

MULAMULA ROYAL FAMILY FOUNDING CONSTITUTION

MULAMULA TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY IS FOUND IN MALAMULELE-WEST IN VHEMBE DISTRICT AND IS COMPOSED BY FOUR VILLAGES:

1. BACKGROUND OF MULAMULA CLAN

The founder of this chieftainship is Chavane "Mulamula" Maluleke who was born in 1824 out of his parents, Marhule Maluleke and Bavi Maluleke. Marhule Maluleke was the son of Dzhiwani Cembe Maluleke and had younger brother known as Mabatlo Maluleke.

Marhule and Bavi had four sons and the firstborn son was Chavane "Mulamula" Maluleke, followed by Jijivuka Maluleke, Mashabela Maluleke and the lastborn was Hakamela Maluleke. They were also blessed by two girls, known as Nwa-Marhule.

In Xitsonga culture when the brother dies and the younger brother takes care of his brother's wife and God blesses them with offspring they are the children of the brother who paid lobola to the family of the bride. This is the case in our royal family also, Marhule died when they were still blessed with Chavane Maluleke and his two younger sisters and Mabatlo/ Mavatllo took care of his brother's wife and three boys were born known as Jijivuka, Mashabela and Hakamela.

Mabatlo had his wife also and they were blessed with three boys known as Matsilele Maluleke who was the firstborn son, Ndoveni Maluleke and Risimati Maluleke.

Chavane "Mulamula" Maluleke had many wives to be exact they were seven and only five wives gave birth to the children of Mulamula. So they will be mentioned in terms of such seniority in marriage as well as in giving birth to the offspring of the chief, the founder of this chieftainship, Mr Chavane Mulamula Maluleke. The principal wife of Mulamula was Nwa-Khwenu from Khosa family, the second wife was Nwa-Machavangi, the third wife Nwa-Mahoya, the fourth wife Nwa-Bvubvungala and the fifth wife was Nwa-Mavanyisi "Nwa-Kapakapa" Khosa-Maluleke was just given to him as concubine as she was coming to take care of her aunt Nwa-Khwenu and also the aunt to look after her as she lost her parents whilst still young.

The principal wife Nwa-Khwenu gave birth to Mbayimbayi, Nwa-Chavane Sevengani wa ka Vukeya who gave birth to Misisinyani Vukeya who is the father of Hasani Vukeya who also followed his grand-father as he also married at Mulamula marrying two girls known as Nwa-Photani Tsatsawani Vukeya & Mhlava Nwa-Photani the second. Maselesele "Dumela" Mulamula, Nwa-Chavane Munene wa ka Misimeki & Risenga "Njhunjhwani" Mugarida Maluleke.

The Second wife Nwa-Machavangi who had the following children: Hlayisi Mikhayisi Mulamula ka Nhombelani, Hatlani Mulamula ka Halahala, Nwa-Chavani wa ka Bode & Nwa-Chavani Mulamula wa ka Majavula a Xinaveni.

The third wife Nwa-Mahoya gave birth to Sisalandhaku Mulamula was married to Nwa-Mabandhi Chauke and were blessed with these children: Nwa-Salandhaku Mphephu Mchavi(Muswane) & Mdunwazi Mulamula who married Nwa-Mtarino Chauke(Nhombelani). The second born is Mphahlela Mulamula who married Nwa-Xibomo Hlungwani and they were blessed with the following children: Tsatsawani Mamayila Mulamula-Mahomucha, Phandlula Risimati Mulamula, Nyanisi Nwa-Phahlela wa ka Msengi, Risenga Mulamula, Kubani Nwa-Phahlela Chali-Xikhogo a Gumbani & Khazamula Manyisi Mulamula. The third child is Nwa-Chavani Mulamula wa ka Makhasa & the fourth child was Gijima Daniel Mulamula ka Dleke.

The fourth wife was Nwa-Bvubvungani and she had these children: Mugwambani Mulamula ka Mahonisi, Nwa-Chavani Mulamula wa le ku Rhuleni ka Gundluza, Khambani Mulamula, Nwa-Chavani Mulamula wa ka Ntlemo & Maboko wa Mulamula ka Mphambho.

