

MONTHLY HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Abraham Brits

1. Summary

This report provides an overview of key **public health, environmental, and social development observations** within the ward during the reporting period.

While some visible mayoral involvement occurred during the previous financial year — including participation in a community sports event and the public distribution of dignity parcels sponsored by a private organisation — these initiatives provided only **limited short-term assistance**.

Several **systemic concerns remain**, particularly relating to sanitation, environmental management, infrastructure deterioration, and the absence of structured social development programs. These issues continue to affect the **health, safety, and general well-being of residents**.

2. Public Health & Environmental Conditions

2.1 Solid Waste & Street Cleanliness

Observations

- Noticeable litter accumulation in residential areas.
- Illegal dumping in open spaces.
- Inconsistent refuse collection in some areas.

Public Health Concerns

- Increased pest and rodent activity.
- Risk of communicable diseases.
- Declining environmental conditions and community morale.

No large-scale municipal clean-up campaigns or enforcement initiatives were observed during the reporting period.

2.2 Sewerage & Sanitation

Observations

- Reports of sewer spillages in certain areas.
- Delayed response to sanitation complaints.
- Residents exposed to raw sewage in some locations.

Health Risks

- Water contamination.
- Gastrointestinal infections.
- Environmental degradation.

At present, no clearly communicated **structured sanitation response plan** or emergency intervention framework has been shared with residents.

2.3 Road Infrastructure (Potholes & Drainage)

Observations

- Severe pothole damage on both major and secondary roads.
- Stormwater drainage systems blocked in some areas.

Impact on Health & Safety

- Increased vehicle damage and accident risks.
- Restricted access for emergency vehicles.
- Dust pollution during dry conditions.

Infrastructure deterioration has a **direct impact on environmental health and overall quality of life.**

3. Social Development Activities

3.1 Dignity Parcel Distribution

The Mayor participated in the distribution of dignity parcels sponsored by a private organisation.

Assessment

- Provided short-term relief to recipients.
- Limited reach within the broader community.
- No evidence of a structured municipal dignity support program.
- No monitoring system for beneficiaries.

While helpful to individuals, this initiative does not replace **long-term social development programs.**

3.2 Food Parcel Program (Unfulfilled Commitment)

A public announcement was made regarding food parcel distribution for vulnerable households.

Current Status

- No confirmed rollout observed.
- No published beneficiary list.
- No public reporting on implementation.

The absence of implementation may contribute to **declining public confidence in municipal commitments.**

3.3 Community Health Promotion

During the reporting period, there were **no visible large-scale public health campaigns**, including:

- Substance abuse awareness programs

- Youth health initiatives
- Environmental health education
- Community wellness campaigns

Preventative health education remains limited.

4. Impact on Residents

The combined impact of the above issues includes:

- Declining environmental health standards
- Increased exposure to health hazards
- Growing community frustration
- Reduced public confidence in municipal leadership
- A declining sense of civic pride and community dignity

Short-term public relations activities cannot replace **sustained service delivery and preventative programs**.

5. Key Performance Gaps

Expected Function	Current Situation	Gap Identified
Street cleanliness	Poor	Limited enforcement and maintenance
Sewer management	Mostly reactive	Lack of preventative maintenance
Food security support	Not implemented	Public commitment not fulfilled
Health promotion	Minimal	No structured campaigns
Social relief programs	Sporadic	No systematic approach

6. Recommendations

Immediate Actions (0–3 Months)

- Launch **ward-based clean-up campaigns**.
- Improve **response time for sanitation complaints**.
- Provide a **transparent update on the food parcel program**.
- Conduct **environmental health inspections** in high-risk areas.

Short-Term Actions (3–12 Months)

- Establish a **structured food security program** for vulnerable households.
- Implement **regular environmental compliance reporting**.

- Introduce **community health awareness campaigns**.
- Strengthen enforcement against **illegal dumping**.

Long-Term Actions

- Develop an **Integrated Health & Social Development Strategy** aligned with the municipal IDP.
- Introduce **quarterly performance reporting** to improve transparency.
- Allocate measurable budget funding toward **preventative health and social programs**.

7. Conclusion

The Health and Social Development function within Merafong City Local Municipality plays an important role in **protecting community well-being through prevention, environmental management, and social support**.

Although some visible community engagement activities have taken place, significant improvements in **sanitation, infrastructure maintenance, health promotion, and social support programs** remain necessary.

Without consistent and measurable intervention, public health risks and social challenges within the community are likely to continue increasing.

MONTHLY REPORT PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: March 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

Re: Unfinished houses and illegal structures in ward 14. According to building inspector notices were issued. Who is following up on this?

New development in Ward 14 what is the positive and negative impact for residents?

What is happening on the 3 open stands in front of Keurboom 28, 30 and 32 Fochville

Any new info on Town House development by Remax in Olienhout Fochville.

Francois Hattingh

05 March 2026

MONTHLY REPORT PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: March 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

We are still awaiting feedback from Merafong.

There is ongoing rubbish accumulation throughout Ward 14.

Sidewalk trees in Ward 14 have yet to be trimmed.

Thank you for the cutting of some open fields that was reported, really appreciated.

Still many open fields (grass) that need to be cut.

There is a stump growing on the road at 30 Kiepersol, Fochville, which requires removal.
Kindly address this issue at your earliest convenience.

