

GREATER GIYANI
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GGM tables its annual budget



Greater Giyani Mayor Councillor Thandi Zitha addressing the gathering during a budget sitting held at Giyani Community Hall

Greater Giyani municipality tabled its annual budget after concluding its IDP Review consultation programme as required in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act and the Municipal Systems Act.

The total budget amounts to R763,3M, of which R185,2M will be used for employee related costs such as salaries and wages.

According to the Mayor, Cllr Thandi Zitha, municipal staff employee related costs have increased by 5,4%, while the capital projects amount to R185,3M.

Meanwhile, the municipality's own revenue totalled R153,9M, while its general expenditures totalled R104M. Grants and subsidies are about R486,9M, which, when combined with the municipality's own revenue makes a total revenue of R640,8M. The remuneration of Councillors amounts to R29M. Meanwhile, the amount for free basic electricity is R9M. "The target is to register 700 or more indigent households during the 2023/24 financial year," said the mayor indicating that this process would be reviewed annually.

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LETI HUMAKA EKA HOFISI YA MEYARA

Hi ntsako na nkhinkhi lowukulu ndzi rhandza ku avelana na n'wina mahungu lama tisiwaka eka n'wina hi phephahungu leri tivekaka tani hi Rito ra masipala. Leri hi rona phephahungu leri khomaka timhaka ta masipala hinkwato.

Swo tala mita tihlayela hi n'wexe kwala, kambe xa nkoka lexi mi faneleke ku xitiva hi leswaku khansele ya masipala yi thorile mufambisi nkulu wa masipala ku siva xivandla lexi a xi pfulekile, yena tatana Vusi Duncan Khoza loyi eka nkarhi wa sweswi ku nga yena a khomeke tintambhu hinkwato ta vufambisi bya masipala.

N'wina a mi tshamela ku rila mi ku khansele ya masipala wa Giyani i ncindzu makukula kule loko swita eka matholelo ya tiposo ta swa vufambisi bya masipala, ndzi rhandza ku mi tivisa leswaku tatana Khoza i n'wana wa kwala kaya, loyi anga na ku navela leswaku Giyani yi tikuma yiri eka xiyimo xa kahle.

Handle ka swona, vuhleri bya hina byi kombisile leswaku tatana Khoza u na byona vuswikoti ku yisa masipala wa hina emahlweni. Hikokwalaho, ndzi kombela leswaku hi n'wi nyika nseketelo eka ntirho wa yena lowukulu wo humelerisa migingiriko hinkwayo ya vukorhokeri bya vaaki.

Tani hi meyara, ndzi burisanile na tatana Khoza loko a haku fika, na swona, hi twananile leswaku tani hi masipala hi langutele swo tala eka yena, ku katsa na xiviko xo basa eka swa tinkota. Leswi swi katsa na migingiriko yo vonaka loko swita eka vukorhokeri lebyi byi yaka eka vaaka tiko.

Handle ka ku thola mufambisi nkulu wa masipala, Khansele yi tlhele yi pasisa mpimanyeto wa swa timali wa lembe ximali ra 2023/2024. Lowu i mpimanyeto lowu tatana Khoza na vuthu rakwe va nga ta tirha hi wona ku humelerisa makungu hinkwawo ya masipala hi ku ya hi tsalwa ra hina ra IDP.

Loko ndzi nga se heta, ndzi rhandza ku mi khensa hinkwenu n'wina mi nga kota ku huma hi xitalo ku ya seketela mintlangu ya khapi ya meyara. Nseketelo lowu wu tlhela wu tisa ku vuyeriwa swinene eka va n'wa swimawusa lava va ti xaviselaku swilo swa vona kwale rivaleni ra mintlangu ku katsa na van'wamabindzu lava kulu. Tani hi masipala, leswi swa hi tiyisa swinene leswaku hiya emahlweni na mintlangu ya muxaka lowu eka malembe lama taka.

Hambi swiri tano, ndzi ri kudya hiku engeta...yanani emahlweni mi hlaya phephahungu ra masipala wa n'wina.

Inkomu

Meyara: Cllr Thandi Zitha.



