## THE REHABILITATION OF NJINGENI – MALKERNS RESEARCH STATION & ACCESS ROAD TO VULAMASANGO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The road rehabilitation is being undertaken as a result of deterioration, as evident by road failures and potholes in the road infrastructure. The road rehabilitation intends to improve the life expectancy of the road infrastructure. This heavy trafficked road will see an improvement in road safety and a decrease in road user costs directly, as a result of these improvements.

The Ministry's in-house programme, which is administered by the Ministry's roads department engineers embarked on the rehabilitation exercise of this 2.8 km project. It is worth noting that the Ministry is trying to reduce costs of out-sourcing contractors through the use of its in house team, and a contractor was only hired to do asphalt processing. The main social facilities include; Vulamasango Schools, Malkerns Research Station, and Etsala Seed Company.

The project is 90% complete, current works include;

- Construction of pavements,
- Construction of drainage systems,
- Road markings

Phase 2, of the project is currently underway, which extends to Malkerns Research station offices, whereby the road network will be fully tarred, and the project will entail the construction of parking for staff and visitors. This project serves an important function, as it connects the community to the main road network, and hence enhances social and economic accessibility.



Resealing of Njingeni—Malkerns Research Station Road & access road to Vulamasango Correctional Facility



On-going works (construction of drainage systems) at Njingeni – Malkerns Research Station road



Njingeni – Malkerns Research Station road, which is nearing completion