



February 2026

Month of Love Edition

STREET LEGACY

**MPUMALANGA
REAFFIRMS ITS LOVE
FOR NATURE
THROUGH A GREEN
ENERGY TRANSITION**



**Economic development &
Tourism MEC**

The Place of Rising Sun



Table of Contents

03 Message From The Editor: Awethu Magobongo

“This edition is an introduction to the people, the stories, and the heartbeat of Street Legacy Foundation.”

05 Mpumalanga Reaffirms Its Love for Nature Through a Green Energy Transition

“Mpumalanga is transitioning to renewable energy to protect its environment and drive sustainable economic growth.”

06 Love Served at the Taxi Rank: The Story of Dudu Mhlanga

“Dudu Mhlanga turned unemployment into a successful, award-winning taxi rank food business built on love, resilience, innovation, and community impact.”

08 Serving Lives with Love and Excellence

“Riverside Medical Centre in Mbombela cares for every patient and celebrates its medical team’s dedication and compassion.”

09 MEGA at the Forefront of Industrial Revitalisation

“The Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency is revitalising industrial parks to attract investment and boost inclusive growth.”

11 NTSIKA ADVISORY Opens 200+ Remote Job Opportunities for Township Youth

“NTSIKA Advisory offers 200+ remote jobs to empower township youth and support families.”

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

We often speak about love as emotion. But in our communities, love has always been something practical. Love wakes up before sunrise. Love cooks. Love builds. Love employs. Love heals. Love protects. Love innovates.

This Special Love Edition of Street Legacy is dedicated to love in action.

At a busy taxi rank, Dudu Mhlanga shows us that entrepreneurship is one of the most powerful expressions of love. From selling muffins door-to-door to employing five people and earning award recognition, her journey reflects courage, discipline, and consistency. Her story is not just about business success it is about dignity. It is about choosing to create opportunity instead of waiting for it. Her message, "Sell rather than ask," challenges a mindset of dependency and replaces it with ownership.



Awethu Magobongo

We also witness love at a provincial level through Mpumalanga's commitment to a just and inclusive green energy transition. Choosing sustainability, diversification, and environmental responsibility is an act of leadership rooted in care for future generations. True love does not consume tomorrow for today's comfort it builds responsibly.

In the healthcare space, Riverside Medical Centre reminds us that healing begins with care. Excellence, professionalism, and compassion are not marketing tools; they are commitments. When institutions protect dignity and prioritize quality service, they strengthen the social fabric of our communities.

At Street Legacy Foundation, we believe economic development is a form of love. Supporting township entrepreneurs, revitalising industry, investing in sustainability, and strengthening institutions are not separate efforts they are interconnected pillars of dignity and growth.

Love is not soft. It is strategic.
It is not passive. It is productive.
It is not seasonal. It is structural.

May this edition inspire you to support locally, lead intentionally, and build systems that outlive us. Because when love becomes action, legacies are built.

With purpose and gratitude,

Mpumalanga Reaffirms Its Love for Nature Through a Green Energy Transition



MEC Jesta Sidell

In the spirit of the Month of Love, the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism reaffirmed the province's commitment to a sustainable and environmentally responsible future.

Earlier this month, MEC Jesta Sidell led a high-level engagement alongside the Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency during the Invest in African Mining Indaba. The strategic session brought together influential business leaders, investors, developers, and key industry partners to discuss the province's economic direction and investment priorities.

During the engagement, MEC Sidell emphasized that Mpumalanga is actively positioning itself for a just and inclusive energy transition. While the province has historically been a cornerstone of South Africa's non-renewable energy production, it is now accelerating efforts to diversify into renewable energy in order to protect environmental quality, enhance energy security, and unlock new economic opportunities.

The discussions highlighted:

- The province's readiness to welcome green investment
- Public-private partnerships as drivers of infrastructure development
- The importance of green energy funding and innovation
- Sustainable resource management and long-term environmental care

MEC Sidell reiterated that the transition toward renewable energy is not only an economic imperative but also a reflection of Mpumalanga's commitment to preserving its rich natural heritage from its landscapes and biodiversity to its agricultural and tourism assets. The engagement further underscored that Mpumalanga's shift toward renewable energy is guided by principles of sustainability, inclusivity, and economic resilience.