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From the Municipal Manager's desk

I would like to start by thanking Greater Giyani Municipality Council for the great responsibility they have entrusted me with. I would also like to thank the municipality's officials and the Greater Giyani Community at large for embracing me into this wonderful community as their newly appointed Municipal Manager.

It is an honour for me to render my services to the community that raised me into the person I am today, and I am looking forward to some robust engagements with the residents of Greater Giyani as I embark on a mission to deliver services they so much deserve as well as address challenges that concern them in general.

My main objective as I begin this journey is on effective governance. We have not done badly in this regard when looking at the previous years' performance. However, there are areas where we need to improve. To achieve such improvements requires a highly motivated workforce. With that said, my aim is to create an environment that enables the development and growth of our employees within the institution.

When it comes to governance my objective is clear, we want to deliver a clean audit for the Greater Giyani community. We cannot regress from the previous audit report outcome. I know it might seem unrealistic, but it is not that difficult if we work together as a team.

What also tops my agenda is a quick implementation of projects. I want to ensure that projects that were started in the last financial year and those that have just started this financial year are completed on time according to specifications and the correct standards.

I am also aware of the challenge that Giyani is facing in terms of access routes into our town during peak seasons. I would like to assure you that we're looking at ways and partnerships that can assist us construct alternative routes to alleviate congestion. As a resident of the municipality, I have also experienced it first hand as well.

My other objectives include empowering deserving local businesses to render quality services in most of our projects. This means prioritising them whenever there is a need for services to be rendered within the municipality to ensure that whenever we have challenges with the quality of services provided, we know where and who to point to. This will ensure quick remedial solutions.

We intend to consider services from outside only in instances where internally we don't have the capacity, experience and skills required for such services.



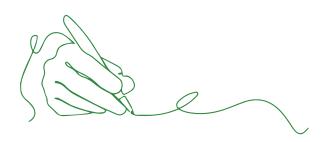
Municipal Manager: Vusi Duncan Khoza

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Editor's Note:



June and July are the chilliest winter months in South Africa. Just think of cosying up with a blanket, roaring fires and plenty of warm drinks in your sitting room or veranda of your house.

We therefore, couldn't think of a better time to bring your favourite newsletter than now. This is so you could relax as you read about new developments in your municipality.

Some of these developments include the hiring of the municipal manager and the Audit Committee which we all dearly need to safeguard municipal finances expenditure, and consequently help us get a clean audit, which has eluded us for many years.

We also have updates on projects such as the one happening on the Giyani to Phalaborwa road, where phase three of the road upgrading is taking place just after the completion of phase two, which started in March earlier this year and ended in June.

Most of you would remember that the road was badly damaged to the extent that some people would opt to use Tzaneen Road when going to Phalaborwa...now the road is complete.

Apart from articles about projects that you will find in this newsletter, we are also bringing you the 2023/24 financial year budget.

This will help you understand or have a clear picture of what the municipality is able to generate as own revenue and what it gets as grants from the treasury.

There are also many other informative articles within this copy...all you have to do is relax and page through the book.

As always, we really appreciate you reading this newsletter. Keep your eyes open for the next copy that is coming up in the near future to provide you with more information about your municipality.

Till we meet again....cheers!

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Cllr Ernest Mboweni



On road projects, the municipality has set aside R6,5M for the upgrading of the road from gravel to paving at Selawa village. Another amount of R11,6M has been earmarked for the paving of the 4,9 km road at Section F.

The municipality has also allocated R2,5M for the upgrading of Hlomela road from gravel to paving.

An additional amount of R27M has been set aside to upgrade the Siyandhani ring road from gravel to pavement.

Furthermore, the mayor revealed that an amount of R17M has been set aside for the upgrading of Shikhumba road from gravel to paving.

Meanwhile, phase 2 of Makosha road upgrading from gravel to paving project has an allocation of R1M and so is Shawela road upgrading from gravel to pavement.

On the other hand, the electrification for the 2024 financial year has been earmarked for 150 households at Loloka village.

R5.1M has therefore been set aside for that purpose. Another R6,1m has been set aside for the electrification of 150 households at Mageva village.

