

## **FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR**

2011/2012 has been a hectic financial year for the municipality, with the inception of the new Council on 11 May 2011 with just under 2(two) months towards the end of the 2010/2011 financial year. However, the municipality had to continue to strive towards achieving its objectives, as stipulated in Section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and also carry out its functions as stated in Section 84 (2) of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998.

The new Council accepted the 2011/2012 Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the Budget as well as the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP), as adopted by the outgoing Tokologo Municipal Council.

All, if not most of the challenges that come up in this 2011/2012 Annual Report, are those that the municipality has been faced with for the past financial years, specifically with reference to the delivery of basic service in the form of clean drinkable water, sanitation, refuse removal and electricity. The point of concern is rather the quantity of the basic services to be rendered and at some instances also the quality, as it is the case with our internal roads.

The municipality recognizes the priority placed on the eradication of buckets and has fought tooth and nail to secure funds to complete the Boshof-Seretse sewer network infrastructure. Business plans and technical services reports have been submitted and progress followed up on a continuous basis. This crisis has also been reported on through the various monitoring and evaluation forum meetings in which the relevant sector departments and the municipality took part.

Considering the state of our yellow fleet, there is nothing else but to wonder at how possible it was for the municipality to render basic services, with emphasis laid on daily operations and maintenance of existing infrastructure. However, as the saying goes, there is always a light at the end of a tunnel, as the municipality will embark on replacing some of the old and dilapidated municipal vehicles and earth-moving equipment with new yellow fleet during the 2012/2013 financial year.

Notwithstanding the financial constraints the municipality had to face, the 2011/2012 audit report reflects of an improvement in the manner in which its finances has been managed. The qualification audit opinion the municipality has obtained for 2011/2012 is indicative of the efforts made by the municipality staff and the support provided by the Treasury and other national and provincial departments. This is the best audit opinion that Tokologo Local Municipality has obtained since its existence. However, there is more to be done than before but this audit opinion will serve as a baseline to be drastically improved upon by the municipality in order to ensure that public funds entrusted to its care, are efficiently, effectively and economically used to the benefit of the entire community that it has to serve.

The municipality, which is, to a large extent grant dependent, continued to apply possible methods to increase its revenue base during the financial year under review. These include addressing the leasing of commonages and the proper management of our games farms situated in Boshof and Hertzogville.

More jobs and job opportunities have been created during the 2011/2012 financial year through the increase of the Community Works Programme (CWP) participants, Expanded Public Works Projects (EPWP) and tender based projects that unfolded within the municipality's area of jurisdiction.

With training and guidance, the Ward Committees established in December 2011 could be sustained until the end of the 2011/2012 financial year, which was not the case in the past. More training is envisaged during the 2013/2014 financial year in order to render the Ward Committees more effective in assisting the municipality to serve its communities to the best of its ability.

At the beginning of 2012, the Council in its bid to encourage education moreover amongst the younger generation hosted an achievement recognition ceremony for the 2011 matriculants, in which the performance of the top ten achievers per school was acknowledged. The 2012 re-openings of all high schools within the area were monitored and only positive reports were received in this regard.

The fight against HIV and AIDS is far from over and this was emphasized by the municipality through the launching of the Tokologo Local Aids Council in which all three towns are represented. This issue has been dragging for some time and had to be tackled head on. The municipality wishes to thank the Provincial Aids Council and the Lejweleputswa District Aids Council for its endeavors in ensuring that this simple though crucial structure is put in place.

The Mayor and Council would like to thank all in sundry for the valuable contributions made through commitment, dedication, advices and support and further wishes to express the hope that the same spirit will apply in respect of the 2013/2014 financial year.

Yours faithfully

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