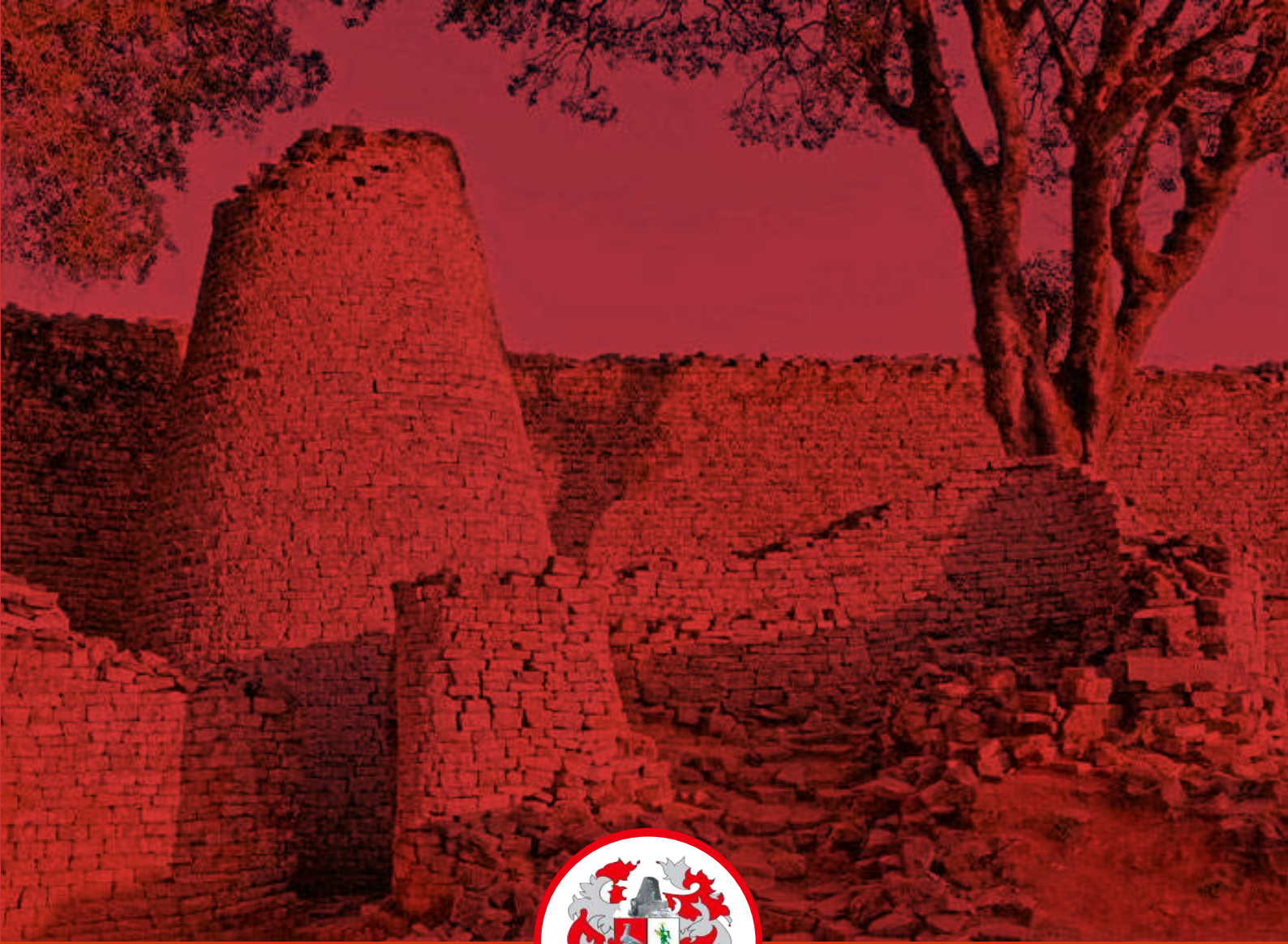




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City of Masvingo Ranked Among Zimbabwe's Top Performing Local Authorities

The City of Masvingo has earned national recognition after being ranked Number 5 among Zimbabwe's top-performing local authorities, reinforcing the city's commitment to excellence in service delivery, sound governance, and sustainable local development.

In a further milestone achievement, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Aleck Tabe, was honoured with the 1st Runner-Up Award in the President's Performance Excellence in Service Delivery Awards under the Mayor/Council Chairpersons for Local Authorities category.

The recognition highlights the City of Masvingo's consistent efforts to improve public service delivery and strengthen institutional performance in line with national development priorities.

