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MEC MAHOAI TABLES R95 BILLION BUDGET



The MEC for Finance, Mr Kgabo Mahoai has tabled a whopping R95.856 Billion Limpopo Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year at Lebowakgomo Legislature, which is pro-infrastructure focused. The delivery of the Provincial Budget follows the State of the Province Address whereby Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has outlined key achievements and commitments to the people of the province.

MEC Kgabo Mahoai said:, *“After the State of the Province Address, the people of Limpopo's hopes are high. The Premier spoke with clarity about where this province must go and what government must do to reach the destination: the provincial economy must grow, jobs must be created, opportunities must reach all our people, roads must be fixed and infrastructure affected by floods must be rebuilt”.*

Furthermore, MEC emphasised that the pronouncements should be converted into action, as they constitute government programme of action. Late last year, Limpopo Provincial Treasury held budget hearings, wherein departments were grouped into clusters, to bid for the budget needs towards achievements of their mandates, improve service delivery and financial accountability as per Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

In his address to the august house, MEC for Finance, alluded that despite the war in the middle east and geopolitical tensions, all departments are hopeful that their allocations are increased from the previous year and ensure that promises of the SOPA are fully funded and the little resources in the provincial purse are shared.



For 2026/2027 financial year, the provincial budget which is at a staggering R95.856 billion is from provincial equitable share, conditional grant, and provincial own revenue at 83.1 %, 14.5% and 2.4% respectively. The 2026/27 total budget allocation has been allocated to departments and entities as follows:

- **Department of Education – R45.821 billion or (47.8 percent);**
- **Health - R28.684 billion (29.9 percent);**
- **Department of Social Development – R2.476 billion (2.6 percent);**
- **Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure and Road Agency Limpopo – R6.474 billion (6.8 percent);**
- **Department of Transport and Community Safety and Gateway Airport Authority Limited (GAAL) - R3.187 billion (3.3 percent);**
- **Agriculture and Rural Development – R1.998 billion (2.1 percent);**
- **Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism and its entities, Limpopo Economic Development, Agency (LEDA), Limpopo Tourism Agency and Limpopo Gambling Board – R1.814 billion (1.9 percent);**
- **Department of Sport, Arts and Culture – R852.902 million (0.9 percent);**
- **Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs - R2.583 billion (2.7 percent);**
- **Limpopo Legislature - R755.469 million (0.8 percent);**
- **Office of the Premier – R653.531 million (0.7 percent); and**
- **Limpopo Provincial Treasury – R557.930 million (0.5 percent).**

MEC Mahoai pointed out that the provincial spending trajectory is strictly guided by a cluster approach, which will ensure that every rand spent moves closer to the strategic priorities of the Limpopo Development Plan (LDP).

He said that LPD framework ensures that financial resources are directed effectively towards inclusive economic growth, poverty reduction and the building of a capable, ethical state. In addition, aligning budget with the LDP, is fostering inter-departmental collaboration to maximize development impact and improve the quality of life for all residents.





LIMPOPO PREMIER EMPHASISES PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT POST-BUDGET GALA DINNER

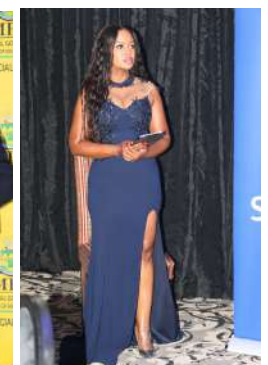
Limpopo Premier Phophi Ramathuba delivered a compelling and forward-looking address at a post-Budget Gala Dinner held at Fusion Boutique Hotel in Polokwane. The event followed the tabling of a R95.8 billion provincial budget by the MEC for Finance at the Limpopo Legislature.

In her address, Premier Ramathuba highlighted that budgets extend beyond financial figures, serving as reflections of societal priorities and future aspirations. *“Budgets are not merely about numbers, but about choices and priorities. Behind every figure lies a vision of the future we wish to build,”* said Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba.

She emphasised that the provincial budget is not solely a government instrument, but a shared commitment among stakeholders. According to the Premier, the budget represents what she termed *“social contract”* between government, the business sector and the people of Limpopo. The gala dinner brought together key stakeholders, including members of academia, the business community, and representatives from Standard Bank of South Africa.



