was for each to appoint fourteen 1CE, twelve 2CE and four 3CE CIBD gradings bringing the total number of such contractors to 30.

However 120 contractors stand to benefit from the entire recovery plan. Successful completion of projects awarded to the above, may assist to further improve their grading. Meanwhile, the department officially opened the N12 Treasure Route, -which forms part of the N12 National Route- in Klerkdorp. This is one of the economic strategic routes in the country.

An average of 6880 vehicles travel westbound on part of the road between Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom on a daily basis with an estimated 989 of those being heavy motor vehicles.

At least another average of 999 heavy duty vehicles travel between the same towns as part of the daily average traffic of 6896 vehicles on the eastbound double lanes. These statistics indicate that heavy duty vehicles represent 14% of the daily traffic between Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom thus making the N12 one of the routes that promote economic development in province.

The decision by the Department of Public



managing the farm and seeking ways to grow it on a

day to day basis. "I want to sincerely thank the

Department of READ and all the people who

supported me to start my business. I am where I am

today because of them, and for that I want to say

For those who are wishing to have their own

farming businesses, the young Thabang had these

impossible". To date the farm has managed to

words of encouragement for them, "nothing

thank you," said Mokwele.

Road D2787 from Klerkdorp to Faan Meinjies Nature Reserve in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District is part of the roads where work is on-going as part of the road maintenance recovery plan. The scope of work for the project includes intersection improvement; light rehabilitation; reseal; fogspray; pothole patching; road marking as well as road reserve clearance of approximately 9 Km

strategic economic route in Klerksdorp, that was adversely affected by the dolomite from the mining activities in the area, was hailed by Premier Professor Job Mokgoro.

The Premier recently led the official opening of the rehabilitation of N12 from Road R503 to Archbishop Desmond Tutu Street. A total of R50 million was set aside for the second phase of this rehabilitation which was not only aimed at improving traffic flow but also at strengthening economic development and growth in the area.

The scope of work for this project entailed rehabilitation of the eastbound carriageway, cleaning of clogged drainage structures; installation of new pipe culverts and a new 2km and 3m wide pedestrian walk-way/cycleway on the eastern side of the road. Shaping of grass lined Works and Roads to rehabilitate a portion of this median drain as well as road markings were also henceforth do more on our own than before.

part of the scope. Despite the main contractors of the project, a further 10 subcontractors benefited from this project with a total spent of R15 million.

More than R9 million was spent on salaries for the 91 local labourers who were offered managerial technical skills training. One of the subcontractors, Mziwakhe Malete expressed his gratitude to the department and main contractor for having considered his emerging company on the project. He said being part of the rehabilitation project helped him learn more about working high profile projects. He further said his involvement in the projects contributed towards the upgrade of his company's Contractor Industry Development Board grading.

"As a company we have been exposed to many things about construction and I can say we can

Our priority was to learn and improve our skill more than making money and we are pleased that we have reached our goal in that regard," said a delighted Malete.

One of the local residents, Tebogo Pelotsame from Jourbeton, said he was impressed with the quality

"I can tell that this road is well compacted and is wider than before and my appeal is for the department to keep the road maintained going forward and not wait until the condition of the road deteriorate," he said.

In his address during the opening of the N12 route, Premier Job Mokgoro said it would not be possible to tackle developmental challenges unless all citizens work together. He said construction and rehabilitation of road

infrastructure leads to economic development.

neilweng tiro ya go tsenya legora gareng ga dikarolo dile pedi tsa tsela (guard rails). Seitlhobogeng o kaile fa a simolotse kgwebo y gagwe ka ngwaga wa 2009 mme o simolotse go dira mo porojekeng eno ka Lwetse wa ngwagola. "Go

Kgwebo-potlana ya gagwe ke nngwe ya tseo di tsaya karolo ga me mo tseleng eno go netefaditse fa

gape malapa ale mantsi a bona letseno jaaka ke kgonne go tlhola ditiro dile some-le-botlhano (15). Seno se bontsha botlhokwa jwa gore puso e matlafatse dikgwebo-potlana ka gonne go lebisa kwa go tlholeng ditiro," o buile jalo.

