

Nkambe Council *Info*

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EDITORIAL



Nkambe Council Magazine: Communication tool for Development!

There has never been a defining moment in the history of our municipality like the current one in which we are. With little, we have been able to show our head out of the crowd. A lot of water has gone under the bridge. We have made giant strides in activating almost every development strand collectively we are gradually putting Nkambe on the path to emergence. This has been a reality as we continue to liaise with development partners.

Our major drive has been development and poverty alleviation in all its forms. This has been demonstrated in several fronts like the construction and augmentation of markets, sheds, roads, provision of portable water to street and a lot more.

Today, I am very pleased to present to the Nkambe people this maiden edition of the Nkambe Council Quarterly Magazine. It is another very powerful tool for development. This magazine will go a long way to x-ray the activities of our council, keep you informed and also contribute to the development of our municipality.

This first edition of the council magazine is very special in the life time of the Nkambe council. Why do I say so?

Because the much cherished and valued participatory approach to municipal development calls for all the development oriented forces to work in synergy with the council for a proper identification and provision of communal needs. This can't be done without good communication media and this paper is one of them.

The provision of economic, social, health, educational, cultural and sports facilities are best done when there is effective communication between the council and local communities led by their development presidents and councilors.

This new newsletter is therefore a vessel for effective communication between the council and the people. It will go a long way in providing you with all the projections, activities, achievements, challenges of your Council

I therefore urge you to welcome this new medium of communication with open hands and contribute in making it sustainable..

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Council Intensify fight against Water Crises.

Nkambe has suffered for some years now from water shortages as streams continue to dry off. The few water sources that use to have been invaded by eucalyptus trees which hamper the free flow of streams. The Nkambe plateau used to flourish with so many streams including river Bonto, Tchuatchua and Nyanji which all assured the town of continues flow of water

There are so many reasons that account for water shortages in Nkambe. The planting of eucalyptus trees into around water catchment areas has been the major cause of streams drying up. The rearing of stock upstream with the decrease of water volume nowadays has also accounted for the water shortages.. Other natural circumstances also account for the crisis but the largest part of the problem comes from human activities which have ushered in global warming and climate change with all the adverse effects.

Faced with the aforementioned challenges, the council demarcated all the water catchment areas and prohibited farming activities. In collaboration with some partners like SURUDEV, the council has planted over 5,000 environmental and water friendly trees in the catchment areas to replace the water sucking eucalyptus trees.

In a bid to rescue the situation, many water projects have cropped up. The council, in partnership with CARITAS under the Diocese of Kumbo have provided water to some communities of Nkambe and villages of the municipality such Kungi, Konchep and Njema. In partnership

with FEICOM, THE Council will soon construct a bore hole at the town hall.

Many efforts towards helping Nkambe town in particular and the municipality in general have also come from Public Investment Budget through the Ministry of Water and Energy and also through the PNDP program that has recently facilitated four water points in the neighboring communities.

Despite all the efforts made by

the aforementioned stakeholders to wipe out the crisis, water remains a major problem because of the growing population. Lack of extensive environmental sustainability efforts makes water issues primordial in all developmental efforts in the Nkambe municipality This can only be remedied if a better sustainable management system is put in place and a giant water supply scheme for the town are instituted.



Nkambe Council Hosts first Elite II Club

Bang Bullet FC is a young football elite 2 club that has put Nkambe town in the spotlight.

The debut of the team in the national Division II Championships presented a huge challenge to the mayor of Nkambe who was faced with putting up a stadium to host the games. Through community concerted efforts with the council, the Nkambe municipal stadium was fenced and made ready for

home games following instructions from league authorities.

This was a new dawn in the history of football in the municipality and it needed a lot of education to make people understand they had to pay gate fees. This has led to the collection of about 500,000frs per match with the council getting close to 40.000francs per game.

Nkambe Council Institutes Micro Credit Scheme

Known as “Small Money Big Change”, the idea is aimed at providing funds to councilors for the execution of visible projects to improve on the wellbeing of the people

The Nkambe council led by mayor Ngabir Paul Bantar in a bid to improve on the development of the town has put in place a micro project scheme for councilors known as “Small Money Big Change”.

This idea that was deliberated and adopted in session is aimed at providing funds to councilors to execute visible projects that can improve on the lives of the people in their communities.

This has seen scores of infrastructural development in many quarters after councilors executed projects of various kinds, especially in the domain of education. Here, many councilors took interest in educational amenities by providing roofing sheets and benches to schools in most of the villages in the Nkambe council area.

All the 41 councillors were involved in the innovative idea where each councilor had to discuss with his or her community on the type of need they



desire in that community.

Apart from educational infrastructure, some councilors built wooden bridges and others improved on the state of some roads in their communities while others provided water points and

paid school fees for the underprivileged.