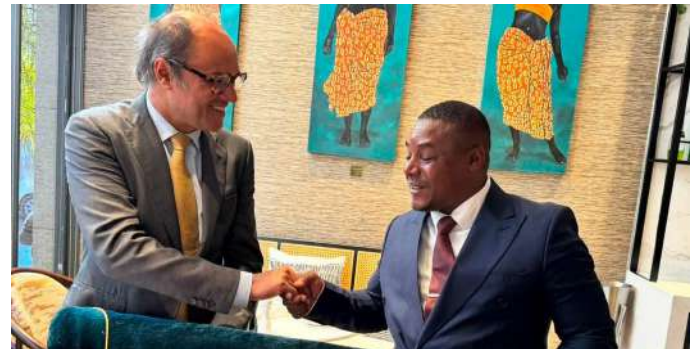
According to the performance assessment, top-performing local authorities distinguished themselves by surpassing the national average for revenue collection while demonstrating strong results across key performance areas including service delivery outcomes, resource management, governance, and operational efficiency.

The City of Masvingo's achievement reflects several success factors identified among leading local authorities, including:

Revenue collection performance above the national benchmark; Improved availability and management of plant and equipment; Strong governance and compliance systems; and Strategic partnerships with the private sector and

development partners.

The recognition serves as a testament to the collective efforts of council leadership, management, staff, stakeholders, and residents who continue to contribute towards the growth and transformation of Masvingo into a modern, inclusive, and well-managed city.



Mayor Engages Pakistan Ambassador to strengthen international cooperation and investment opportunities for Masvingo City

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Aleck Tabe, today held a high-level engagement with the Ambassador of Pakistan in a meeting aimed at strengthening cooperation and exploring strategic partnerships that support local economic growth and urban development.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both parties to discuss areas of mutual interest and identify pathways for collaboration between Masvingo City and Pakistan at the local government level.

Key areas of engagement included investment promotion, trade and industrial development, tourism growth, cultural exchange, and skills transfer. Discussions also explored the possibility of establishing twinning arrangements between Masvingo City and cities in Pakistan as a means of promoting knowledge sharing, innovation, and stronger people-to-people relations.

Speaking after the engagement, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Aleck Tabe, said the City remains committed to building international partnerships that create opportunities for economic transformation and sustainable development.

“Masvingo is positioning itself as a progressive and investment-ready city. Through strategic international partnerships, we seek to unlock new opportunities that contribute to economic growth, strengthen local industries, create employment, and improve service delivery for our residents,” said Mayor Tabe.

The Mayor highlighted Masvingo’s unique position as home to the world-renowned Great Zimbabwe National Monument, noting that international cooperation presents an opportunity to further enhance the city’s tourism potential while attracting investment into key sectors of the local economy.

He added that the City is encouraged by the positive spirit of engagement demonstrated during the meeting and remains focused on translating discussions into practical initiatives and projects that deliver measurable benefits to residents.

Mayor Tabe expressed appreciation to the Ambassador and the Embassy of Pakistan for their warm reception and commitment to strengthening ties with Masvingo

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His Worship the Mayor Cllr Aleck Tabe, Councillors, Town Clerk Eng Edward Mukaratirwa, Management and Staff extend heartfelt condolences to the **Stenger and Holy Cross families** on the sad passing of our loving and caring **Sr. Katharina**, who departed this world on the **12th of April 2026**.

Sr. Katharina will always be remembered for her compassion, humility, and unwavering dedication to serving others. Through her selfless work and commitment to charity, she touched many lives and left an enduring legacy within our community.

Indeed, the **Masvingo/Kernen Association** and the **City of Masvingo** have been robbed of a true charity soldier. Her kindness and service will forever remain in our hearts.

Sr. Katharina

Departed 12 April 2026

May the Almighty God grant her soul
— *eternal repose* —
and comfort all who mourn her loss.



City of Masvingo Successfully Hosts National Disability Expo

The City of Masvingo successfully hosted the National Disability Expo from 24–26 June under the theme: “Embracing Disability Inclusion in All Sectors: A Masterstroke of National Prosperity and Economic Development.”

The three-day event brought together government ministries, local authorities, development partners, organisations representing persons with disabilities, exhibitors, and members of the public in a shared commitment to advancing disability inclusion and promoting equal opportunities across all sectors of society.

The Expo provided a platform for persons with disabilities from across the country to showcase their talents, skills, innovations, products, and services while highlighting the important contribution they make towards national development and economic growth.

Throughout the exhibition, stakeholders engaged in discussions focused on inclusive policies, accessibility, empowerment initiatives, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, and creating enabling environments that ensure no one is left behind.

As host city, the City of Masvingo reaffirmed its commitment to building an inclusive community that promotes dignity, participation, and equal access to opportunities for all citizens. The successful hosting of the Expo reflects the City’s continued efforts to support national development priorities and foster sustainable, people-centred growth. The event concluded with renewed calls for stronger collaboration among public and private sector stakeholders to mainstream disability inclusion and transform commitment into practical action that improves livelihoods and strengthens economic participation.