The province aims to ensure that communities benefit from new opportunities in green industries, skills development, and emerging value chains. As we reflect during this Month of Love, the message from the Department is clear: Mpumalanga is choosing to invest in a future that balances growth with environmental responsibility.



Love Served at the Taxi Rank: The Story of Dudu Mhlanga



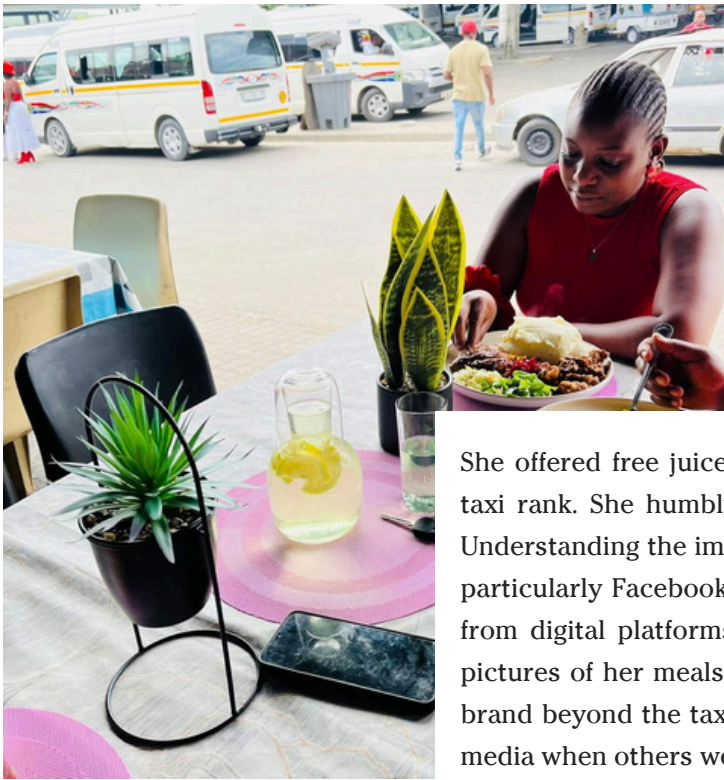
At a busy taxi rank filled with the constant movement of taxis and commuters, Dudu Mhlanga has built more than a food stall she has built a space of warmth, dignity, and love. For over 13 years, she has been selling cooked meals, transforming a simple borrowed space into a respected and award-winning township brand. Her journey began from a place many South Africans know too well: unemployment. Sitting at home without formal employment, she chose not to wait for opportunity but to create one for herself.

Her entrepreneurial path started with humble beginnings. Before becoming known for her delicious meals at the taxi rank, she sold muffins door-to-door. That small act of courage laid the foundation for what would become a thriving business. Eventually, she secured borrowed space at the taxi rank and began cooking full meals.

Operating in a competitive environment where traders sell side by side taught her resilience. She learned patience, customer care, and the importance of maintaining quality. Competition did not discourage her it sharpened her strategy and pushed her to differentiate her business through strong relationships and consistent service. Her consistency began to attract recognition in 2023. That year, she received the Best Chef Award from the Hustling Honeys Awards. In 2024, she was honored again when she received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Small Business category at the Sunrise Excellence Awards. These milestones marked her growth from a survival entrepreneur to a celebrated township business leader.

For Dudu, cooking is not merely a source of income it is an expression of love. In African culture, love is often shown through food, and she embraces this deeply. She prepares every meal with intention and care, believing that serving with love matters more than simply making money. During Valentine's Day, couples chose her stall over expensive restaurants, enjoying her food, her warm personality, and even her entertaining performances.