As part of a panel discussion aimed at kick-starting impact driven budget implementation to improve service delivery within the current geopolitical context, Ms Christel Grobler from Standard Bank of South Africa delivered a presentation on macroeconomics analysis. The province of Limpopo’s economy is anchored by among others mining, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing.



Representing the business sector, Dr Jeleni Albert presented on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. He indicated key compelling factors where government must create a conducive environment for creating jobs. From the academic field, Professor Siphon Mokoena of the Turfloop Graduate School of Leadership also contributed to the discussions. The panel concluded with an engaging discussion and questions from participants, focusing on how the budget can be optimally utilized in an effective and efficient manner to enhance service delivery. Mr Makgalemele from business sector' emphasised that government must not rely on the procurement opportunities only but engage more on alternative way on submitting creative and innovative proposal to assist government in job creation as per Provincial priorities.

In addition, the Premier noted that the true value of the budget lies in its implementation and real-world impact. She encouraged open dialogue around critical question on how provincial resources can best be utilised to stimulate growth, how to balance economic expansion with essential social services and how to ensure that public spending leads to job creation and improved livelihoods.

A central focus of the 2026/2027 Provincial budget is infrastructure development, which is a key driver of economic transformation. Limpopo Premier pointed out that investments in roads, energy, water, and digital connectivity are essential to unlocking economic potential. Furthermore, she stated that to accelerate development, the province is increasingly exploring strategic partnerships with the private sector, particularly through Public-Private Partnerships.

Addressing the challenge of jobless growth, where economic expansion does not translate into employment, Premier Ramathuba underscored the importance of initiatives such as the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone (MMSEZ). She confirmed that the long-anticipated project is now progressing, with construction activities already underway.



While construction is expected to create short-term employment opportunities, Ramathuba stressed that the long-term success of the zone will depend on its ability to attract industries that generate sustainable jobs and strengthen local value chains. She further highlighted the need for measurable outcomes in infrastructure projects, including job creation, participation of local businesses and MSMEs, and tangible community benefits.

Concluding her address, Ramathuba reflected on the concerns of ordinary residents, particularly those in rural communities. She noted that citizens want clear answers about how budget allocations translate into services such as roads, healthcare, and education. Communities, she said, expect to see visible progress where funds have been committed.

“Limpopo stands at an important moment in its development journey. Government has laid the foundation, business must help build the structure, and communities must occupy and sustain it,” she concluded.



MEC MAHOAI ENGAGES BLACK MANAGEMENT FORUM POST-BUDGET DIALOGUE



MEC Mahoai is confident that the participation of business leaders provides valuable insight into the conditions required to stimulate investment, as well as the barriers that may hinder economic growth. Economists contribute by evaluating the credibility and sustainability of fiscal decisions, while academics offer research-driven perspectives that deepen the quality of discussions. Government, in turn, is afforded the opportunity to account for its policy choices while also listening to constructive input from stakeholders.

MEC believes that at the heart of the dialogue is the importance of alignment, which strengthens coordination between policy formulation and implementation. *“Platforms like this help build trust across sectors. They also sharpen a collective focus on key priorities such as job creation, economic inclusion, and improved service delivery,”* said MEC Kgabo Mahoai.

Limpopo MEC for Finance, Mr Kgabo Mahoai has addressed leaders from across sectors in Thohoyandou, Vhembe District for the Black Management Forum Post-Budget Dialogue, a strategic platform designed to foster collaboration and critical engagement on the provincial budget. The dialogue brings together key stakeholders, including the private sector, economists, academics, traditional leaders, and government representatives. This convergence of perspectives reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that budget priorities are not only well-articulated but

also grounded in practical realities. *“This kind of engagements matters. They are vital in moving the budget beyond a policy document into a framework that is tested against lived experiences. Within this space, ideas are interrogated and policy priorities are measured against the expectations and needs of communities and industries on the ground,”* stated MEC Kgabo Mahoai.