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City of Masvingo strengthens partnerships for sustainable waste management

City of Masvingo has intensified efforts to promote environmental sustainability through a stakeholder engagement meeting focused on strengthening collaboration in sustainable waste management practices.

The meeting brought together representatives from the business community, schools, hospitals, recycling companies, and tertiary institutions to discuss practical solutions aimed at improving waste management across the city.

Central to the discussions was the importance of waste segregation at source through the use of colour-coded bins and waste separation cages. Stakeholders explored ways of separating organic waste from recyclable materials such as plastics, paper, glass, and metals before collection and disposal.

Participants acknowledged that effective waste separation plays a critical role in improving recycling efficiency, reducing contamination of recyclable materials, and significantly lowering the amount of waste that ends up at landfill sites.

The engagement also highlighted the growing importance of waste recycling and resource recovery, not only as environmental conservation measures but also as opportunities for income generation through the sale and reuse of recyclable materials.

In advancing innovative and sustainable solutions,

institutions were encouraged to consider investing in biogas biodigesters that convert organic waste into clean energy. This approach has the potential to reduce dependence on LP Gas, lower operational costs, and contribute to minimising waste generation.

Stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to supporting waste separation initiatives, expanding recycling programmes, promoting waste-to-energy projects, and actively contributing to the implementation of the City's 100-Day Action Plan.



City of Masvingo intensifies fight against TB through free screening campaign

The City of Masvingo's Runyararo Clinic last week launched a free Tuberculosis (TB) screening campaign as part of ongoing efforts to safeguard public health and strengthen early disease detection within communities.

The campaign was aimed at encouraging residents to get screened early and access treatment in time, while also raising awareness about tuberculosis, a disease that remains preventable, detectable and curable when identified early.

Health officials urged members of the public, particularly those experiencing symptoms such as a persistent cough, fever, night sweats, or unexplained weight loss, to make use of the free screening services being offered.

Speaking on the importance of the programme, Ms Nyevero Nzvura highlighted that early screening not only improves chances of successful treatment but also helps reduce the spread of TB within households and communities.

The screening exercise will be rolled out at selected locations across Masvingo to ensure services are accessible to as many residents as possible. In addition to screening, healthcare professionals will provide education on TB prevention and management, including the importance of completing treatment, practising good hygiene,

maintaining proper ventilation, covering coughs, and wearing masks where necessary.

“Together, Yes We Can End TB” remains the campaign’s call to action as the city continues to promote healthier and safer communities for all.



Rujeko D Housing Scheme servicing of stands underway

The City of Masvingo has commenced the servicing of residential stands at the Rujeko D Housing Scheme, marking a significant step towards addressing the city’s housing demand and expanding access to serviced residential land.

The project includes the installation of essential infrastructure such as water and sewer reticulation systems, road construction, and storm-water drainage facilities to ensure the stands are ready for construction and occupation



City of Masvingo Launches World Environment Day Commemorations and Clean Air Management Systems

The City of Masvingo has officially launched its World Environment Day commemorations alongside the introduction of Clean Air Management Systems, reinforcing the city’s commitment to environmental sustainability, public health, and climate-conscious urban development.

The commemorations brought together stakeholders from government institutions, environmental agencies, community representatives, businesses, and residents to raise awareness on environmental stewardship and collective responsibility in protecting natural resources.

The introduction of Clean Air Management Systems marks a significant milestone in the City of Masvingo's environmental agenda. The initiative is expected to strengthen air quality monitoring, support pollution control measures, and promote healthier living conditions for residents. The systems will also contribute to evidence-based decision-making by providing environmental data to guide

future planning and policy interventions.

World Environment Day commemorations also served as a platform to encourage communities to embrace responsible waste management practices, cleaner production methods, and greener lifestyles that support long-term environmental resilience.



City of Masvingo joins Provincial Clean-Up Campaign to promote environmental sustainability

The City of Masvingo joined stakeholders from across the province in a Provincial Clean-Up Campaign held at the bus rank opposite Glow Fuel Station, in support of the First Lady, Dr Auxilia Mnangagwa's national clean up drive.

The clean-up exercise was graced by the wife to Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Masvingo Province, Mrs Chadzamira, who was the Guest of Honour.

In her remarks, Mrs Chadzamira commended residents, local authorities, businesses, schools and stakeholders for actively participating in efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment.

Leading by example, City of Masvingo councillors, female members of management, and staff members took part in the clean-up exercise alongside other stakeholders. The event demonstrated the City's dedication to promoting environmental stewardship and supporting the national vision of clean, safe, and sustainable communities.

Speaking during the event, City of Masvingo representatives emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in solid waste management.

They encouraged residents and businesses to adopt proper waste disposal practices and participate in regular clean-up initiatives to keep the city clean.

Through such initiatives, City of Masvingo continues to foster partnerships with government departments, community groups, and the private sector in creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all.