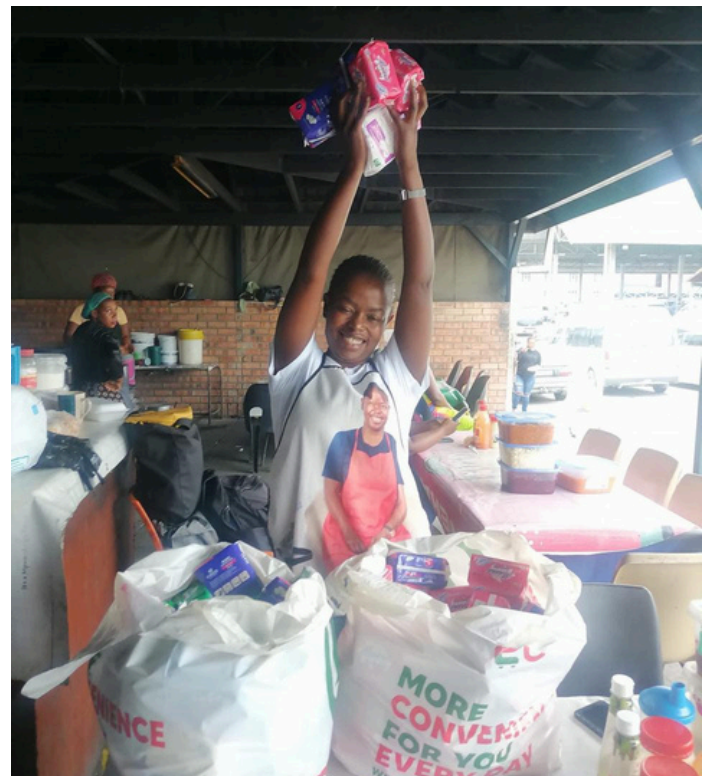


"Sell than to ask"

She offered free juices to couples, creating an atmosphere of celebration at the taxi rank. She humbly attributes her journey and success to the grace of God. Understanding the importance of modern tools, Dudu also embraced social media particularly Facebook to grow her brand. While many informal traders shy away from digital platforms, she recognized the power of online visibility. She posts pictures of her meals and happy customers, turning her stall into a recognizable brand beyond the taxi rank. Although she initially faced criticism for using social media when others were not, she remained focused.

Today, her resilience is admired. She advises fellow entrepreneurs not to engage in social media conflicts, reminding them that as business owners, they are brands and must protect their reputation.

Her commitment to quality goes beyond taste. Dudu prioritizes hygiene at all times, ensuring her cooking environment is clean and that she buys ingredients from trusted shops rather than unreliable street sources. She understands that food is built on trust, and protecting her customers' health protects her brand. Beyond business success, Dudu's heart for the community reflects her belief that entrepreneurship should uplift others. She gives back by offering sanitary towels to young women and ladies in need, addressing a silent but critical challenge many face.



Love Is Cooked, Not Just Spoken



Through this act, she restores dignity and shows that her business is not only about profit but about impact. Her generosity strengthens her bond with the community and reinforces the idea that love is action. Today, Dudu employs five workers, contributing to job creation and circulating income within the township economy.

From being unemployed herself, she now provides livelihoods for others. Her message to those without work is powerful: “Sell than to ask.” She believes starting small is better than waiting endlessly for employment, and her own journey from selling muffins door-to-door proves that humble beginnings can lead to extraordinary outcomes.

Looking ahead, Dudu dreams of owning her own fast-food restaurant and launching a food ordering app where customers can secure their meals in advance. Her vision reflects ambition, innovation, and belief in growth beyond the taxi rank.

Dudu Mhlanga’s story is one of resilience, faith, digital courage, community upliftment, and love. In the heart of a taxi rank, she proves that love can be cooked, served, shared and used to build both a business and a community.