The fifth wife was Nwa-Mavanyisi "Nwa-Kapakapa" who gave birth to Nwa-Chavane wa ka Mafumbheyani, Nwa-Chavane wa ka Brandi ka Mphambho and Nengeni Samuel Maluleke ka Mphambho and his children latter moved to Mdabula and Hlaniki respectively.

Chavane Maluleke and Nwa-Khwenu Khosa-Maluleke were blessed with a firstborn son in 1856 known as Mbhayimbhayi Maluleke who had three wives; the first wife was Nwa-Magugu who gave birth to Nkami Nwa-Mbhayimbhayi who was married at Misimeki following her aunt Munene Nwa-Chavani Mulamula, followed by Makasani who was disabled (the only boy from the first wife) and Xalati; the second wife was Nwa-Mphaphuri who gave birth to Photani Jim Mkhacani Maluleke who was born in 1874 followed by Hatlani Mbhayimbhayi. The third wife was Nwa-Mazino who gave birth to Mashila wa Mbhayimbhayi, Mzamani wa Mbhayimbhayi and Nwa-Mbhayimbhayi Tsatsawani.

Photani Jim Mkhacani Maluleke married Xalati Nwa-Jacob Maluleke and blessed with his firstborn son in 1907 known as Gezani Johannes Maluleke and the lastborn son of them who is still alive is Mafemani Mackson Maluleke who was born in 1933.

NB. Mkhacani Jim Maluleke's children are as follows: Gezani Johannes Maluleke, Tsatsawani Magirita(Nwa-Photani), **Risimati John Maluleke**, Hlengani France

Maluleke, Mkhayisi Samson Maluleke, Mhlava Nwa-Photani, Mbhezima Daniel Maluleke, Mafemani Mackson Maluleke who is still alive.

It is believed that Mbhayimbhayi Maluleke predeceased his father in 1918 and Chavane Mulamula Maluleke passed on the following year which was 1919, so Dumela Maluleke the uncle of Photani Mkhacane Jim Maluleke took over the throne as regent from 1920 till 1927 when Photani Maluleke was of age to take his throne. Photani ascended to the throne in 1927 and after that he became blind and his paternal uncle acted on behalf of him once more from 1928 until 1933 when he was healed and took over his throne until his last day of his reign in 1947 when he passed on. **Gezani Johannes Maluleke was deprived his throne as he stood accused of a foul play in a death of his father in order for him to ascend to the throne earlier than expected and Risimati John Maluleke ascended to the throne as the regent until the children of Gezani Johannes Maluleke were of age to take over. The firstborn son of Gezani Johannes Maluleke was Samuel Maluleke who was born in 1933 and he was of age in 1968 to take over his throne from his uncle Risimati John Maluleke unfortunately he died of poisoning the same year he was to ascend to the throne. Risimati John Maluleke continued as a regent until he passed on in 1977 and he was succeeded by his firstborn son, Thomas Hasani Mulamula as regent from 1978 to date.**

However, Samuel Maluleke had a son known as George Mkhacani Maluleke who was born in 1962. He also has a firstborn son called Walter. NB. This is the correct lineage of our chieftainship position in terms of customary law of succession in this regard. During 2014, George Mkhacani Maluleke has shown a huge interest on his throne but wanted his paternal uncle from the first-house to be the regent until he assumes his birthright as the legitimate senior traditional leader of Mulamula Traditional Community as he penned down a letter addressed to the chairperson of Mulamula Royal Council in respect of his wishes.

2. MANDATE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

Mulamula Royal family's core duty is to ensure that there is stability as well as development in the area of its jurisdiction which includes the four villages known as follows: Nhombelani, Dumela, Muswane and Mulamula headkraal. In terms of the law, Mulamula Royal Family is established in terms of Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act No.41 of 2003, Section 1(1) and Limpopo Traditional leadership and Institutions Act No.06 of 2005, Section 1(1). The royal family is composed by the direct descendants of Mulamula Chavane Maluleke from paternal and maternal offspring together with the descendants of his younger sisters and younger brothers; Jijivuka, Mashabela and Hakamela. The core duties of the royal family in terms of the act is to ensure that its subjects do get the required services in their

