

## **GREATER GIYANI MUNICIPALITY ENGAGE ON “A HI AKANENE” CAMPAIGN TO GIVE FEEDBACK TO THE COMMUNITY.**

**By Mdaka Room**

The word of the President of Jacob Zuma that “working together we can do” is the cornerstone of the campaign which Greater Giyani Municipality Council initiated to give feedback to the community in relation to the issues they proposed during the Integrated Development Plan process and Budget. The municipality has started the campaign in the last financial year of which it is continuing this financial year wherein the Mayor and the speaker lead the council by visiting communities.



**Community members listened**

**The Speaker-Cllr. Mabunda Risimati makes a point**

The municipality have realised that key to communities participation is a need to be empowered or inform about the process of the municipality in relation to the planning, budgeting and the sources of revenue. These on its own empower the community to understand their obligation towards the realisation of what is enshrined in the IDP. This campaign has seen the municipality tabling the report on how far the municipality in the implementation of the IDP is and what are the obstacles thereof. The first phase of the campaign targeted communities which are currently paying services and the second phase will focus on rural communities. The Mayor Cllr, Mathebula M.D thanked the communities for responding positively on the clarion call made in the last financial year in relation to servicing of accounts on services, she also pointed out that for the municipality to achieve all the projects indicated in the IDP, the municipality needs to collect revenue. Acknowledging the challenges that still lays ahead, the Mayor said “Potholes, shortage of water and a need for RDP houses remains at the top of the list; the municipality is planning to ensure that by end of December 2010 all the potholes should have been closed”. Some community members commended the municipality for what they have achieved in the previous financial year but urged the municipality to move with speed in addressing projects as stipulated in the IDP.