City of Masvingo inaugurates 2026–2027 Junior Council

The City of Masvingo officially inaugurated its 2026–2027 Junior Council in a colourful ceremony attended by His Worship the Mayor Cllr AleckTabe, Town Clerk Eng Edward Mukaratirwa, senior councillors, management, school heads, school focal persons, parents, members of the outgoing Junior Council, and other stakeholders.

The inauguration marked the beginning of a new one-year term of office for the young leaders who will represent the interests of children and youths within the city while promoting civic participation and leadership development.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the symbolic handover of the mayoral robe from outgoing Junior Mayor Sean Masimba to incoming Junior Mayor Praise Turikai, signifying a smooth transition of leadership and the continuation of the Junior Council's mandate.

Addressing the gathering, His Worship the Mayor Cllr Aleck Tabe, Town Clerk Eng Edward Mukaratirwa, Junior Council Patron, Cllr Sengerai Manyanga commended the outgoing Junior Council for its dedication and contribution to youth development initiatives during its tenure.

They also encouraged the newly elected councillors to embrace their responsibilities with integrity, commitment, and a passion for service.

Town Clerk, Eng Edward Mukaratirwa administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected junior councillors, officially ushering them into office. The junior councillors pledged to serve diligently, uphold the values of good governance, and act in the best interests of the children and young people of Masvingo.

The 2026–2027 Junior Council reflects both continuity and renewal, with 11 councillors successfully retaining their seats while four new councillors joined the team. The blend of experienced and new members is expected to strengthen the council's ability to advocate for issues affecting young people and contribute fresh ideas to the city's development agenda.

Speaking after receiving the mayoral robe, Junior Mayor Praise Turikai expressed gratitude for the confidence placed in the new leadership and pledged to work closely with fellow councillors, schools, and city authorities to champion issues affecting children and youth in Masvingo.

The inauguration ceremony concluded with congratulations to the newly elected Junior Council and a call for continued collaboration among schools, parents, city officials, and the community in nurturing the next generation of leaders.



City of Masvingo marks menstrual hygiene day, promotes dignity and support for vulnerable girls

The City of Masvingo joined the global community in commemorating Menstrual Hygiene Day through an awareness and empowerment programme held under the theme, “Together for a Period-Friendly Masvingo.”

The commemorations brought together stakeholders from City Health, law enforcement agencies, schools, and community leaders to

promote menstrual health education, gender equality, and support for vulnerable girls within the community.

Facilitating the menstrual hygiene awareness session was North West Medical Clinic Sister-in-Charge, Ms. Angeline Maredza, who educated participants on the importance of proper menstrual hygiene management, dispelled common myths surrounding menstruation, and encouraged young girls to embrace healthy practices with confidence and dignity.

Speaking at the event, City of Masvingo Gender Champion, Councillor Sharon Marombedze, highlighted the critical role City of Masvingo is playing in ensuring that no girl misses educational opportunities due to a lack of sanitary products.

She emphasized Council's commitment to supporting vulnerable young girls through initiatives aimed at improving access to sanitary wear and promoting menstrual health awareness throughout the city.

A representative from the Zimbabwe Republic Police Victim Friendly Unit (VFU) also facilitated a session on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), educating participants on various forms of abuse, reporting mechanisms, and available support services. The presentation encouraged young people to speak out against violence and seek assistance through the appropriate channels whenever they encounter abuse or exploitation.

As part of the commemorations, sanitary pads were distributed to vulnerable girls from local schools. Beneficiaries included girls from Alfred Walter Hostel, Victoria High School, Ndarama High School, and Rujeko High School, with 144 sanitary pad packs allocated to each school. A further 288 sanitary pad packs are set to be distributed to Mucheke High School and Masvingo Christian College.

Cllr Alaica Time graced the event.



City of Masvingo holds Standard Operating Procedures Workshop

The City of Masvingo today held a Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) workshop aimed at strengthening Council efficiency, enhancing accountability, and improving service delivery

across all Council departments.

The workshop brought together Council management, section heads, supervisors, and key personnel to review and standardise operational procedures in line with modern local governance practices and the City's strategic objectives.

Speaking during the workshop, Chamber Secretary, Mr Vitalis Shonhai underscored the importance of having clear and effective operational systems within Council.

