



**The welcoming of a newborn babies is a standing tradition at Maruleng local Municipality.**

The municipality brought a cake and shower the babies with presents. The following were blessed with the newborn babies:

Ms Mogofe Mercy, a 27 years old lady from Turkey 4 was blessed with a baby boy at 02:11 am, Malatji Nkhensani, a 19 years old lady from Worcester village was blessed with a baby girl at 02:56am and Sodi Maathari, a 38 years old lady from Enable village was blessed with a baby boy at 09:15am.

The event was attended by the Speaker, Cllr Blantina Raganya, Exco members: Cllr Anikie Mathaba and Cllr Margaret Shai, Cllr Elsie Masete, Cllr Jeanette Rakgoale, CEO of Sekororo Hospital, Mr K Ramodise, and the medical nurses.

During the key note address, the Speaker, Cllr Blantina Raganya, highlighted the importance of taking good care of the children so we built a healthy and responsible community; and that children are beautiful gifts from God. The Speaker reminded them to continue to register to vote, as this can help the municipality to grow.

Currently, the municipality is having only 14 wards that can be increased to at least 19 to 20 wards only if residents and community at large register to vote.

The municipal budget is allocated according to the number of wards, if Maruleng residents can register to vote and the number of wards increases, service delivery will increase as the budget will be increased.