The municipality has also set aside a budget for 150 households at Mahlathi, Matsotsosela, and Mbhedle villages.

A budget of R4,1M will be allocated to each village for electrification.

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Another budget of R160 000 has been set aside for the electrification designs of 150 households at Mghonghoma village.

For the upcoming projects, GGM budgeted R500,000 for the upgrading of streets from gravel to paving at Nwamankena village, and another R2M for the upgrading of the

tennis court and Giyani stadium at Section A.

The municipality has also set aside R4M for the upgrading of Gawula Sports Centre, and another R1,5M for the repairs of Section E Sports Centre. There is also R300 000 budgeted for the establishment of a township at Ngove village. Another R1M has been

allocated for the development of the Giyani Golf Course. Meanwhile, the budget for township development at Ndengeza village and Mahumani Precinct Plan Development has been set at R500,000 each.

These are some of the projects that the municipality will prioritise in the 2023/24 financial year.

Total Budget Summary

| ITEM | BUDGET |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital project budget | R 185,336,188 |
| Capital acquisition (assets) | R 27,725,000 |
| Employee related costs | R 185,268,543 |
| Remuneration of councillors | R 24,915,963 |
| Programmes | R 39,114,000 |
| Repairs and maintenance | R 61,220,000 |
| Depreciations | R 95,000,000 |
| Bad Debts | R 29,000,000 |
| General expenses | R 104,125,074M |
| Total expenditure | R 763,334,120 |
| FUNDED AS FOLLOWS | |
| Grants and subsidies | R 486,901,000 |
| Municipal own revenue | R 153,956,124 |
| Total revenue | R 640,857,124 |

These are projects aimed at improving the lives of the Giyani Community in the 2023/24 financial year and the two outer years. They have been funded by the Greater Giyani Municipality, State owned entities and other sector departments.



"There is a need to do more for people living with disabilities"



Greater Giyani Municipality mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha said that despite numerous efforts to empower people living with disability, more still needs to be done.

Speaking during the awareness campaign for people living with disability held recently at Xitlakati village, the mayor said some people living with disability were capable of performing jobs that most people without disability cannot do, but society was not willing to give them a chance to prove themselves. She urged the community to accept people living with disability as equal

humans in the workplace, saying not all disabled people are mentally incapable.

"We have wheelchaired individuals who can be very productive if given desk work. Let's consider them for projects in our communities," said the mayor.

"Indeed the government is doing a lot to cater for these people, however, as a society, we have a role to play in support of people living with disability in our communities. This, by ensuring that they are considered whenever there's a job

opportunity," said the mayor. The mayor also indicated that the municipality was at the forefront of championing the rights of people living with a disability.

She said there were at least two people living with a disability for every ten people employed by EPWP unit. She said some were full time municipality employees.





Masipala wu nghenela pfhumba ro lemukisa vaaki hi ta mavabyi ya HIV,AIDS na TB



Pfhumba ro lemukisa vaaki hi ta mavabyi ya HIV, AIDS na TB lowu a wu khomeriwe eka Mhlava Wellemu ri hlohleterile vaaki ku ya emahlweni va xixima switsundzuxo hinkwaswo leswi nga ta va pfuna hi tlhelo ra rihanyo ra vona.

Loko a vulavula hi ku yimela meyara, nkulukumba Cedric Baloyi (nhloko ya ndzawulo ya swa ndlandlamuxo wa mabindzu na vupulani) u tsundzuxile vaaki leswaku xitsongwatsongwana xa HIV, AIDS na TB xa ha ri kona. A vula leswaku vaaki a va yi emahlweni va ti hlayisa.

"Ti sirheleleni loko mitshuka miendle swa masangu. Kambe ku tlula hinkwaswo, tivani xiyimo xa n'wina xa rihanyu mi thlela mi teka mapilisi hi ku landzelerisa swiletelo loko vuhlahluvi byo komba leswaku xitsongwangwana xi mi khomile", tatana Baloyi a yisa emahlweni.

U tlhele a hlohletela vaaki ku ya emahlweni va tirhisana kahle na va pfuni va vona hi tlhelo ra swa vutshunguri.

