

Abstract

Post 1994, the contested area of traditional leadership has come to be the heating debate. It is now a political, social and economic challenge. There has been contestation on who has the power over service delivery at a local sphere of government, between the traditional leaders and elected councillors.

The study seeks to find out if traditional leaders have a role to play in developing the community. It also serves to identify the factors that could be the hindrance towards advancement of traditional leaders into being role-players in development.

One of the findings of the research demonstrates that there are barriers experienced by traditional leaders in the community. There are gaps that still need to be filled between the Municipality and the structure of traditional leadership. There is ever growing concerns about the lack of clear communication lines and involvement of traditional leaders in decision-making structures. It was also established that the issue of the role of the traditional leaders not being clear poses a challenge not only to traditional leaders but the community as well.

Findings of this study will assist municipality as well as the traditional leaders in understanding the need for working hand in hand so as to bring positive changes. This will be the springboard for the local sphere of government as they deal with future development plans.

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I declare that this report is my own, unaided work. It has not been submitted before for any degree or examination in any other University.

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