Ultimately, the significance of the Post-Budget Dialogue lies in its ability to foster shared responsibility. It is through collaborative platforms like the Black Management Forum that stakeholders can work together to ensure that the provincial budget translates into meaningful and tangible outcomes for the people of Limpopo.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY – TRANSLATING CONSTITUTIONAL PROMISES INTO QUALITY SERVICES



The Limpopo Provincial Government commemorated Human Rights Day on the 21 March 2026, at Bakenburg Stadium, emphasizing the theme *“The Bill of Rights at 30: Making Human Rights Real.”*

MEC for Finance, Mr Kgabo Mahoai who spoke on behalf of Limpopo Premier stated that making rights real means translating constitutional promises into tangible services like clinics, safe streets, quality schools, and dignified work.

MEC Mahoai highlighted the importance of remembering the Sharpeville Massacre and the struggle for human rights,

while also acknowledging the ongoing challenges of unemployment, poverty, and gender-based violence. Mahoai urged the youth to fight against gender-based violence and femicide, emphasizing that human rights are not just something to read about, but must be lived through choices and actions. MEC Mahoai emphasised that Human Rights Day 2026, coincides with the commemoration of the 1956 Women’s March to the Union Buildings and 30 years of the adoption of democratic Constitution.

“Human Rights Day is rooted in the painful history of Sharpeville in 1960, when peaceful protesters were killed for demanding a basic human right - the right to move freely without pass laws. The Sharpeville Massacre remains a permanent reminder that rights can be denied by law, enforced by bullets and justified by an unjust state,” stated MEC Mahoai. *“It is important that we remember this, especially here in Mogalakwena - an area with its own history of resistance and courage. This community has produced heroes and heroines who refused to accept oppression as normal. We honour the likes of Thabo Makunyane, Nelson Diale and many other men and women who carried the burden of struggle so that we could carry the promise of democracy. Their message to us is clear: human rights were not donated; they were demanded and defended,”* MEC highlighted.

Wrapping up his speech, MEC Kgabo Mahoai, encouraged young people to use democracy with purpose and reject tribalism, while promoting social cohesion and the spirit of Ubuntu.



LPT ENGAGEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE

In line with Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Limpopo Provincial Treasury is required to engage municipalities on their budgeting and assess performance in an effort to build capacity. Empowered by Section 72 of the MFMA states that the accounting officer must assess the municipality's performance during the first half of the financial year.

The Limpopo Provincial Treasury's Municipal Finance held high level discussions with municipalities to assess their performance and service delivery initiatives in line with financial and non-financial governance.

The engagements started on the 4 February until the 20 February 2026.

The team was led by Deputy Director General for Sustainable Resource Management, Ms Portia Semenya, on a robust discussion in an effort to improve municipal service delivery, assist with measures on curbing any irregularities and improve audit outcomes. Municipalities were assessed individually through progress reports in line with key priorities.



This was a collaborative effort with the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism and Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent.

Deputy Director General, Ms Portia Semenya encouraged municipalities to work towards improving service delivery to communities. Ms Semenya encouraged municipalities that it is possible to achieve a clean audit and must not shy away from learning from municipalities that are performing well in governance.







2026 AUDIT COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INDUCTION WORKSHOP



The Limpopo Provincial Treasury, led by MEC for Finance, Mr Kgabo Mahoi, and HoD, Mr Gavin Pratt, attended the Audit Committee Annual Strategic Planning and Induction Workshop in Bolivia Lodge. The MEC for Finance, in consultation with EXCO, has appointed Audit Committee members for a three-year contract, effective from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.



The Limpopo Provincial Treasury, through the Provincial Accountant General Office led by Acting PAG, Ms Dikeledi Thindisa, arranged the workshop to ensure that newly appointed Audit Committee members are well conversant with their key deliverables, including oversight on public financial reporting & compliance, internal and external audit outcomes, risk management and internal controls, compliance with legislation and prescripts as well consequence management and ethical governance.



In attendance were Heads of Departments, LPT Chief Audit Executive Team, Audit Committee Chairpersons and members, Auditor General South Africa, Chief Risk Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Heads of Internal Control and Government Information Technology Officers.



The leadership of Treasury warmly welcomed all newly appointed Committee Members and requested them to be independent, promote good governance, and be the protectors of the future for moving Limpopo Province forward.