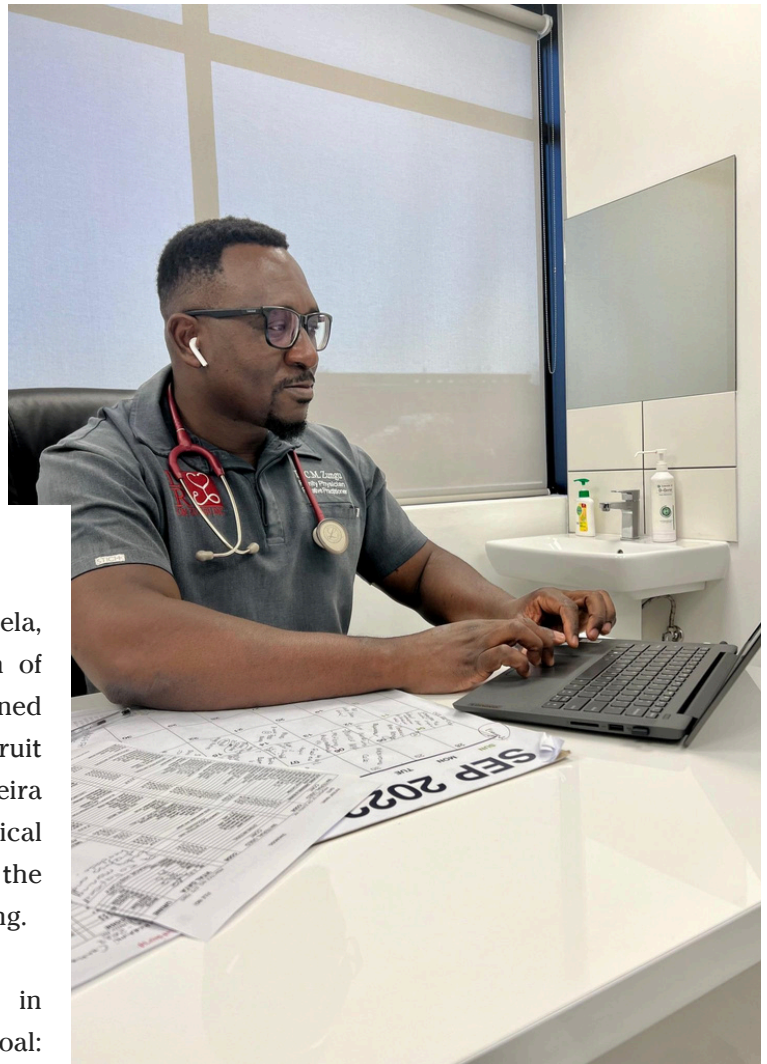
Serving Lives with Love and Excellence

Located in the heart of Riverside Park in Mbombela, Riverside Medical Centre (RMC) stands as a beacon of hope, healing, and heartfelt care. Strategically positioned within close proximity to major hospitals such as Nelspruit Mediclinic, Kiaat Private Hospital, and Rob Ferreira Hospital, RMC has become a trusted one-stop medical destination for families and individuals across the city. Therapy, followed closely by Environmental Planning.

Founded in 2019 by a dedicated group of doctors in Mbombela, the Centre was established with one clear goal: to provide comprehensive, high-quality professional healthcare services under one roof. Rooted in ensuring smooth and efficient delivery of patient care while prioritizing compassion, dignity, and excellence.

As a fully integrated medical hub, Riverside Medical Centre offers a wide range of specialist healthcare services delivered by experienced specialist doctors with extensive knowledge from both private and public sectors. The Centre also houses general practitioners, a Radiology Department, a Baby Immunization and Wound Clinic, a laboratory, and various Allied Health Professionals ensuring that patients receive holistic care in one convenient location.

Patients are welcomed into clean, safe, comfortable, and modern surroundings designed to promote healing and peace of mind. At RMC, every patient is valued, respected, and treated with confidentiality. The Centre firmly believes that every life matters and this belief is not just a slogan, but a daily practice driven by genuine love and care for the community.



A Gala Dinner Celebrating Medical Excellence – 14 March 2026

In the spirit of our Love Month Edition, Riverside Medical Centre will be hosting a prestigious Gala Dinner on the 14th of March, bringing together professionals within the medical space to celebrate their unwavering commitment to saving lives.

