



## Mopani stages Indigenous Games

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**Ba-Phalaborwa:** It was on a chilly Saturday when Impala Inn Stadium was painted in various colours. The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture hosted the Indigenous Games at Mopani District. The objective of hosting the games was to select Team Mopani to compete at the upcoming Provincial Indigenous Games. The other important aspect of the games is for the preservation of indigenous games in the country. The sporting codes of the day included in that day were Dibeke, Diketo, Drie Stokies, Intonga, Jukskei, Kgati, Morabaraba and Ncuva. The games were well received as communities came in numbers to support participants.

The five local municipalities of Mopani District; Greater Ba-Phalaborwa, Greater Tzaneen, Greater Giyani, Maruleng and Greater Letaba participated. The participants who obtained top positions received rewards in the form of a trophy, gold, silver and bronze medals.

PositionName of a municipality Medal received

Maruleng got number 1, Gold and trophy

Greater Tzaneen 2, Silver and trophy

Greater Giyani 3, Bronze and trophy

During the awarding giving ceremony, the Chief Director, Mme Chosane K.V. urged participants to put an extra mile as they prepare for the 2017 Provincial Indigenous Games as Limpopo will be the host for the 2017 National Indigenous Games. The Acting Mayor, Mr. Makasela, was very excited to see the spirit of sport in the fields. He urged champions to go and represent Mopani well in the upcoming provincial competitions. The presence of Mr. Shingange Gilbert, the National President of Ncuva in South Africa added value. Maruleng Municipality was the overall winner in the competition, where the Greater Tzaneen Municipality came second and the Greater Giyani Municipality came third. The Greater Ba-Phalaborwa and Greater Letaba Municipalities came fourth and fifth respectively.

