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Mzinyathi to set up agency to assist in job creation

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THE struggling Mzinyathi district municipality is setting up a development agency to coordinate its development objectives in order to pull itself out of poverty.

By so doing, it is joining the likes of Harry Gwala district municipality (formerly known as Sisonke) and Mkhanyakude district municipality.

Thami Malunga, the municipal manager, said they are looking for five highly qualified people to serve on their board and thereafter they will help to appoint a chief executive officer.

Since the agency was supposed to start running at the end of this month, Malunga said there was an urgency to the matter as the aim is to have it running by March.

The big task was to help the district create jobs opportunities since they don't have big factories that can yield

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need to develop will be the livestock farming sector (both subsistence and commercial) and turn it into our economy's money spinner," Malunga said.

How will this be done?

He explained that, despite being a major supplier of beef cattle to be slaughtered in several abattoirs around the country, they don't benefit.

"We need to send finished products to the market and the agency will have to look at assisting farmers to establish big abattoirs within the district."

Malunga also said another aspect of their economy they needed to transform is vegetable farming in places like Msinga, Muden and Greytown.

"We expect the agency to help these farmers grow by working their established colleagues," he added.

Another sector the agency will have to look at developing is tourism and mining as these are sectors that exist in the district but not on their full potential.

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jobs for locals.

He said the first thing it should do is to look at their economic structure and develop it to an extent that it can start yielding jobs for locals.

"The first sector that this agency will