
MEDIA STATEMENT

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CLARIFICATION ON MISLEADING SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO REGARDING BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Polokwane Municipality has become aware of a video circulating on social media that contains misleading information regarding the **cost of bridge construction** in Mamadimo Park. The video claims that the bridge that is constructed at **R8m** is complete and does not allow water to pass through. The municipality wishes to take this opportunity to clarify the facts surrounding the project to ensure the public is properly informed.

Firstly, the municipality emphasizes that the bridge in question is still under construction and is not yet complete. The current stage of the project, which has a value of **R667 000**, involves the building of the structural framework and backfilling. Due to budgetary constraints, the project is being completed in phases, with each phase addressing specific components of the work.

The next stages of construction will include the installation of a lining to channel rainwater from the R71 road into the bridge, which will considerably improve water flow. The initial design of the bridge is to resolve long-standing issues of water ponding in the area, and once the entire project is completed, water will flow more smoothly and effectively.

It is important to note that the municipality is committed to completing the project in a manner that serves the best interests of the community and it is working within the available budget to ensure the success of this crucial infrastructure development.

Polokwane Municipality urges residents and the public to verify information before drawing conclusions from unverified sources and to rely on official statements and updates from the municipality.

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