

BOTSHABELO RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY



On 22 April 2025, residents of Botshabelo used the second day of the IDP and budget consultations to raise urgent service delivery concerns with Executive Mayor Gregory Nthatsi, Deputy Mayor Lulama Titi-Odili, and municipal officials.

Among the key issues highlighted was a long-standing sanitation problem affecting Wards 35 and 38, where a leaking sewage pipe has caused continuous damage to the road for the past eight years.

Residents also raised serious concerns about housing delays and unsafe living conditions. One Ward 35 resident reported that although she was awarded a house by Parliament in 2008, construction has still not begun and she is requesting that it be completed. Another woman shared that her RDP house was left at the foundation stage and remains unfinished even after eight years.

A further appeal came from a resident living in hazardous condi-

tions, where water continuously accumulates around her home—even without rainfall—causing persistent flooding. She described using plastic sheets at night to prevent water from dripping inside and is asking to be provided with a safe and decent house.

In addition to housing issues, residents highlighted broader service delivery challenges affecting their daily lives. People with disabilities who serve as primary breadwinners emphasized the need for recognition and access to employment opportunities to support their households.

Sanitation remains a major concern, with many households still relying on outdoor toilets that do not flush and are often full, posing serious health and hygiene risks. A Ward 37 resident called for increased sanitation facilities and urgent action on unemployment, while another community member expressed frustration over irregular waste collection, noting that refuse trucks have not been seen in the area for a long time.

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