Presentations were done by key stakeholders such as the Institute of Directors South Africa, where attendees were encouraged to be custodians of ethical leadership and financial discipline in the Public Service. The Auditor General of South Africa Team presented on the 2024/25 PFMA Audit outcomes, key challenges identified during audits, they also shared the culture shift they are implementing for the Province while giving Progress on the implementation of the Public Audit Act (material irregularity).

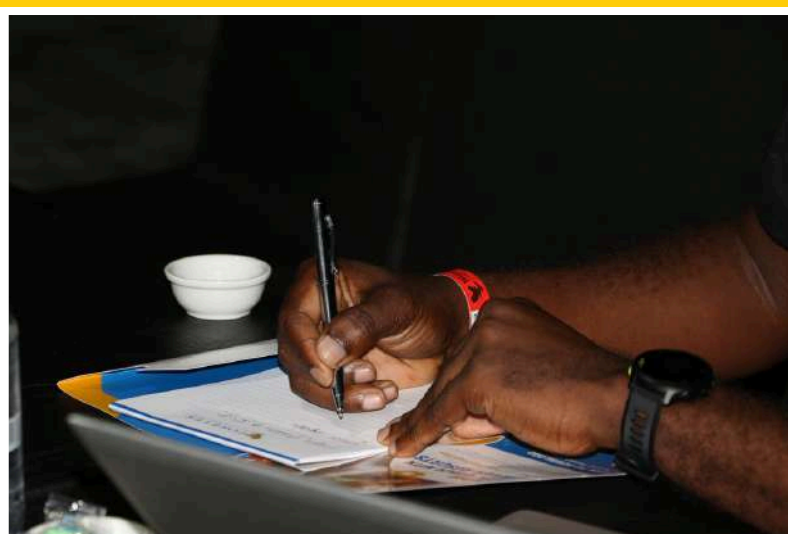




LIMPOPO TREASURY HOSTS STRATEGIC BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE FORUM IN BELA-BELA

They have reported that Limpopo Provincial Government had 11 Material Irregularities and has since resolved 8 and the balance is in progress. They also commended the province for its sterling work on audit outcomes improvement, with appreciation for the support from Limpopo Provincial Treasury. The Chief Audit Executive, Mr Moss Tshitangano, presented on the progress of the Combined Assurance Model Implementation and emphasised that planning is key to achieving set targets. The Office of the Premier gave a high level presentation on Limpopo Development Plan and its progress to date. The high level Provincial Risk Profile was also shared with members and attendees engaged fully to understand the set targets of LDP with annual performance plans. The Acting Provincial Accountant General, Ms Dikeledi Thindisa led the presentation from LPT on key protocol documents that Audit Committee Members must be well conversant to render their services fully. Breakaway sessions were led by Cluster Audit Committee chairperson where Departments presented executive summary on the mandate, objectives, programmes, challenges and interventions planned. AC Members also shared their expectations as they will be engaging the departments for the coming quarters. The Central Audit Committee Chairperson made a high-level summation of the workshop, reminding Audit Committee Members that their appointment is not ceremonial and that all hands should be on deck in terms of advisory roles they will be providing.

She appreciated the robust engagements displayed in the session and encouraged them to be independent and relevant at all times. In his closing remarks, the HoD for LPT, Mr Gavin Pratt, thanked all attendees for their full participation during the two-day workshop and assured them of continuous support from the department. He emphasized the importance of full attendance from Audit Committee Members and requested them to thoroughly prepare and engage Accounting Officers during their quarterly meetings. He implored all stakeholders to work together for the best of the Province.





PULL QUOTE (BUDGET)



Support to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

“Through continuous monitoring and support by Limpopo Provincial Treasury, progress has been recorded. Procurement spending with Limpopo-based suppliers increased from 35% in December 2024 to 47% in December 2025. There have also been improvements in procurement directed to businesses owned by women and youth but hope to improve on the people with disabilities as well as military veterans. We believe this will continue to strengthen job creation in our province.”

Improved audit outcomes

“As alluded to by the Premier in her State of the Province Address, our provincial audit outcomes for the 2024/25 financial year were quite outstanding. These achievements reflect credible financials, strong controls, and full legislative compliance, thanks to dedicated Executive Authorities, Accounting Officers, Chief Financial Officers, and their respective teams. Our Clean Audit Improvement Strategy continues to yield 7 better results by strengthening accountability, controls, leadership, and oversight to build on this momentum.”