Exikarhi ka van'wana, ntirho lowu a wu xiximiwile hi vukona bya swirho ku suka eka ndzawulo ya swa rihanyu, swirho swa komiti nkulu ya masipala, komiti leyi fambisaka swa rihanyu emasipaleni, vandhabezitha, vakhanselara hi ku hambana hambana ka vona, minhlangano ya vaaka tiko na tindzawulo to hambana hambana ta mfumo.



Khanselara Cedrick Baloyi a vulavula eka nhlengeletano wa timhaka to fambelana na HIV/AIDS na TB





GGM appoints Municipal Manager

The Greater Giyani Municipality has finally appointed a Municipal Manager after long anticipation from the community.

The newly appointed MM, Mr Vusi Duncan Khoza, is a man born and bred in Giyani. Moreover, he is not a stranger to public service.

He has served in various capacities in different public offices in the country prior to his appointment to the Greater Giyani Municipality.

This includes serving as a Director for IT Systems Development and Technical Support in the Gauteng Department of Education, a job he held from 2010 to date.

He also served as Deputy Director overseeing the ICT Infrastructure Services at the Department of Social Development in Gauteng, as well as at Gauteng's Premier's office where he worked in various capacities.

Academically, Mr Khoza holds a post graduate diploma in Business Administration from Wits Business School and a National Diploma in Computer Systems Engineering, obtained from the Tshwane University of Technology.

He is currently studying towards a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Wits Business School.

While welcoming him to the municipality, Greater Giyani mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha said she hoped the municipality would do better with him in charge. "We expect you to take this municipality to the highest level in terms of providing quality services in a cost effective manner, and promoting financial accountability and effective governance," she said.





School learners during career exhibition at Giyani Community Hall

Career anxiety is common among young people in high school since they are at a stage where they are still trying to decide which career path to follow after many years of clueless studying in primary schools where everybody wants to be a doctor if asked.

Due to this lack of career guidance at primary schools, the high school level comes with challenges when learners begin to understand that there is more to academic options other than studying to become a doctor or a soldier as most young

boys aspire to be after watching cartoon movies. To clear the confusion, the Greater Giyani Municipality hosted a career exhibition in conjunction with the Science Foundation NGO at the Giyani community hall. This was aimed at helping learners see the variety of academic options so they could make better choices. Speaking at the event focused on grade 8 learners; the Greater Giyani Mayor Councillor Thandi Zitha said learners should consider their area of interest when choosing their career path. This is to avoid getting stuck in the

wrong job after training. "You should explore the area of your interests such as understanding the type of skills you have, your abilities, and desired lifestyle that you wish to live when you're done studying before you choose your subjects," she said. The mayor said choosing a career was not only about following high paying jobs but about what one could do and feel comfortable with after training. She added that the municipality was planning to reinstate the matric excellence awards by 2024 as part of its motivation for learners.







Giyani residents benefit from newly acquired vehicles

With the Greater Giyani Municipality facing a growing demand for water and graded roads, an additional grader plus two water tankers recently unveiled by the municipality will do more towards achieving the needed relief in most parts of the town where water scarcity and bad roads are still a major challenge.

According to the head for Infrastructure Development councillor Thamsanqa Mabunda, who spoke on behalf of the mayor during the unveiling of the newly acquired fleet, the municipality has so far unveiled three graders this year alone. "This is our third grader this year, and we hope this will help ease the municipality's burden in service delivery.

"The tankers will be sent to villages where water scarcity is worse. They might not do much when you look at how extensive the challenge is, but we believe these are the first steps in the right direction. As a municipality, we are constantly assessing the situation. We will purchase other equipment in the future when the budget becomes available," he said.

During the unveiling of the newly acquired vehicles, the municipality also handed over driving certificates issued by the sellers of the vehicles.

"These vehicles need special training to operate them correctly, hence our drivers had to be sent for training before they could operate them," he said.