The sum of five hundred thousand francs was shared to each councilor amounting to the sum of twenty million francs cfa as micro project grants for the year 2016 which has been executed at the beginning of the year 2017

FOCUS

Donga Mantung Community Radio Celebrates Ten Years of Existence

The Donga Mantung Community Radio created in 2006 has commemorated ten years of existence described by many as a harbinger of sustainable development through effective communication

It is already ten years since the first radio signals of the Donga Mantung Community Radio (DMCR) went on air from Nkambe. This was a landmark achievement for the community by the Nkambe Council after attempts by UNESCO and the government ended halfway.

Ten years running and DMCR is still running, informing, educating and entertaining the population.

Given the role played by the radio as valuable tool of development the council set aside funds for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Radio.

This ceremony took place under the patronage of the senior divisional officer for Donga Mantung.

During the celebration the mayor of Nkambe Ngabir Paul Bantar board chairman of the radio presented a historical view of the creation of the radio paying tribute to the former mayor

Mangoh Jones Tanko of blessed memory who played a vital role in its creation. The mayor also used the opportunity to situate the role played by the radio in the development of the community and encouraged the workers to keep on in their daunting task of informing educating and entertaining the population not just of his municipality but across the various communities.

The mayor also gave the opportunity to the station manager who was charged with organizing the occasion to brief the population on the difficulties they encounter on the field. The station manager, Mr Richard Ndi Tamnjong said the community radio must everybody for its sustenance. He revealed that the radio lacks a lot of resources for its smooth running despite efforts by

the Nkambe council in providing transmitters and salaries for the staff.

The Senior Divisional officer for Donga mantung appreciated the team of the radio encouraging them continue in the same spirit. He nevertheless cautioned them to remain professional. He promised the administration's support to enable them continue with the good job.

The 10th anniversary ceremony was also graced by achievement awards to meritorious laureates after an onair nomination and votes by DMCR listeners. The SDO, the Mayor, the Fon of Nkambe and some community members were among those rewarded for hard work in their communities. Ten traditional dances from Nkambe town answered present to celebrate with the radio station which has been a big



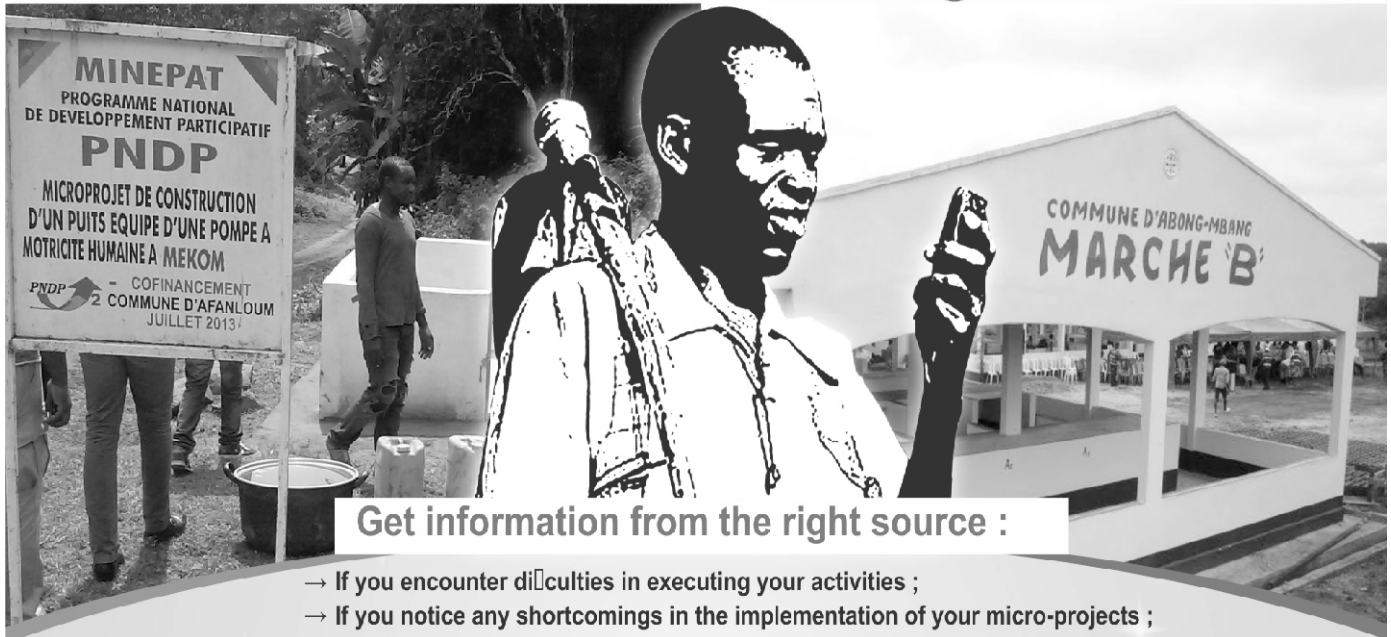
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- If you wish to be informed about our missions and achievements.

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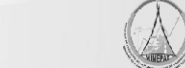
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- ★ By taking part in community work ;
- ★ By paying taxes ;
- ★ By following up the accountability municipal councillors and the Mayor

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