Revenue enhancement improvement

“The Provincial Treasury, together with the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism and the Limpopo Gambling Board, is actively exploring the legalisation of online gambling as a strategic initiative to generate essential provincial revenue that will support departments and public entities in achieving these targets while continuing to incentivize those that exceed the set target.”

Municipal Support to address Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure (UIFWe)

“We shall continue to ensure collaboration between Provincial Treasury and the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) in strengthening support for all municipalities in reducing Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure (UIFWe). This will be achieved through close monitoring of compliance and enforcement of relevant prescripts by municipalities, and by holding officials and councillors involved accountable through consequence management. Part of this support will be to capacitate and monitor the functionality and effectiveness of Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPACs) and Municipal Misconduct Boards. Provincial Treasury is committed to value for money in public funds spent on projects intended for basic service delivery.”



LPT STRENGTHENS SUPPORT FOR MSMES ACROSS THE PROVINCE



The Limpopo Provincial Treasury (LPT) continues to play a pivotal role in capacitating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and tools to successfully do business with government.

Through a dedicated Supply Chain Management (SCM) Client Support Directorate, the department has been rolling out training workshops across all five districts of Limpopo. These sessions are designed to assist suppliers in understanding procurement requirements, correctly completing Standard Bidding Documents, and effectively navigating the Central Supplier Database (CSD) for submitting Requests for Quotations.

Given that Limpopo is the third-largest province in South Africa, with more than 85,000 suppliers registered on the CSD, the importance of such initiatives cannot be overstated. LPT has emphasised the need to accelerate supplier development to ensure broader participation in government procurement opportunities.

Encouragingly, these capacity-building efforts are yielding measurable results. Procurement spending on Limpopo-based suppliers has increased significantly from 35% in December 2024 to 47% in December 2025, indicating improved local economic participation and empowerment.



Training sessions have been conducted across multiple districts, reaching a wide range of communities. In the Mopani District, workshops were held in Lulekani and The Oaks. The Sekhukhune District hosted sessions in Fetakgomo-Tubatse and Mabintane, while the Capricorn District reached suppliers in Polokwane (Westernburg) and Mashashane.

In the Waterberg District, a targeted “Women in Mining” session was hosted at Mapela Tribal Authority hall, highlighting efforts to support gender inclusion in key economic sectors. Meanwhile, the Vhembe District engagement took place at the Collins Chabane Council Chamber.

These initiatives reflect the Limpopo Provincial Treasury’s ongoing commitment to empowering local businesses, strengthening compliance, and ensuring that government procurement contributes meaningfully to inclusive economic growth across the province.



LPT EXPOSE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK ENVIRONMENT

Limpopo Provincial Treasury has welcomed yet another cohort of young girls as part of the Techno Girl programme to expose them to the work environment. The eight girls from four various schools in the province, will participate in an innovative programme for a period of three-year.



During a welcome ceremony, attended also attended by parents and teachers, Mr Avhatakali Mavhandu, Deputy Director responsible for Gender Focal Point and Diversity Management pointed out that the Techno Girl should not be confused with A Take-A-Girl-Child-To-Work programme.

“This is a UNESCO initiative and implemented by the National Department of Basic Education with the aim of exposing a girl child to the work environment, where they will be doing job shadowing in various units within the department.



They will be doing coming to our department during school holidays. Limpopo Provincial Treasury is the first department to implement the programme,” said Mr Mavhandu.

The team is the third cohort to enter the massive initiative. This programme was recognised at the Departmental Service Excellence Awards with a Silver Awards for Best Service Delivery Project.

Parents and teachers weighed in their appreciation to the department for implementing the programme. They wished them well and emphasised that they must always show the ethos of respect and gain knowledge, throughout their period they spent at the department.

Both Ms Moloko Manabalala and Ms Mixo Makhubele echoed the same sentiments that the girls must take the opportunity with both hands. They highlighted that they should consider themselves highly favoured by the Lord Almighty because they are many girls out there who wish they could have formed part of this exciting initiative, and they should consider it as a calling.





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SARS has collected **R2,010 trillion**,
for the 2025/26 financial year,
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