Signature: Date: 05 March 2026

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) REPORT

Ward 14 – Merafong City Local Municipality

Reporting Date: 14 April 2026

Reporting Period: March 2026

Submitted by:

Jaco van der Merwe

1. Executive Summary

March 2026 reflects continued structural decline in service delivery within Ward 14, directly constraining Local Economic Development (LED). Persistent water instability linked to the Rand Water–Merafong dispute, combined with ongoing electricity infrastructure failures, continues to suppress economic activity, investor confidence, and household stability.

2. Water Services Impact

Water supply remains the single largest constraint to economic activity. Intermittent supply, low pressure, and extended outages continue to affect Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark and Khotsong. Businesses reliant on water continue to incur additional operational costs, with some reporting temporary closures during outages.

3. Electricity and Infrastructure

Electricity supply remains unreliable at a local level despite national grid improvements. Infrastructure failures, delayed maintenance, and unresolved capacity constraints continue to affect residential and business areas. Streetlight failures further impact safety and reduce economic activity.

4. Business Climate

Business sentiment remains negative. There is no evidence of new investment in Ward 14 during March 2026. Existing businesses are operating in a risk-averse manner, with reduced expansion and increased cost containment.

5. Mining Sector Outlook (Mponeng Development)

Recent reports indicate that the Mponeng Gold Mine, located near Carletonville and operated by Harmony Gold, is planning a significant capital investment (reported approximately R7.9 billion) to extend the mine's lifespan towards 2040, with project commencement anticipated around 2026 extending the mines lifetime to 2044.

This represents a potential positive driver for regional economic stability, particularly in terms of employment, supplier opportunities, and secondary economic activity. However, the benefit to Ward 14 remains conditional on:

- Stability of municipal service delivery;
- Infrastructure reliability;
- Local procurement inclusion.

Without resolution of water and electricity constraints, the local economy may not fully benefit from this potential mining sector extension.

6. Key Risks to LED

- Ongoing Rand Water supply constraints
- Municipal financial instability
- Electricity infrastructure backlog
- Declining investor confidence
- Service delivery protests and social instability

7. Conclusion

As at 14 April 2026, Ward 14 remains in a constrained economic environment driven by service delivery failures. While the potential Mponeng expansion offers a longer-term stabilising factor for the regional economy, local LED outcomes remain dependent on urgent resolution of basic infrastructure failures.



Jaco van der Merwe
Ward 14

Monthly Report Portfolio:

Road, Storm water and public works Member: Mr. Simon Matlala

Month: March 2026

The purpose of this report is to make sure that people get their services delivered to them by the municipality.

1. Olienhout street no 49,57,92,94 and 104 very bad potholes need attention.
2. Ouhout street in the corner no 4 very bad potholes need attention
3. Lilian avenue thank you for attending to this potholes.
4. Kareeboom street 22 need attention
5. Dalia street very bad potholes whole street need attention
6. Aster street whole street very bad potholes

Please we need assistance with these potholes on our street it's a serious problem that need to be addressed

Thank you

Mr. Simon Matlala

WARD 14

REPORT 2026/03/05

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY

The purpose of this report is to formally raise serious concerns regarding non-functioning streetlights in various areas within Ward 14, which have been reportedly been faulty for several years without resolution.

The following streets/areas are currently affected

Stinkhout,

Keurboom 32 Pole nr 82, 28 Pole nr 84 and 85,

Kiepersol 54 – 60,

Denne,

Jacaranda 18c pole 19,

Kiaat 1

Anemoon

Malva

Stinkhout 47

Annemoon Pole nr 63

Wattle 16 pole 256

Vygie

Ebbehout 3/11

Ouhout 16 – 28

Akasia

Kareeboom

Mimosa

Waterberry

Peperkorrel 1,2,4

Poppelier

Olienhout

Disa

Palm

Protea

Tulp

Corner of Disa and Denne

Corner of Ebbehout Olienhout

Corner of Denne and Eike

Reported Ref Nr: K40Z89YN26,

Residents have indicated that these outages have been reported multiple times via official municipal channels, yet no permanent repairs have been done.

The continued failure to repair streetlights poses significant dangers to residents.

Poor lighting creates opportunities for criminal activities such as:

- 1 House break-ins
- 2 Armed robberies
- 3 Assault
- 4 Theft from vehicles

Dark streets provide concealment for perpetrators and reduce visibility for residents and law enforcement.

Reduced visibility for drivers increase the risk of accidents

Obstructions such as potholes and debris become invisible at night.

Insufficient lighting hampers emergency response services in locating addresses quickly and safely.

Residents have expressed growing frustration towards me due to:

- 1 Repeated reports without feedback
- 2 Lack of visible maintenance
- 3 Perception of neglect

This ongoing issue is negatively affecting community trust in municipal service delivery.

On behalf of the community of Ward 14 in Fochville, I formally request

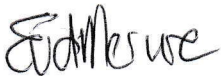
- 1 An urgent technical assessment of all reported faulty streetlights
- 2 Immediate repair or replacement where required
- 3 A maintenance schedule to prevent long-term outages
- 4 Written feedback to the Ward Committee regarding timelines for resolution.

FUNCTIONAL STREET LIGHTS IS NOT A LUXURY – IT IS A BASIC PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

We respectfully request urgent attention and intervention from the relevant department within

WATER

Water losses due to non-maintenance represent both an environmental and financial crisis for the municipality. Addressing these losses will not only protect a vital resource but also improve the municipality's financial stability and service delivery to residents.



Engela van der Merwe