This evening will not only honour the dedication and sacrifices of healthcare professionals but will also create a platform for insight-sharing, networking, and meaningful collaborations. The focus of the event is clear: building stronger partnerships where serving lives and delivering compassionate care remain at the center of all collaborations.

*This celebration reflects love in
action because at Riverside
Medical Centre, healing begins with
care.*

MEGA at the Forefront of Industrial Revitalisation

The Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA) continues to demonstrate its central role in repositioning Mpumalanga as an investment-ready and industrially competitive province.

During the recent oversight visits to Siyabuswa, Kwagqafontein and Tweefontein Industrial Parks, MEGA provided a comprehensive account of the progress and interventions currently underway to restore, modernise and unlock the economic potential of these strategic industrial hubs.

To Turning Neglect into Opportunity

Led by CEO Isaac Mahlangu, MEGA acknowledged the historical neglect of industrial infrastructure and outlined decisive steps being taken to change the status quo. The Agency confirmed active engagements with tenants, municipalities and key stakeholders to improve operations, install prepaid and smart metering systems, enhance maintenance, and strengthen collections.

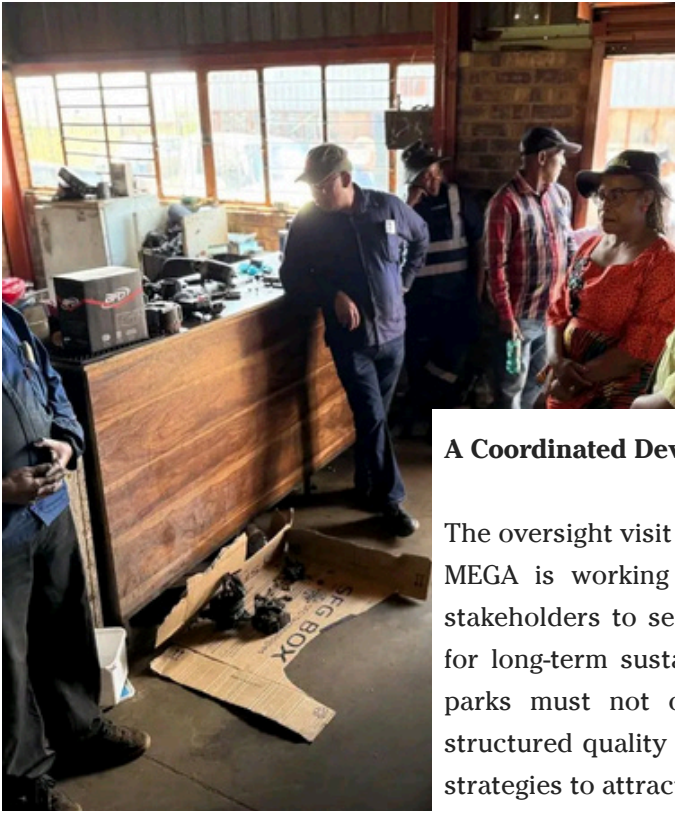
Siyabuswa Industrial Park the largest among the three with 28 operational factories is already benefiting from targeted support. These factories operate across diverse sectors including automotive services, welding, glazing, branding, tailoring, toilet paper manufacturing and water purification clear evidence that industrial parks remain critical engines for township-based industrialisation.

Strategic Interventions for Sustainable Growth

MEGA detailed a robust refurbishment and revitalisation plan estimated at approximately R50 million. Planned upgrades include:

- Street lighting and fencing
- Landscaping and environmental improvements
- Installation of smart meters in partnership with Eskom
- Strengthening security and infrastructure maintenance
- Business case packaging to unlock alternative funding





The Agency is also collaborating with the Department of Small Business Development and other partners to provide business development support, ensuring tenants are not only operational but scalable and competitive.