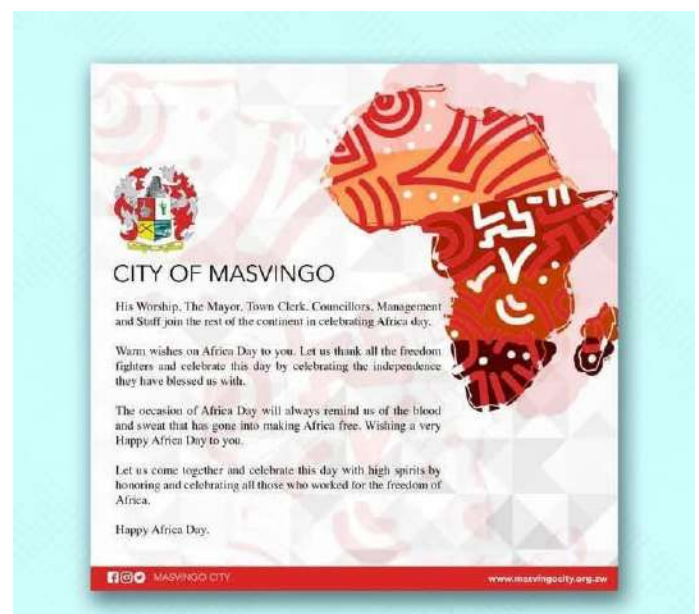
He noted that Standard Operating Procedures are essential in promoting professionalism, consistency, transparency, and efficiency in service delivery.

"The development and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures ensures that Council operations are guided by clear frameworks that improve coordination, accountability, and responsiveness to residents' needs," he said.

The workshop focused on strengthening internal systems, streamlining communication channels, clarifying departmental roles and responsibilities, and enhancing compliance with governance and administrative standards.

The SOP framework will assist employees in executing duties efficiently while ensuring uniformity in operational processes across departments.

The workshop also provided a platform for participants to share best practices, identify operational gaps, and recommend improvements to existing procedures.





City of Masvingo hosts Inter-Municipal games induction workshop for Local Authorities Task Force

The City of Masvingo today hosted an Induction Workshop for the Inter Cities Social Sports Festival aimed at equipping members of the local authorities task force with the knowledge and technical guidance required for the successful organisation and management of the Inter-Municipal Games.

The workshop brought together representatives from participating local authorities, sports coordinators, organising committees, and other key stakeholders involved in the implementation of the festival.

Induction provided an important platform for collaboration, orientation, and strengthening coordination ahead of the highly anticipated sporting event.

Addressing participants during the workshop, facilitators highlighted the importance of the Inter-Municipal Games in promoting employee wellness, teamwork, networking, and unity among local authorities. Participants were encouraged to work together in the spirit of cooperation and professionalism to ensure the smooth running of the games.

The workshop focused on familiarising participants with the technical guidelines governing the games, reviewing operational procedures, and discussing the standards expected of all participating councils. Special attention was also given to orienting newly participating local authorities joining the festival for the first time.

The induction workshop was guided by the following objectives:

- To give all council members a clear understanding of the technical guidelines that govern the Inter-Municipal Games.
- To orient new local authorities joining the festival for the first time.
- To ensure that all participating local authorities meet the required standards when organising and taking part in the games.
- To review the existing 2026 technical guidelines and update any information that is no longer relevant.
- To promote unity and cooperation among all participating councils in the implementation of the games.
- To prepare the festival council with the knowledge needed to successfully organise and manage the games.

Participants expressed appreciation to the City of Masvingo for organising the induction workshop, describing it as informative and essential in preparing councils for the upcoming Inter Cities Social Sports Festival.



City of Masvingo hosts capacity building and market linkages training for entrepreneurs and farmers

The City of Masvingo successfully hosted a two day capacity building and market linkages training aimed at empowering local entrepreneurs, farmers, processors, and agribusiness stakeholders with practical knowledge and skills to strengthen their enterprises and improve access to markets and finance.

Speaking during the training, Dr. Kingstone Mujeyi encouraged participants to embrace agriculture as a business and move beyond subsistence production. He highlighted the vast production opportunities available within the agricultural value chain and challenged farmers and entrepreneurs to

adopt innovative, market-oriented approaches that increase productivity, profitability, and resilience.

“Agriculture must be treated as a business enterprise that creates wealth, employment, and economic transformation. There are immense opportunities in value addition, commercial production, and market-driven farming,” said Dr. Mujeyi.

Representing ZIMTRADE, Mr. Kinsley Gwatidzo delivered a presentation on demystifying export markets and export opportunities. He guided participants on how local producers and processors can position their products for regional and international markets through quality production, proper packaging, branding, and compliance with export standards.

Mr. Gwatidzo emphasized the importance of market intelligence and encouraged businesses to take advantage of export support platforms and trade promotion initiatives available through ZIMTRADE.

CBZ Bank Head of SMEs, Mr. B. Mukonzo, unpacked the topic of unlocking project finance and crafting winning project proposals. His presentation focused on equipping participants with knowledge on preparing bankable business proposals, understanding financing requirements, and improving financial management practices to attract investment and financial support.

He urged entrepreneurs to maintain proper business records and develop clear, realistic project plans that demonstrate sustainability and impact.