The head of Infrastructure Development councillor Thamsanqa Mabunda, hands over the keys to one of the municipal drivers as the head of finance councillor Nkhensani Ndaba looks on

Xihoko i xi vangelo nkulu xa Madzolonga ya le mindyangwini

Eka foramu ya vavanuna leyi ayi hlanganile le ka Mninginisi Block 3 kuta burisana hi xivangelo xo andza ka madzolonga ya le mindyangwini, kun'wa ngopfu switswotswi na ku vuya ekaya vusiku, swiboxiwe tani hi xivangelo nkulu xa madzolonga ya le mindyangwini.

Loko a vulavula kwale ka nhlengeletano, xandla xa mutshama xitulu wa nhlangano wa vavanuna e Giyani tatana Gezani Twala u vule leswaku masiku lawa vavanuna vo tala va heta nkarhi wa vona e swipotsweni ku tlula ekaya laha ku nga na vavasati va vona. Hi kuya hi yena, leswi swi hetelela swi endla leswaku vavasati lava vati kumela vahlekisano e handle, ivi loko lowa nwanuna a swi kuma a susa nyimpi, ku dlayaniwa.

"Vavanuna hi fanele hiti lavisisa, u nge languteli ku n'wansati wa wena a tsaka loko u nga tshami ekaya uvuya vusiku masiku hinkwawo utlhe u pfuka u famba na mpundzu uya dzumba kwalomo yena a sala ari yexe," kuvula Twala, a kondletela vavanuna leswaku va tshama ekaya va tsakisa vavasati va vona.

Loko a hlamula, murhangeri wa "Health and Social Development" khanselera Constance Manganyi loyi a vulavula tani hi mukhomeri wa meyara, u kombele vavanuna hinkwavo leswaku va burisana na vavasati va vona hi mayelana na swilaveko swa vona leswaku vata pfuneka. "Kuna leswi vavasati va swi endlaka vakarhi va nga switivi ku vale ku vaviseni ka munhu un'wana, mhaka yi kulu iku a mutini ku fanele



kuva na ku vulavurisana leswaku hinkwenu miva na matwisiselo yo fana ya swilo," ku hlamula khanselara, a vula leswaku leyi hi yona ndlela yo hunguta ma dzolonga ya le mindyangwini.



Mayor hands over newly constructed taxi rank



Greater Giyani Municipality Mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha speaks while flanked by Councillor Cony Manganyi the head for Health and Social Dévelopment [behind her] and Councillor Nkhensani Ndaba the head of finance on her right, during the handover of Dzumeri Taxi Rank at Ndhambi village



EXCO members and the mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha, sitting with Hosi Dzumeri during a handover of a newly constructed taxi rank at Ndhambi village

Greater Giyani mayor Cllr Thandi Zitha handed over the newly constructed taxi rank at Ndhambi village. The mayor was accompanied by members of Executive Committee, Hosi Dzumeri and members of his cabinet.

This was part of the Municipality's efforts to improve the lives of its

residents through the provision of infrastructure.

The taxi rank, known as "Dzumeri taxi rank," is a state of the art infrastructure that is unique and the first of its kind in the village.

Speaking after the handover, the mayor said it was up to the

community to ensure that the facility was kept clean and safe for commuters at all times. "How you keep this facility clean is up to you, but we want it maintained so that it lasts longer," she said.

She added that the municipality would provide a security guard to ensure the facility was not vandalised.

Mayor hands over a road paving project at Siyandhani

Greater Giyani mayor councillor Thandi Zitha has recently handed over a 4.4km ring-road paving project at Siyandhani village as part of the municipality's infrastructure development.

The project is worth R40m, and completion is expected to take 12 months. "This is a very important project in your village that some of you will benefit from, hence I urge you not to steal materials brought here for the construction as that will not only delay the project but could also collapse it in the case where

funding is withdrawn due to delay," said the mayor.

Speaking about hiring, the mayor warned youth against relying too much on EPWP jobs. She said they should focus on education instead.

"I understand that many of the young people will be employed by this project. However, I wouldn't recommend relying too much on EPWP because you won't get far with those kinds of jobs," continued the mayor saying education would be a better solution for them.

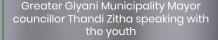
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Siyandhani village







Greater Giyani mayor councillor Thandi Zitha urged young people in the municipality to take advantage of the programmes such as learnerships and internships that the municipality offers to youth as part of preparing them for the mainstream market if they want to improve their chances of employment. "It is our belief as a government that youth that go through these programmes are mostly well-prepared when they enter the mainstream job market because of the experience they get at the end of these programmes," said the mayor during a Youth Summit held at Giyani Community Hall.

