

Sports teams bring home silverware

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AT the Harry Gwala Municipality council chambers Harry Gwala netball and soccer teams were congratulated at a photo shoot by the municipality for their success at the Umgeni Water Provincial tournament.

Corporate services manager Neziswa Lungwengwe said they must support sports programmes and encourage teams to perform even better.

“Even though we have ways and means to support our teams, resources are sometimes a problem, so we need to include sports programmes in our budget,” Lungwengwe said.

The teams brought home two cups — the soccer team brought home silver and the netball team brought home gold.

Harry Gwala District deputy mayor Nthuseng Duma said the municipality is proud of the work the teams put in at the tournament.

“These are the things that put us on the map, as true citizens of Harry Gwala they have done well.”

Duma endorsed Lungwengwe’s view that sports programmes need the assistance of the municipality.

“In order to encourage teams, we need to contribute more to sports, financially,” she said.

She said they take sport very seriously as it is part of wellness.

“It is a bonus that our employees at Harry Gwala are fresh in mind and in body because that is what is required, that is why we support them in terms of transport, meals and accommodation when they participate in tournaments.”

Duma said it is important that as the leadership and management of the municipality, they are informed of sporting activities that teams take part in so they can give support and boost their morale.

“When we are involved we will be able to sort out any challenges they may have.”

The two teams will represent the district in future Salga Games she confirmed.

Soccer captain Xolani Phungula said that their preparations for the tournament took a long time.

“We are very happy that our efforts finally bore fruit. We worked really hard in preparation for the tournament.”

Fezeka Gambushe, netball captain, who is also part of Kingdom Stars, a provincial team, said their win has encouraged them to work even harder.



Councillors and management with the soccer team at the Harry Gwala District Municipality.
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