Adding a practical entrepreneurial perspective to the programme, Mr. Clever Garirofa of Global Harvest shared his inspiring entrepreneurship journey. He spoke candidly about the challenges, lessons, and successes he encountered while building his business, motivating participants to remain persistent, innovative, and focused despite obstacles.

Participants expressed appreciation for the training, noting that it provided valuable insights into business growth, financing opportunities, export readiness, and modern agricultural entrepreneurship.

The initiative was supported by the European Union, the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the GIZ GGLA Project

under the City of Masvingo's Local Economic Development (LED) Plan.



City of Masvingo hosts two-day capacity building and market linkages training

The City of Masvingo is currently hosting a two-day capacity building and market linkages training at Urban Lifestyle as part of the City's ongoing efforts to strengthen local economic development and empower value chain actors within the agricultural sector.

The training brought together a diverse group of participants including horticulture farmers and aggregations, seedling and nursery producers, poultry farmers, as well as grain and meat processors.

Speaking during the programme, City of Masvingo Town Clerk Eng Edward Mukaratirwa highlighted the importance of empowering local producers with practical skills and market knowledge to stimulate economic growth, create employment opportunities, and enhance food security within the community.

This programme provided a platform for participants

to enhance their business skills, improve production knowledge, and explore market opportunities aimed at increasing productivity and sustainability within their enterprises.

The initiative was supported by the European Union, the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the GIZ GGLA Project under the City of Masvingo's Local Economic Development (LED) Plan.

Training forms part of broader efforts to promote inclusive economic growth, support livelihoods, and strengthen local value chains within the city and surrounding communities.

During the workshop, participants engaged in discussions on market access, business networking, value addition, product quality standards, and strategies for improving competitiveness in local and regional markets. The training also created an opportunity for producers and processors to interact with potential market partners and stakeholders in the agricultural value chain



City of Masvingo holds SDC induction workshop for Council Schools –Day 2

The City of Masvingo is currently conducting an induction workshop for newly elected School Development Committees (SDCs) from council-run schools, aimed at strengthening governance, accountability, and effective administration within learning institutions.

The workshop which has brought together SDC members, school heads, education officials, and council representatives to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to effectively execute their duties and contribute to the development of schools under the local authority.

Council outlined the critical roles played by the City in the management and support of council-run schools. Key responsibilities highlighted included infrastructure development, repair and maintenance of school facilities, provision of learning materials, and the employment of school heads and deputy heads.

The City also reaffirmed its commitment to complementing the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (MoPSE) in the provision of quality primary and secondary education.

Participants were further informed that council is responsible for setting standards for tuition fees, presiding over SDC elections and inductions, conducting audits, and providing guidance on procurement processes to ensure transparency and accountability within schools.

A presentation by the District Schools Inspector (DSI) focused on conflict management, emphasizing the importance of maintaining sanity, harmony, and order within schools and among stakeholders. The presentation encouraged SDC members and school authorities to adopt constructive communication, teamwork, and proper dispute resolution mechanisms to foster conducive learning environments.

The workshop also featured a presentation by the City of Masvingo on recruitment and selection procedures, which sought to enhance understanding of the processes involved in staffing council schools. Participants were guided on principles of fairness, professionalism, and compliance in recruitment practices to ensure that qualified personnel are engaged.

Importance of collaboration between SDCs, school administrations, council, and the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education in promoting good corporate governance and improving the quality of education in council schools was emphasized.

The induction workshop is expected to strengthen the capacity of SDCs and enhance their ability to effectively support school development initiatives across the City of Masvingo.





City of Masvingo moves to strengthen participatory budgeting through stakeholder training

The City of Masvingo is set to enhance citizen participation in local governance through the training of its newly established Stakeholder Budget Committee (SBC), a move aimed at promoting transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in public financial management.

The SBC, which brings together representatives from residents' associations, the business community, government ministries, youth, women's groups, religious organizations, and other special interest groups, is a key platform designed to institutionalise citizen involvement in council budgeting processes. The initiative reflects the City's broader commitment to inclusive governance and responsive service delivery.

The training programme is being supported under the Good Governance in Local Authorities (GGLA) Project, implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The project is co-funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Union, and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. Masvingo is among 20 local authorities benefiting from the programme, which seeks to strengthen gender-equitable, transparent, and accountable governance systems in Zimbabwe.

While the SBC has already been established with clear Terms of Reference, its effectiveness depends on the capacity of its members to understand key aspects of public financial management. These include the budget cycle, governance structures, consultation strategies, and monitoring mechanisms.

The two-day workshop will focus on equipping participants with practical knowledge and skills to actively contribute to budgeting processes. Key

areas of training will include understanding the budget cycle and governance framework, roles of council and management, stakeholder engagement and feedback mechanisms, and monitoring and reviewing budget performance.

Participants will also take part in reviewing the City of Masvingo's 2026 first-quarter budget performance, providing an opportunity to apply their learning in a real governance context.

