

MAYOR LAUNCHES A R40 MILLION STREET PAVING PROJECT

Mayor Maripe Mangena today, 5 February 2021 launched a project to pave internal streets in Nkambako Village. The Mayor said that the 6.1 km street paving project will be for 12 months and will cost R40 million.

Mayor Mangena said residents of Nkambako, and surrounding communities will benefit from subcontracts and labour-intensive jobs. The project will run from Risaba via Mnisi to Shando Driving School.

A minimum of 116 workers will be employed in the project. The workers will be paid the EPWP rate of R170 a day and that will change to R180 a day from July 2021.

According to the Preferential Procurement Regulations requirements, 30% of the contract must go to subcontractors.

The Mayor said that he was happy that a local contractor was appointed to the project. "The appointment of local contractors is good for the growth of local businesses and the local economy," said the Mayor.

Mangena said subcontracting will help local construction companies to improve their grading and be able to take bigger projects in the future.

Ward Councillor for Ward 5, Jele Ngobeni said "Honestly speaking I am very happy because my people will get access to smooth traveling, especially taxis."

Ngobeni said that unemployment will drop in the ward due to the project.

In addition, Ngobeni said that the project will improve accessibility and that learners will be able to go to school during rainy seasons because of the two bridges at Mackery and Maweni villages.

Mbanga Trading is the appointed contractor and Botshabelo was appointed as the consulting engineer for the project.

The Mayor will launch three similar projects next week at N'wamitwa Village, Mandlakazi Village, and Pharare Village.