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GEORGE Manyike engaged with residents of rural villages on Monday, 28 November.

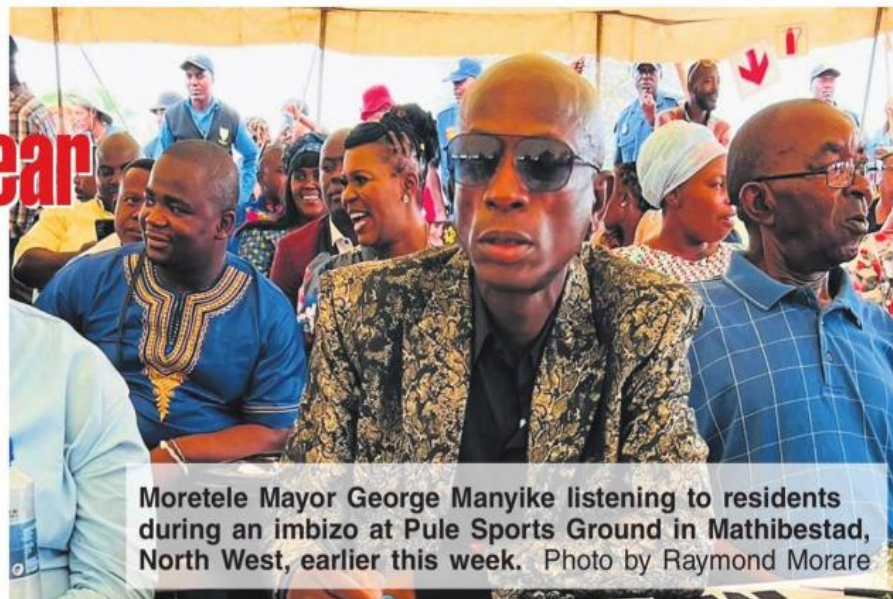
The mayor of Moretele Municipality, North West, hosted an imbizo to provide a platform for villagers to speak about the service delivery challenges they faced.

The municipality also gave residents feedback on the Klipdrift Water Project and plans to deal with the water shortage, fix roads, as well as create job opportunities through local economic development and investment.

Manyike said that everyone must work hard for the community and not just for themselves.

"We have problems with water and our roads are in a bad state, especially during the rainy season," he said.

The mayor said that the residents should report electricity problems to Eskom.



Moretele Mayor George Manyike listening to residents during an imbizo at Pule Sports Ground in Mathibestad, North West, earlier this week. Photo by Raymond Morare

Manyike appealed to residents not to burn tar roads and destroy infrastructure when they have problems.

He said that there was also a problem with people stealing cables, which was putting service delivery at risk.

He said that the municipality had 16 trucks providing water to different areas,

and his priority was to make sure things improved in the area. "We don't want people to push wheelbarrows to

fetch water. We have water reticulation and yard taps," he said.

Manyike said that some areas in the municipality had bore holes and he had submitted a programme to the public works department to fix roads.

Bishop Phillip Rankapola from Mathibestad said: "For the past 10 years, we have been asking for a hall in our ward."

Mogogelo resident Charles Mohlongo said many residents had to walk long distances to fetch water.

"There are also not enough maintenance teams in our area," he said.

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