The training will adopt a participatory approach, featuring case studies from other local authorities in the country and international best practices, as well as group exercises and role plays designed to strengthen consultation and decision-making skills. A local governance expert with experience in public financial management will facilitate the sessions.

A total of 45 participants are attending the workshop, including 23 SBC members, 13 councillors, and 9 members of council management. The committee itself represents a diverse cross-section of the community, including business organisations such as ZNCC and CZI, small and medium enterprises, financial institutions, youth leaders, women entrepreneurs, and the Association of Disabled Persons of Zimbabwe.

This initiative marks a significant step towards deepening democratic participation at the local level, ensuring that residents have a meaningful voice in how public resources are allocated and managed.



City of Masvingo holds pass-out parade for Municipal Police

The City of Masvingo yesterday held a pass-out parade for its municipal police officers, marking the successful completion of their training programme and the induction of a new cohort into service.

The colourful ceremony, held at Civic Centre Offices saw municipal police officers graduating after undergoing rigorous training designed to equip them with the skills and discipline required to enforce by-laws and maintain order within the city.

His Worship the Mayor Cllr Aleck Tabe, Councillors, Town Clerk Eng Edward Mukaratirwa, management, and invited guests attended the event to witness the milestone, which underscores the local authority's commitment to strengthening public safety and service delivery.

In his remarks, His Worship the Mayor Cllr Aleck Tabe commended the graduates for their dedication and urged them to uphold professionalism, integrity, and respect in the execution of their duties.

The officers were reminded of their critical role in ensuring compliance with municipal by-laws, promoting order, and fostering a safe environment for residents and businesses.

The pass-out parade forms part of ongoing efforts by the City of Masvingo to expand and professionalise its municipal police unit, ensuring that it remains responsive to the needs of a growing urban population.

The newly inducted officers are expected to be deployed across the city to support traffic management, enforce council regulations, and enhance community safety.



City of Masvingo Showcased Investment Opportunities at ZITF

The City of Masvingo made a notable impression during its participation at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF), joining exhibitors from across the country and beyond under this year's theme, "Connected Economies, Competitive Industries."

Throughout the exhibition, the City's pavilion attracted a steady flow of visitors, including investors, business representatives, and members of the public who expressed interest in learning more about Masvingo's investment opportunities and economic potential.

Participation at ZITF provided the City with a strategic platform to showcase its economic strengths while engaging potential investors and development partners. The exhibition also created opportunities to position Masvingo as a competitive investment destination within Zimbabwe and the broader Southern African region.

As a city located along key regional trade routes, Masvingo demonstrated its readiness to contribute meaningfully to the development of connected economies and competitive industries.

Visitors to the City of Masvingo stand were introduced to a range of investment prospects, including land earmarked for commercial and tourism development, infrastructure expansion projects, and initiatives designed to stimulate local economic growth. The City also highlighted its strategic location along the North-South Corridor, which connects Zimbabwe to regional markets across Southern Africa.

During the exhibition, City officials engaged stakeholders and outlined the local authority's development agenda, which focused on improving service delivery, expanding infrastructure, and creating an enabling environment for business growth and investment.

The trade fair further provided an opportunity for the City to strengthen partnerships with fellow local authorities, government institutions, and private sector players who participated in the exhibition.





City of Masvingo holds stakeholder engagement meeting on voluntary local review of Sustainable Development Goals

The City of Masvingo today convened a stakeholder engagement meeting aimed at consolidating the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to reflect on the progress made by the City in implementing the global development agenda while also identifying existing challenges.

The engagement provided a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and the sharing of insights that will contribute to a comprehensive review of how the City is aligning its development initiatives with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participants discussed different programmes and initiatives being undertaken within the City that contribute toward sustainable development. The discussions also highlighted areas that require further improvement, ensuring that the City continues to strengthen its efforts toward inclusive and sustainable urban development.

The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal call to action aimed at ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. Through the Voluntary Local Review process, the City of Masvingo seeks to track its contribution toward these global goals while strengthening accountability, transparency, and stakeholder participation in local development.



Residents embrace recycling initiative at Eastvale Play Centre

The atmosphere at Eastvale Play Centre was vibrant and full of excitement as residents turned up in large numbers carrying recyclable materials to sell, marking a strong community response to the City of Masvingo's recycling initiative.

Community members arrived with various sorted recyclables, demonstrating growing awareness of the importance of proper waste management and environmental responsibility. The initiative aims to encourage residents to separate waste at source while transforming recyclable materials into a valuable resource.

A key highlight of the program is the opportunity for residents to open accounts where they can securely save and accumulate earnings from the recyclables they bring. Once their savings reach meaningful amounts, residents are able to redeem the funds, making the initiative not only environmentally beneficial but also a practical income-generating opportunity for households.

The program is already beginning to make a positive impact within the community by promoting cleanliness, reducing waste, and providing an innovative way for residents to earn from materials that would otherwise be discarded.

