

**SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THABO
MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, DR B.E. MZANGWA,
DURING THE LAUNCH OF FOOTBALL FOR HOPE CENTRE IN
TSHESENG, QWAQWA**

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SAFA and FIFA representatives

Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It brings great joy to my heart to be standing here again today to execute on our agreement, which we signed on the twentieth (20th) of April 2011, to deliver to the people of Thibella, Tsheseng and the whole of Qwaqwa a centre of hope that will play a vital role in promoting public health, education and football.

Today is indeed a happy moment and a time of celebration for all us the people of Qwaqwa, and a stern confirmation that today will always remain better than yesterday, while tomorrow will be far much better than today.

Bomme le Bontate leha papadi e tummeng haholo ya bolo ya maoto ya mohope wa lefatshe e tlile Afrika Borwa ya ba ya feta empa e re siile ka mehopollo e monate ya thabo le letlotlo le letle le bonahalang, leo re le bitsang ka hore ke Legacy.

Le rona kahara Qwaqwa re lehlohonolo haholo ho una molemo le ho kgola ditholwana tsa World Cup 2010. Kajeno re bula setsha seo e leng sa rona mme ka hona re tla dula re hopola melemo yohle le menyetla yohle eo demokrasi e re buletseng yona.

Se ileng sa etsahala ka 2010 sa hore re tshware mohope wa lefatshe ka katleho e bile sesupo sa hore le rona naha ya rona ha e ya itheka

morwalo mokgoping le hore hape ha ho tume di melala. Kajeno ke rona bana ke bua tjena haesale re tshwere mohope wa African Cup of Nations (AFCON) ho tloha ka di 19 January mme o ntse o tswella pele hantle ho fihlela pheletsong ya ona ka Sontaha. Re na le bokgoni MaAfrika Borwa.

Ladies and gentlemen, at the time of the initiation of this project and signing of the memorandum of agreement, I was still the Executive Mayor of Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality and I made a resolve to ensure this marvellous opportunity do not pass us by as we will ensure that we realise this dream.

It is for this reason that when my organisation deployed me as the Executive Mayor of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, I continued to rally behind the success of this project knowing that what is important as a leader is not about satisfying one's ego but it is about satisfying the interests of your own people and your own communities.

Author Mark Clement says, "Leaders who win the respect of others are the ones who deliver more than they promise, not the ones who promise more than they can deliver." Today I happy that today in partnership with FIFA, SAFA, loveLife and Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality we are delivering on our promise. The Football for Hope centre becomes alive in Tsheseng. Ke ya lona. E sebediseng, e hlokomeleng, mme e le tswela molemo bohle.

Re le masepala wa setereke sa Thabo Mofutsanyana re bile re kentse letsoho ka ho reka furniture (thepa ya ofising) e tlang ho sebediswa setsheng sena. Ka sena re bontsha maikemisetso a rona a ho bona setjhaba sa bo rona se ikotla sefuba ka letlotlo leo e leng la sona.

Re tla boela hape re matlafatsa maqhama a rona le setsha ka mekgwa e mengata e kenyeleditseng le ho se hokahanya le lenaneo la rona la ntshetsopele ya batjha (youth development) le mananeo a rona a ntshetsopele ya setjhaba (community development).

Programme Director, with the Football for Hope centre we are launching today, we are encouraging young people to embrace and strive for the best things in life that will help shape their future, and help them to unite and fight for common goals and visions, which are good health, education, peace, love and desire to succeed.

We furthermore agree with FIFA's notion that by using the positive elements of football, many locally run organisations have been successful in reaching young people and addressing challenges faced

by our youth such as crime, addiction to alcohol and drugs, illiteracy and lack of skills.

In conclusion let me encourage our youth to pursue education at all costs, quoting the words of Philosopher Orison Swett Marden who said “To many a man, and sometimes to a youth, there comes the opportunity to choose between honorable competence and tainted wealth. The young man who starts out to be poor and honorable, holds in his hand one of the strongest elements of success.”

Let us all take pride in our own centre and ensure that as a legacy, it survives from one generation to other and ultimately becomes part of our heritage.

Thank you.