She continued on and told them that the struggle faced by the current generation of youth was totally different from the struggle experienced by the youth of the 1976 and 1980 generations. She said the current youth was faced with economic challenges which could only be tackled if they themselves could sit down and share ideas that could help them come up with better solutions.

She urged the youth to form youth owned cooperatives in their respective places where the municipality could interact with them regarding skills training and capacity building

programmes through its portfolio committee on local economic development.

The mayor discouraged youth from expressing their anger through the burning of tyres and destroying property.

She said this was not a proper way of engaging with the government. "The struggle was fought and won by the youth of 1976. What you are currently facing is an economic struggle," she said, urging young people to choose relevant training courses if they want to enter the labour market.



Greater Giyani mayor councillor Thandi Zitha speaking during

a public participation event held at Ndindani village

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GGM Speaker Cllr Ernest Mboweni

Greater Giyani Mayor Councillor Thandi Zitha urged communities living

in areas with severe water challenges to avoid illegal activities that might worsen their situation.

This includes unlawful connections to the pipeline that supplies water to these areas. The mayor was accompanied by the Greater Giyani Speaker Cllr Ernest Mboweni, Chiefwhip Cllr Thomas Makondo, members of Executive Committee, Chairpersons, PR and ward councillors as well as other dignitaries that were invited to the event.

Speaking during the Mayoral Imbizo held at Ndindani village outside Giyani, the mayor said the illegal connection of the main pipeline that supplies water in the communities aggravates the situation of water challenge since it reduces water pressure on the pipeline and denies the rest of the community access to water. "As a community, you should stand up against illegal connections on your main water pipeline, because this only benefits one or two individuals and denies the rest of the households access to water," said the mayor. She urged communities to guard the pipeline that supplies water in their areas to ensure that it was not manipulated along the way.

Before illegal connections to the main pipeline, most people used to have access to water. However, now that everyone wants to get water into their houses the water challenge has become severe.

Even worse is the fact that those who have established these illegal connections do not pay for the service," said the mayor.

She urged communities to stand

together and guard the infrastructure that is provided to them by the government.

This includes borehole machines that are commonly the subject of theft in many communities.

The mayor also addressed the question of poor road infrastructure raised by community members in the area, saying there were plans afoot to tar the main road that links five villages in the area. "This is not a promise.

I'm just telling you that preparations have already started to tar that road by the next financial year," she explained saying SANRAL would be the one implementing the project. According to her, the municipality would do a 3km road at Hlomela village instead before the end of the current financial year.



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Pipeline Connection



Winners of the GGM Mayor's Cup 2022/23





Mninginisi Gezani United celebrate after winning the Mayor's Cup tournament in the male soccer category

Giyani Vipers netball team posing with their medals and trophy after winning the 2023 mayor's cup tournament



Real Mighty FC celebrates after winning the mayor's cup tournament in the female soccer category







Mninginisi Gezani United won the 2023 Greater Giyani Mayor's tournament trophy after beating Mbatlo Hastalavista 4-3 on penalties and walking away with the tournament's top prize, 24 gold medals plus two soccer kits and two balls in prizes.

This comes after the two teams drew 0-0 on the field forcing the match to proceed to a penalty shootout to find the winner.

In ladies' soccer, Real Mighty ladies from Mavalani village won 4-1 against Giyani Athletico from Ward 13 in Section F and went on to lift the trophy along with its prize.

They were also awarded gold medals, kits and soccer balls. Giyani Athletico, on the other hand, received the second prize plus silver medals, soccer kits and balls.

The 3rd and 4th teams also went

home with cash prizes plus soccer kits and balls.Meanwhile, on the netball side, Giyani Vipers trashed Gawula Mighty 21-13 in the finals and claimed the tournament's trophy along with its prize.

They also walked away with 15 gold medals, 2 netball kits, and 2 balls.

The second runner-up also received a sizable amount of cash prize including 15 silver medals.



