

# One Million Rand boast to emerging local Cooperatives

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The Former mayor of Collins Chabane Municipality, her worship, Cllr Tintswalo Joyce Bila and Cllr Percy Mashila on her right displaying the One Million Rand reserved for local cooperatives.

Collins Chabane Local Municipality former mayor Joyce Bila called for community members to start the cooperatives in other to fight against poverty and unemployment. Bila was speaking during the Collins Chabane Local Municipality Coopratives awards held at Malamulele Boxing gym. 35 out of 91 comparatives were awarded a cheque of R1 million rand to buy equipments and materials for their cooperatives.

Former mayor Bila said cooperatives helps in growing the local; economy of the municipality so we urge all people to start cooperatives in their respective communities and as our municipality we have said during our budget speech that we support SMMES that is the reason we budgeted this amount.

“Co-operatives are the best key to fight hunger in our region especially amongst the poor and the working class. Local and international experience has shown that the sustainability of Co-operatives contributes to the poverty alleviation giving poor people

the opportunity to live themselves out of poverty and its associated forms of deprivation,” she said.

Acting Municipal Manager Shilenge Richard said he was very pleased with the initiative to support local cooperatives.

“We are diverged today here because of the official launch of our local cooperatives. The Municipality knows the needs of cooperatives and the system of supply chain will be used to find necessities to help your businesses to grow,” he said.

Mr Jileni Albert from Collins Chabane Municipality Chamber of Business, he was very jubilant because of the Municipality support to the small businesses in Collins Chabane which also contribute to the promotion of Local Economic Development.

“People must promote local economic ownership and we are very sure that franchises will soon be owned by cooperatives,” he said.



Former mayor of Collins Chabane ,her worship, Cllr Tintswalo Joyce Bila and 35 selected co-operatives