

**WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THABO
MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, DR B.E. MZANGWA, ON
THE OCCASION OF MOTSEPE FOUNDATION ROADSHOW AT TSHIYA
RESOURCE CENTRE IN QWAQWA.**

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Programme Director

Executive Mayor of Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality – Cllr Sara
Moleleki

Councillors and Traditional Leaders

Chairman & Founder of the Motsepe Foundation – Mr Patrice
Motsepe

Church leaders

Distinguished guests

Representatives of various organisations

Ladies and gentlemen,

As we gather here today we do so with the cloud of fresh and sweet memories of freedom day celebrations still hanging over our heads. This is so just because this past Saturday, the twenty seventh (27th) of April, our country was celebrating one of the most significant day on our calendar – the Freedom Day.

Nineteen (19) years down the line our country continues to commemorate the day in 1994 when the first democratic election was held in South Africa and South Africa was declared a free and liberated country. This is one moment never to be forgotten in the history of our country, in particular the history of a black man. As in

the words of Martin Luther King Junior, we will ceaselessly chant
“Free at last! Free at last! Thanks God Almighty, we are free at last”

Bomme le Bontate, kajeno re kopane mona lebitsong la tokoloho eo
re ileng ra e lwanela ka thata le ka madi a bana ba bo rona, batswadi
ba rona le bana ba rona.

Kajeno ho ya makatsa ho bona le bo mauthwauthwana feela ba
batho le mekgatlo e se nenang metso ntweng ya tokoloho e se e
ithorisa ka seo ba sa se tsebeng hohang.

Mokgatlo o mong feela o saleng o itlhomme pele ntweng ya
tokoloho ya setjhaba sa rantsho, mme le kajeno e ntse e le wona
mokgatlo o ntseng o di hula pele le selemo se tlang kamora dikgetho
e tla be e ntse e le wona o di hulang pele. Mokgatlo oo ke buang ka
wona ke o busang wa African National Congress.

Ntho tsohle tseo re kgonang ho di etsa le ho di fihlela jwaleka
MaAfrika Borwa kajeno ke ka baka la ona mokgatlo ona o busang.

Kajeno re motlotlo haholo hore ka baka la menyetla e tlisitsweng ke
tokoloho, ke mona re iphumana re fuwa monyetla wa ho
ikamahanya le rakgwebo ya hlahelletseng ka mahetla mona Afrika
Borwa le lefatsheng lohle, e leng Ntate Patrice Motsepe.

Programme Director, it is indeed a great honour and privilege for the
people of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality to be granted
such a rare opportunity to form partnerships with South Africa’s one
of the wealthiest and successful black person, Mr Patrice Motsepe,
towards advancement of their own lives.

As Thabo Mofutsanyana District Council we gladly accept the initiative taken by the Motsepe Foundation of lending help to our communities so they will be able to emerge from the ashes of poverty and doldrums of despair. This act of kindness will certainly go a long way in bringing so much relief and hope to many families, who for years and years lived with no hope of any better future and life.

Lending a hand to the fight against poverty is an honourable and heroic act that needs to be applauded by all considering that the dreadful triplets of our time in South Africa are poverty, unemployment and inequality. These ills need to be addressed with utmost urgency as failure to do so will undermine the freedom that we have fought so much hard for.

Ladies and gentlemen, I stand here today to also pledge our support to this initiative with a belief that it will bring a better tomorrow to our people as we firmly believe that today is better than yesterday and tomorrow will be much better than today.

In expressing our gratitude to Mr Motsepe and the Motsepe Foundation, let me do so by quoting the words of Former United States President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who said; “The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

We are grateful that in his abundance, Mr Motsepe has taken a conscious decision to provide for those who have little rather seeking

self-gratification. An unknown author is quoted as saying that , “All the happiness there is in the world comes from thinking about others, and all the suffering comes from preoccupation with yourself.”

Mr Motsepe you are a star and a champion. Today, you are here to prove to us all that you are not self-centred and selfish as you openly pledged to share half of your riches with the poor. Just know that the Lord our God will repay you for what you are doing for our communities as He said in the Scriptures that “He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done.”

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you, who are here today, to make use of this chance to work hand in hand with the Motsepe Foundation through its efforts to build sustainable economic growth and to intensify fight against poverty.

Let us all make every effort to ensure that through our various organisations, we also take advantage of the help offered by not being just passive receivers of this act of kindness but by being active participants, who take further initiatives to grow our organisations and also play strong part in the fight against poverty.

Programme Director, as we welcome the Motsepe Foundation in Thabo Mofutsanyana and all of you ladies and gentlemen in this roadshow, we strongly believe that the path we shall chart here today shall take us to a long lasting relationship, which will see our community benefitting and ultimately being able to sustain itself.

The power to make this partnership succeed is in all of us. So, let us take a resolve to make it work and succeed.

Ha re boeleng hape re nke monyetla ona wa ho sebedisa tokoloho eo re e fumaneng ka ho etsa bonnete ba hore mokgatlo oo e leng wona o ileng wa lwanela tokoloho ena ya setjhaba e ntse e le ona hape mokgatlo wa setjhaba o tlang ho busa ho ya ho ile.

Ke ya leboha.