villages which are governed by Mulamula Royal Family and to ensure that the first-house's lineage is always the prime in leadership in terms of our customary law of Tsonga-speaking people. The royal family provides sound leadership to the headmen who happened to be under its jurisdiction but not linked with the ancestry of Mulamula Chavane Maluleke. The royal family could not able to do this without the executive leadership steering the royal family into the right direction and as such there is a structure established as Mulamula Royal Council which has got five executive positions occupied by office bearers led by the chairperson of the royal family, who is having deputy who always steps in should the chairperson not available and not performing his duties as expected in terms of powers invested upon him by the royal family. This structure is the one to develop policies and take decisions to be implemented in its jurisdiction by COGHSTA through traditional council which is established to fulfill the mandate of the royal family in terms of Traditional Leadership and governance Framework Act No.41 of 2003, section 4(1).

3. TERM OF OFFICE

Mulamula Royal Council was established official in 1992 prior to the first election of our democratic dispensation; this is the concept of the first chairperson of Mulamula Royal Council, Mr Thomas Magezi Mulamula better known as "Thiza", the firstborn son of Mkhacani Jim Photani Maluleke with the fourth wife Nwa-Misisinyani Bila-Maluleke was born in 1940 and he was nominated unanimously by the royal family members to lead the structure in which he served two terms from 1992 till 2012.

It was agreed that the term of office should be ten years with option of renewal to ensure that all what have been agreed by the royal council to be implemented by the traditional council do receive ample time for implementation. The first term of office run from 1992 till 2002 which was renewed till 2012 as the second term of his chairmanship, Mr Mulamula Magezi Thomas and this is the third term for the secretary of Mulamula Royal Council, Mr Khazamula Robert Maluleke as he served under the first chairperson for two terms and now serving under the second chairperson of Mulamula Royal Council with effect from 2013 by which in principle the term of office will come to an end in 2022.

TERMS AND CONDITIONSN OF THE COMMITTEE

NB: The royal council must consists of only members of a royal blood who are the descendants of Chavani and his brothers as well as his sisters.

The current executive is composed by the following family members starting from the chairperson: Mr Maluleke Risimati Elias as chairperson, his deputy is Mr Mdungazi Joseph Maluleke, the secretary is Mr Maluleke Khazamula Robert, his deputy is Musa Mulamula and the treasurer is Mr Maluleke Mzamani Thomas Dumela. Mr Thomas

Hasani Mulamula is the ex-officio as the regent of Mulamula Traditional Community. The structure has got some few family members who have been nominated as additional members of the structure in order to ensure they support the executive in a given assignment so that the top five could perform the mandate without any failure for the benefit of the royal family and its jurisdiction as well as the subjects.

The executive are obliged to call royal family meetings at any given time if there are urgent matters to address and is always expected to give report to the royal family members who nominated them to lead once or twice in a year whereby full report of what transpired in the year should be reported.

Any meeting that is attended by the chairperson or deputy chairperson and the secretary of the royal council or deputy secretary of the royal council is regarded as the royal family meeting with mandate to inform other absent members of the state of affairs for the matters discussed and agreed upon. The secretary or deputy secretary should always keep the minutes of the meetings in order to provide them in request should they be wanted for inspection by the office of the Premier in terms of the law.

The constitution has been compiled by the secretary of Mulamula Royal Council, Mr Khazamula Robert Maluleke with a help from the elders, kokwane Gezani Thomas Maluleke wa Mashila wa Hakamela wa Marhule and kokwane Magezi Daniel Maluleke wa Dumela wa Chavane wa Marhule ultimately it was adopted by the royal family members as the true reflection of what the royal family is all about and stands for in its jurisdiction of Mulamula Traditional Community.

Approved by the following royal family members who are the pillars of Mulamula Lineage as founder of this chieftainship:

1. Magezi Daniel Maluleke-Dumela
2. Gezani Thomas Maluleke-Mashila
3. Magezi Thomas Mulamula "Thiza"
4. Risimati Elias Maluleke-Mbayimbayi
5. Nwa-Ndengeza Mhlava Tomu-Mafumbheyani Maluleke

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