A Coordinated Development Approach

The oversight visit further reinforced the importance of collaborative governance. MEGA is working closely with municipalities, Provincial Treasury and other stakeholders to secure alternative funding and ensure proper budget allocation for long-term sustainability. The message from leadership was clear: industrial parks must not operate on temporary arrangements. Instead, they require structured quality management systems, proper budgeting, and investor-focused strategies to attract new businesses.

Industrialisation as a Growth Catalyst

As Mpumalanga intensifies its focus on industrialisation under the 7th Administration, MEGA stands at the centre of driving inclusive economic transformation. By modernising industrial parks, supporting entrepreneurs, and improving infrastructure readiness, the Agency is creating the conditions necessary for sustainable job creation and renewed investor confidence.

MEGA's proactive approach signals a strong commitment to restoring dignity to industrial spaces and unlocking their full economic potential.



NTSIKA ADVISORY Opens 200+ Remote Job Opportunities for Township Youth

In a powerful move to combat youth unemployment and restore dignity through work, NTSIKA Advisory, an insurance company committed to inclusive economic participation, has announced over 200 remote job opportunities specifically targeted at young people.

What makes this initiative remarkable is its localized recruitment approach. Understanding the high number of unemployed youth particularly in townships and rural communities NTSIKA Advisory has structured its requirements to ensure that even young people from disadvantaged backgrounds can qualify. This means opportunities are not limited to those with elite networks or privileged access, but are intentionally designed to be inclusive and accessible.

The positions are fully remote, allowing young people to work from the comfort and safety of their homes. This not only reduces transport costs but also removes geographical barriers that often prevent township youth from accessing corporate opportunities. With access to basic technology and commitment, young people can now earn an income, gain professional experience, and contribute meaningfully to their households.

At a time when many families are struggling financially, this initiative brings hope. It empowers young people to become breadwinners, support their siblings' education, and uplift their communities. Beyond employment, it represents economic participation, digital inclusion, and long-term career growth within the insurance industry.

Initiatives like this demonstrate that when companies align business with social responsibility, real impact is created where it is needed most in our streets, our townships, and our homes.

Join Our Team as a Remote Sales Representative

Dial Insurance Campaigns from Home / Anywhere. 

Requirements

- Smart Phone / Laptop with Internet.
- Phone & Verbal communication skills.
- Lead Generation.
- Grade 10s welcomed.

Tel: 010 592 9670
WhatsApp: 083 503 9246 / 081 3199 421

Send CV to:
hello@ntsikaadvisory.co.za
www.ntsikaadvisory.co.za

Street Legacy SMMEs Business

Development Programme

STREET LEGACY SMME'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Applications are now open for the Street Legacy Smme's Business Development Programme! If you're a small business, or young entrepreneur in Mpumalanga Province, don't miss this opportunity to boost your growth and sustainability. Apply now and take your business to the next level!

Contact Us For Queries

Info@streetlegacyfoundation.co.za

A CALL TO ALL MPUMALANGA ENTREPRENEURS!

Calling all entrepreneurs in the 3 Mpumalanga districts to apply now and grow your business with:

- Expert-led Workshops
- Networking & Partnership Hub
- Practical Implementation & Audit
- Recognition & Growth Showcase

Apply now at www.streetlegacyfoundation.co.za and take your business to the next level!

CLOSES 13 MARCH 2026

Our Partners:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

01

Annual turnover threshold:

Between R90 000 and R500 000 annually

02

Operational history:

Operational for at least 2 years (CIPC Registration; operational reference)

03

Financial history:

Last two years of financial statements or proof of revenue

04

Business expansion plan:

A high level business plan must be submitted to demonstrate the projected growth

Subscribe today!

NEVER MISS ANY MOMENT!



streetlegacy2025



Street Legacy Foundation



Street legacy foundation

Join the Street Legacy community and never miss a moment of impact! Subscribe to our newsletter for exclusive stories, entrepreneur spotlights, behind-the-scenes content, and first access to our upcoming events and programmes.

Be the first to know what's happening in youth innovation, entrepreneurship, and community development all in one inspiring monthly drop.

<https://streetlegacyfoundation.co.za/>