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## **FOREWORD BY MAYOR IDP 2022/2023**

This Integrated Development Plan outlines our progress of the targets we set for ourselves, and most importantly, it gives our stakeholders and communities insight into the performance and achievements of the municipality.

We ought to remind ourselves that local government is the coalface of service delivery. We remain the catalyst for the provision of a basket of essential services such as bulk economic, social infrastructure and other social amenities.

In light of recent developments with regards to Covid-19, now is the time more than ever for municipalities to be at the forefront of applying a whole society approach which includes the strict safeguarding of the economy, maintaining delivery of public infrastructure safely while maintaining food security and transport links.

The size and structure of Mamusa's population is constantly evolving in an increasingly complex and precarious environment. This affects the demand from the current administration. Our residents are becoming increasingly aware of the need for a sustainable economy and lifestyles, as indeed is society as a whole.

We need to espouse the culture of maximizing on the limited resources we have so that we can meet our targets irrespective of the challenges we face every day.

The municipality has not performed considerably well over the last administrative period, taking into consideration the budget constraints and the general impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges experienced, the municipality has an affirmation for a clear commitment to clean governance and leadership that is accountable to its residence.

As a municipality, we dare not forget that our objective is to create value for all our stakeholders, and furtherance of that aim, we apply ethical principle.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Councillors, officials, and the residents of Mamusa Local Municipality for their dedication, support and co-operation, which enable the institution to operate and withstand all challenges.

Together we shall attain good governance and accountability

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