



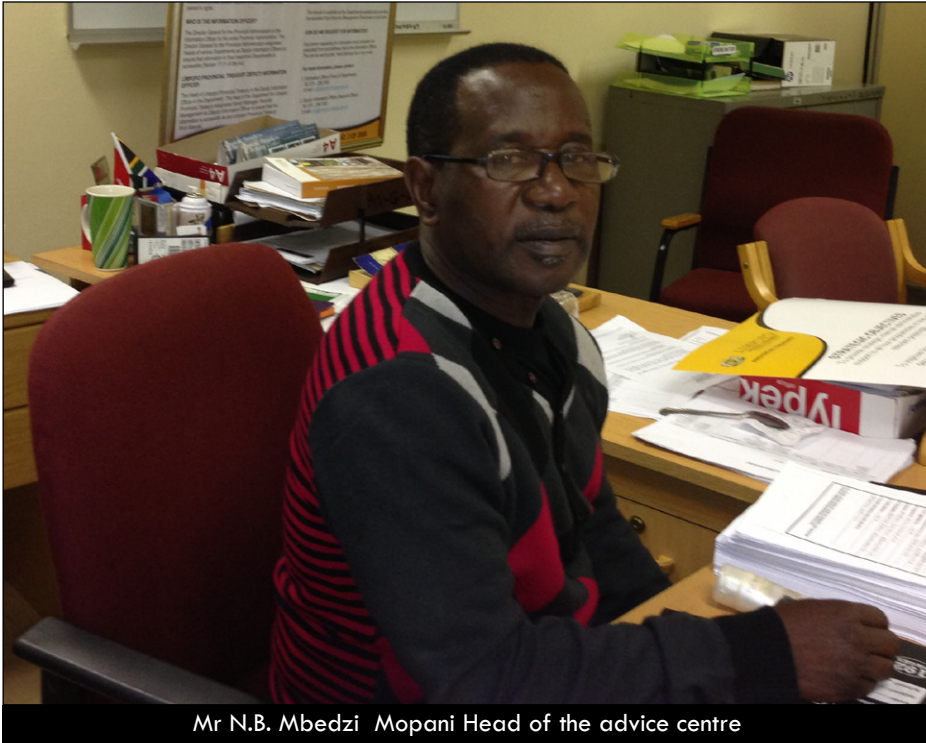
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Mr N.B. Mbedzi Mopani Head of the advice centre

Changing the lives of the people in the province

Giyani-The Mopani SCM Tender Advice Centre (TAC) is one of the tender advice centres under LPT. The seat of the centre is in Giyani Government complex and the TAC is responsible for servicing the five local municipalities within Mopani municipal district area. The purpose of the TAC's is to render advice on procurement to SMME's in the districts by distributing bid documents and co-ordinate Supply Chain Management capacity building in the districts. Its role is to assist bidders with tendering information, processes and procedures. "Our centre has two cashiers who help bidders with tender documents sales and issuing of tender bulletins to the public. There are also four officials who are responsible for assisting the bidders with information on bidding with government and the completion of bidding documents" the TAC manager Mr. Mbedzi said.

LPT Head Office is responsible for bulletins printing and all sector departments advertise their tenders in the departmental weekly tender bulletin that are issued every Friday. The tender bulletins are free of charge and are distributed to various satellite offices within the district. They are also forwarded to bidders who submitted their e-mail addresses. This then reduces a lot of travelling and it is

cost effective since it is making it quicker to disseminate information to the potential bidders.

On an annual basis during March month, all TAC's through Ms. Betty Malope, the Senior Manager for SCM TACs submit event calendars with a schedule of workshops to Communication Services for the whole financial year. "We conduct two workshops in a month in various municipalities. Other than workshops we also conduct Seminars once a year in each district where we target potential bidders from various sectors. Speakers or presenters are invited from other institutions like SEDA, LEDA, SARS, SIRA, CIDB etc. We are also participating to workshops

and seminars organized by other departments when they invite us." Mbedzi said.

The TAC services are able to reach far deep rural areas and they are making a positive impact in the lives of people in Mopani District. They work very close with all local municipalities in the district. "We also participate in the annual Batho-Pele events which are organized by the Office of the Premier. In collaboration with Communication Services the TAC conducts exhibitions and market LPT during public participation programs or EXCO meets the people" Mbedzi added.

"Our TAC is stimulating the economy of Limpopo. There many companies from Mopani

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district that have been awarded tenders in various departments and municipalities e.g. security tenders, constructions and the general supplies etc.” he told RIFUMO NEWS.