Rrakgwebo yono o itumedisitswe gape ke dikgang tsa gore morago ga go konosetsa tiro eno, kgwebo ya gagwe etla gola go tswa go 2CE mme e nne 4CE go ya ka ditekanyetso tsa Boto ya Ilhabololo ya Ditheo tsa Kago (Construction Industry Development Board). Phetogo eno etla netefatsa fa kgwebo ya ga Seitlhobogeng e kgona go dira diprojeke tse dikgolo go gaisa jaaka sene se

"Ke dumela gore fa puso eka tswelela go ema dikgwebo-potlana nokeng ka mokgwa o, retla bona diphetogo tse ditona ebile di namatsha mo vrofenseng le mo nageng ya Afrika Borwa ka kakaretso," o kaile jalo.

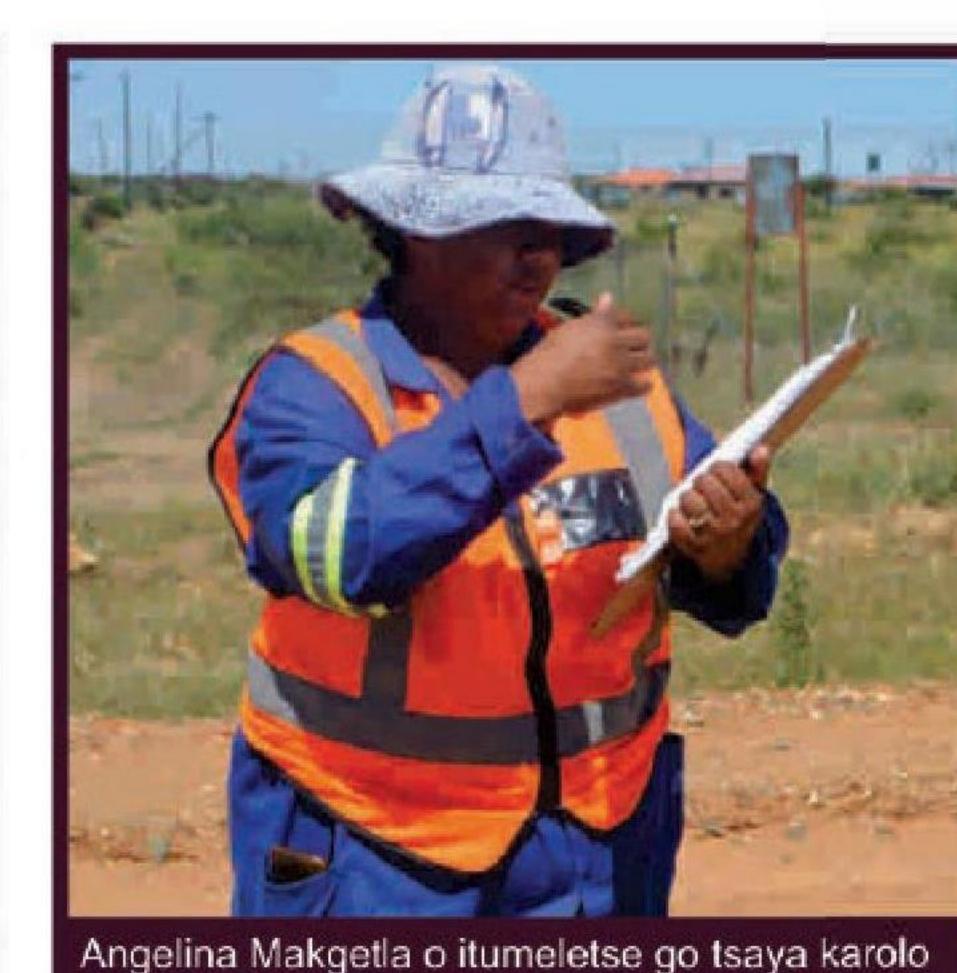
Angelina Makgetha go tswa ka motseng wa Dihatshwane o simolotse go dira mo projekeng eno ngwaga oo fetileng. Mme yono wa bana ba le babedi, are go nna karolo ya badiri ba ka nna 179 bao ba setseng ba dirile mo tseleng eno, e nnile tshegofatso e kgolo mo go ene. O tlhalositse fa a sa itumelela fela dituelo tse di mo kgontsang go tlhokomela bana ba gagwe, mme a kgotsofalela



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Go dira jaaka molaola pharakano go nthutile gole gontsi ebile go tlisitse tlhase ya kgatlego mo go tsa kago ya ditsela mo go nna. Leano la me ke gore buile jalo Makgetha.



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ga gagwe mo projekeng ya tsela ya Mahikeng go

ya Lichtenburg ebile o ikaelela go dirisa

dituelong tsame tsa kgwedi le kgwedi, ke ipulele kgwebo mme ke kgone go tlhola ditiro, segolo jang mo basheng ba motse o ke dulang mo go one," go