

## **COMMUNITY BID SAD FAREWELL AS KGOŠI LEBELO IS LAID REST**

**MOKOPANE:** A gloomy mood filled a special marquee erected next to Ga-Lebelo Traditional Municipality on Saturday as mourners came in large numbers to pay their last respect to Kgoši Kgokolo Gilbert Lebelo (92) who passed on after long illness.

On Saturday mourners came in numbers, from to pay their last respects for Kgoši Kgokolo Gilbert Lebelo who was laid to rest at Ga-Lebelo Village.

Mogalakwena Municipality Mayor Cllr Andrina Matsemela who was accompanied by EXCO Members, Ward Councillor, political leaders, traditional leaders, government officials and members of the community were amongst the mourners.

During her brief address at the funeral service Matsemela indicated that under the leadership of Kgoši Lebelo brought changes in the village and the municipality at large and his commitment to uplift the people of Ga-Lebelo village is an important lesson to them.

“As leaders, we should and we will continue working together with the traditional leaders to achieve the common goal of the advancement of the people. We will continue working with the Ga-Lebelo Traditional House. It is sad day for the entire community of Mogalakwena and the council nation to bid our last goodbye to the old the man who has been at the helm of the Ga-Lebelo community since 1972,”

“We wish the people of Bafokeng courage as we mourn with you today. Our ANC led government and the entire community of Mogalakwena and Waterberg share your pain. Rest in peace Kgomo ya Mmankhumiše, modimo wa nko ye meetse,” said Matsemela.

Kgoši Kgokolo Gilbert Lebelo who was laid to rest at Ga-Lebelo Village has been described as a rare breed of leaders, a lion-hearted man who selflessly led his nation with distinction.