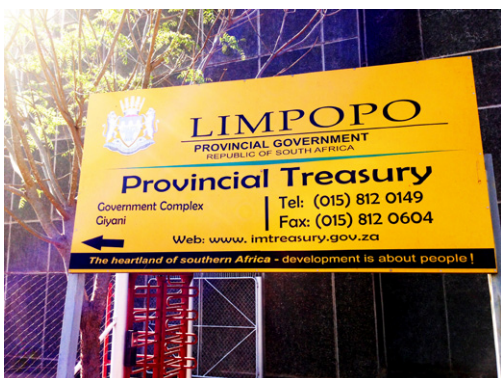
In 2006/2007 financial year, Mopani SCM TAC was awarded the Best Institution Team Certificate and the Best Service Delivery Team Award in 2007/2008. In the same year (2007/2008) financial year, Mopani TAC scooped the Provincial the Best Innovative Team Award.



“We are doing everything in our power to improve the lives of people with information that changes lives. However, we are also experiencing a lot of challenges. Our office is running without cleaner(s) from the year they were introduced. In our centre, there is one telephone extension. We have been operating without a fax line for years. We rely on other departments for assistance. What a laughing stock. Our TAC is operating with a small budget which is impeding us to reach all the areas within the Mopani District. We are



We are doing everything in our power to improve the lives of people



Mrs. Budeli Azwithehewi Vhembe Head of advice centre

Serving at least four local municipal areas

Thohoyandou-The Vhembe SCM Tender Advice Centre seat is in Thohoyandou Government complex serving at least four local municipal areas under Vhembe District Municipal area. In terms of challenges Vhembe SCM TAC is confronted with serious Budget constraints. ‘We are unable to cover some rural areas. Cooperation between municipality and sector departments still remains a challenge when it comes to the mobilization of potential bidders to our workshops because some of our partners, including councillors politicize some of our workshops” Budeli said.

Budeli told RIFUMO NEWS that “there are no cleaner(s) in our TAC. No internet facility or network connection and we are unable to send or receive e-mails even our own RIFUMO NEWS. There is no landline, fax facility and colleagues or the departmental foot-soldiers are not even given airtime. It is only the manager who has R500.00 monthly allocation. How do we make an impact? Unfortunately, our Senior Manager for SCM TACs Ms. Betty Malope who has a tacit knowledge of our work on the ground does not decide or allocate resources for us to be efficient and effective. She is equally frustrated.

We cannot continue and consistently scavenge on the resources of other sister departments that are generally expected to take notes from LPT. It’s really pathetic for the TAC, and we are representing Provincial Treasury in this part of the province. “An additional GG vehicle (sedan) and upgrading of computer systems and laptops, disposal of old items or assets like dilapidated furniture are long overdue.

The contracts for the casual labourers with records management expertise have not been renewed whilst the Record management post remains vacant” she said. “Thank you so much RIFUMO NEWS for visiting us. Drive safely, Arrive Alive” Budeli concluded. During 2008/09 financial year Vhembe TAC was scooped The Second Best Institution SCM Advice Centre and 2007/08 Best Service Delivery Team Departmental Award.



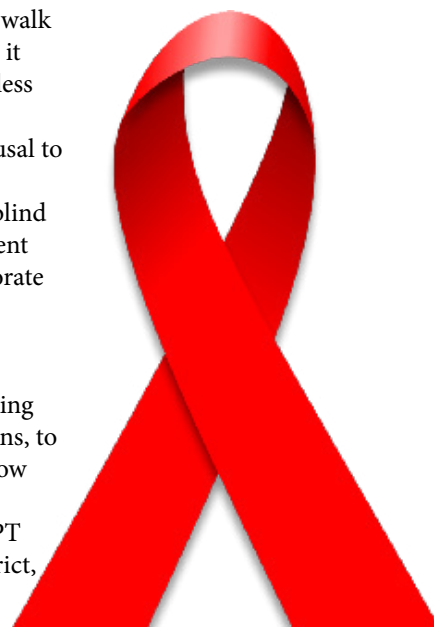
Being infected with HIV it’s not a death sentence!!!

Whether we ignore it or not, HIV is affecting our every walk of life. This is because it is destroying family structures; it is leaving large numbers of orphans and it also making less money available for annual increases. HIV has become successful because of stigma and our ignorance and refusal to understand, and it currently has the upper hand. But fortunate enough, the government is not putting a blind eye on this. The Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) together with the transformation services directorate has organised an integrated provincial peer counsellor’s workshop.

Officials are guided on how to create a stigma free working environment, to organise and present educational seasons, to motivate attitudinal and behaviour change amongst fellow colleagues and to offer support.

The department has identified peer counsellors in all LPT offices. To locate a peer counsellor in your office or district, kindly contact Ms Ivy Malekutu on 015 291 8574.

By Tukisho Serite



Financial Accountability

In our last edition, RIFUMO NEWS promised to publish the remaining presentations made at the financial fundamentals workshop. The Financial Accounting directorate consists of three sub-directorates namely Credit Management, Payroll Management and Revenue. The mandate of credit management is drawn from the PFMA, Treasury Regulations, Financial Transversal Policy, the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) and Persal and BAS notices. The purpose of the sub-directorate is to manage the expenditure within LPT. The main objectives are to pay creditors, subsistence and travel to staff, revenue into Provincial exchequer and prepare monthly requisitions for funds.

