



Public Works and Infrastructure delivers on its infrastructure mandate

The Hon MEC, Babalo Madikizela, has tabled his Policy and Budget Speech of the department for the 2021/2022 financial year in March at the Bhisho Provincial Legislature Raymond Mhlaba Chambers, highlighting achievements and commitments of the 2020/21 financial year.

To highlight the achievements, the department is proud to announce that, to date, at least about 73 Health Facilities across the Province have been refurbished within time, budget and scope to be ready for Covid 19. 152 local Small Micro & Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) benefitted to the tune of R47.5 million rands spent. Among those Health Facilities is the Knessie Knight hospital which was renovated, the bringing back to life of Sir Henry Hospital in Mthatha, the conversion of Livingstone Hospital underground parking to Covid wards, the resurrection of Dora Nginza's four (4) dilapidated buildings into Covid wards. 2029 beds have been yielded so far. 26

The department has also, through its planning, design by in house teams, gone on a maintenance drive of state owned facilities into suitable office space. The Botha Sigcau building in Mthatha, a second floor is converted into office space, ablution facilities in the building are being restored, lifts have been fitted and fire detectors, cables and air conditioning system will be fitted. Work is being done in Tyamzashe building, Provincial legislature houses, we have acquired FNB Bhisho for office space, the ECDC building is currently being refurbished.

To reduce lease expenditure, the department is looking into using State Accommodation and has built a green building office complex in Aliwal North, which has been renamed Themba Kojana Office Park, to house Provincial departments, the Komani Office complex, renamed Batandwa Ndondo Office Park and the ex-Mary Theressa Hospital named after Thobile Bam Office Park. The department plans to build the Addo Cluster Offices and Port St Johns Cluster Offices. In this financial year, the department has committed to build Artisan Development and Training Centre in Makhanda, Mqanduli Cluster Offices, EMaxesibeni Cluster offices to move offices from Kokstad. The Bhisho Office Precinct is also inline.

“The development of One-Stop centres at district level is aimed at providing office space in an optimal manner for provincial departments. This will allow for ease of access for all the needs of the people.” said HOD Thandolwethu Manda

The department has made minor strides in the transformation of the Property Sector and introduced new entrants. Out of the 32 advertised Sate Assets for development ,14 have been awarded. The department has also introduced three (3) new entrants as landlords in the leasing portfolio, 100% black owned, two (2) are young people and one (1) is a female.

The department has since appointed a service provider to develop Amatola Sun Hotel which is now owned by the State. The department will generate approximately R1 million rand a month as revenue generation of which after 99 years the department will generate a revenue of approximately R1.2 billion rands.

The department has since launched its Provincial Chapter of the Operation Bring Back the land under the #Mazibuye.” This is a clarion call to all citizens to come forward with any knowledge of any illegal transactions that might have happened. To report any cases kindly email us at OBB@ecdpw.gov.za or whatsapp us at 063 698 7825 and toll free number 0800 864 951. The department has created more than 2990 work opportunities through the implementation of its EPWP flagship programmes. 160 SMMEs are in the ICDP database of which 26 (18 youth, six (6) women) have been sub -contracted in response to Covid-19 pandemic. The department created 1000 Youth Brigade opportunities in this Covid year and the department has won the Batho Pele Service Excellence Awards.

The Hon MEC in the last financial year had pronounced a decision to provide support for technical drawing material and Graphic Design Laboratories for technical Schools in Alfred Nzo District as part of the Modern Day M-Plan. The programme was launched at Cangci Technical High School (THS) and will be rolled out in the coming financial year to other technical schools in the following Districts:

- Putadechaba Technical High in Matatiele
- Mount Ayliff Comprehensive Technical High;
- Oliver Tambo Comprehensive Technical School in Mbizana; and
- Mfazwe Technical High School in Ntabankulu, the only technical school that provides training on welding in Alfred Nzo where the MEC will be handing over a technical Workshop.

The department is also proud to announce the continuation of Mxolisi Majombozi bursary to 31 bursary holders who are in different tertiary schools studying towards technical subjects in the Real Estate and Built sector. The department has since produced 16 Candidate Professionals who will be assisted to be Registered Professionals through the department t approved Professional Skills Development Strategy.

The department will also establish the Provincial Infrastructure Management Office (PIMO) to provide and augment the required internal capacity.