All Eastvale residents are encouraged to take part in this initiative by separating their waste at household level and bringing recyclables every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Eastvale Play Centre.

Through collective effort, the Eastvale community is demonstrating how waste can be turned into value

while contributing to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable environment.



Churches lead Easter Clean-Up Campaign in promoting environmental stewardship

Churches across the city on Easter Friday participated in a community clean-up campaign aimed at promoting environmental stewardship ahead of the Easter holidays.

The initiative brought together congregants and community members who gathered at various Easter worship venues to clean their surroundings and designated areas.

The clean-up exercise, held today on the 3rd of April 2026 from 0800hrs to 1000hrs, was conducted under the theme “Promoting Green Gatherings and Travellings.”

The campaign encouraged churches to extend their mission beyond spiritual guidance to include caring for the environment and promoting cleaner communities.

Participants actively engaged in sweeping, litter collection, and clearing waste around church premises and nearby public spaces.

This initiative sought to ensure that areas hosting Easter gatherings remain clean, safe, and welcoming for worshippers and visitors.

Health Services Department emphasised that the campaign was not only about maintaining cleanliness during the Easter period but also about inspiring communities to adopt responsible environmental practices. Churches were encouraged to lead by example and demonstrate that faith communities can play a vital role in safeguarding the environment.

The campaign was also guided by the biblical

message “Let your light shine before others,” with congregants urged to reflect this through clean and responsible actions within their communities.

Such collective efforts contribute significantly to building cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable communities during the Easter celebrations and beyond.



Good Deeds Pay: City of Masvingo Promotes Cleanliness Through the “Stick and Carrot” Approach

The City of Masvingo continues to promote a culture of cleanliness and environmental responsibility through its “Stick and Carrot” concept, an initiative designed to reward positive behaviour while discouraging illegal dumping and littering.

It was a great day for two residents in Rhodene who were rewarded for maintaining a clean environment around their yard. The commendable act was witnessed by the City’s Deputy Director of Health Services, who immediately appreciated the residents for their responsible behaviour.

The two residents were recognised for taking the initiative to sweep and maintain clean surroundings in their neighbourhood. As a token of appreciation for their efforts, they were presented with hygiene-enabling equipment to support their continued commitment to cleanliness.

The City of Masvingo Health Department applauds such positive actions from residents, which contribute significantly to maintaining a clean, healthy, and attractive city for everyone.

At the same time, Council remains firm in taking action against illegal dumping and other activities that undermine the city’s environmental standards. While enforcement measures will continue, the City also believes in recognising and rewarding residents

who lead by example.

Through the “Stick and Carrot” initiative, the City of Masvingo will continue visiting residential areas to promote responsible waste management, reward good deeds, and encourage all residents to play their part in keeping Masvingo clean.



Masvingo City Health Applauds Churches for Successful Easter Clean-Up Campaign

The City of Masvingo Health Department has commended churches that actively participated in the April Easter Clean-Up Campaign, demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and community cleanliness.

The campaign saw various churches coming together to clean their surroundings, reinforcing the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment for all residents. Their participation reflects the vital role that faith-based organisations play in promoting responsible community behaviour and environmental care.

Following the clean-up exercise, the City supported the participating churches with non-food hygiene items, including handwashing buckets and hand soap, to strengthen ongoing hygiene practices at their church premises.

This initiative highlights the importance of collaboration between City of Masvingo and faith-based organisations in building clean, healthy, and environmentally responsible communities.

The City Health Services Department encourages more community groups, institutions, and residents to take part in similar initiatives aimed at keeping Masvingo clean and safe for everyone



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MUCHEKE CLINIC PRESENTS COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

DATE: 28.05.2026

TIME: 1345hrs

VENUE: MUCHEKE RANK BUSINESS CENTRE

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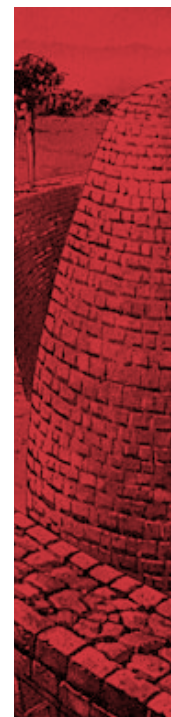
OUR STRIDES, OUR HEROES

His Worship, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, Town Clerk, Management and Staff join the rest of the nation in commemorating Independence Day.

As we commemorate this historic occasion, we remain alive to the great sacrifices and supreme acts of heroism made by gallant sons and daughters of the nation both living and departed to bring about the peace and freedom we cherish today.

City of Masvingo remains unwavering in its effort to ensure that dreams of liberation war heroes come to fruition by providing adequate and sustainable municipal services to clients and diverse socio-economic development opportunities to all its stakeholders.

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