According to Mushweu, the use of incorrect allocations, delay of invoice certification, non-compliance with procurement processes and late submission of stay and travel claims are common challenges for capturing and authorization. "Although the functions of Pay Roll Management (PRM) are broad and individual based, the HRM, GITO, SCM and Record Management are key sections that play a critical role in the activities of PRM." Mushweu said.

The general challenges that LPT is confronted with includes the non-collection and/or return of payroll certificates, late submission of payroll certificates, late submissions of claims, direct submission of fuel claims to PRM and transport sub-section, submission of fuel claims older than 3 months, non-adherence to the usage of prescribed forms e.g. fuel claims and non-collection of IRP 5 certificates.

On revenue and debt management, Mushweu said "the collection of departmental revenue and recovery of departmental debt are key performance areas respectively. The types of debt are salary overpayment, salary tax debt, advances on salary, overpayment on service bonuses, repayment of fruitless expenditure, etc." On cash management "the provisioning of bookkeeping and bank reconciliation are key performance areas and the following are outputs. Clearance of suspense accounts, monthly closure of books and year-end closure" he said.

Other challenges that concerns Financial Accounting directorate are "late communication on cancellation of tenders, supply of tender documents, and general late submission of audit information, supporting



Mushweu R
Senior Manager
Financial Accounting

documents, overdue debts and debt consent forms." Mushweu added.

The departmental auxiliary service is found wanting on collection of scrap paper and empty containers, parking and PAIA documents. On subsidized vehicles and accidents, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and auctioning of obsolete stock, the SCM should pull its socks up. The directorate has a responsibility to coordinate audits with the Auditor General and Internal Audit as well.

Departmental Heritage Day

Heritage Day is a South African public holiday celebrated on the 24 September, on this day South Africans across spectrum are encouraged to celebrate their culture, their beliefs and traditions as a nation that belongs together.

Internal Audit hosted their Heritage day event on the 20th of September 2013. Colleagues came together to celebrate the day wearing different traditional clothing.

During the event they elected the best male and female dresser, Mr JJ Seerane rendered a speech. In his speech he mentioned that living heritage is the foundation of most communities and essential source of identity and continuity amongst our people (Treasurer) being the bearers of high degree of knowledge about life in general.

"What I found in common from these interpretations is that, there is reclaim, protection, preservation and that heritage is multi-pronged i.e. ecological (wild life and forestry), traditional (rooted ways of life, cultural norms and standards). In conclusion, he mentioned that Heritage month presents us with a unique opportunity to create a platform for all our communities to unite and celebrate our diverse indigenous cultures.

Colleagues were treated to mouth-watering traditional food that included

- Mopani Worms
- Muxe(Morogo)
- Ox-Tripe
- Samp
- Sour Pap

By Mulalo Nemutudi





House Keeping

Corruption

What is Corruption?

Corruption is the unlawful, intentional giving / offer to give any benefit not legally due in circumstances where there is a prohibition or any offer or acceptance of such benefits, in return for a commission or an act in relation to certain powers or duties.

Different types of corruption:

- Abuse of Government resources
- Failure to comply with rules and regulations
- Misuse or abuse of property
- Favouritism and nepotism
- Conflict of interest
- Abuse of privileged information
- Fraud, theft and bribery
- Abuse of sick leave
- Abuse of power
- Extortion and forgery etc.

Impact of corruption:

Corruption threatens the stability and security of societies. It undermines the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice. It jeopardizes sustainable development and the rule of Law. It robs our citizen, the poor and vulnerable and also those more fortunate, of the services and benefits of our Government.

What is fraud?

It is an unlawful and intentional making of a misrepresentation resulting in actual or potential prejudice to another.

Different types of fraud:

- Misappropriation of assets
- Suppression of or omission of the effects of transaction from records / documents
- Recording of transactions without substance
- Misappropriation of accounting policies

Please report the above to departmental Security and Investigation Services directorate @ 015 298 7196 or Head of Department @ 015 298 7176 or Director General Office (Office of the Premier) @ 015 287 6000 or alternative National Public Service Anti-Corruption Hotline @ 0800 701 701

By Security and Investigation Services Directorate.

Did you know?

Did you know?

85% of plant life is found in the ocean.

Did you know?

The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds

Did you know?

Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) - provides poverty and income relief through temporary work for the unemployed. EPWP includes the Home-Based Community Care and Food for Waste Programmes.

Did you know?

Birds need gravity to swallow.

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MISSION

To provide ethical, consultative and people focused services through sound financial Management, including attaining and maintaining effective financial resources management

VISION

To be the best provincial Fund Raiser, Allocator, Monitor, Manager and Evaluator of the public finance for socio-economic development in South Africa

"We are the best in what we do"