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"NEW DAWN" FOR COMMUNITIES OF SPRINGBOKPAN AND MEETMEKAR IN DITSOBOTLA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

1'374 Household to receive water through Yard Connections with 40 jobs to be created

The Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality's commitment to ensure the provision of quality water service becomes a reality to communities of Springbokpan and Meetmekaar Villages in Ward 19 of Ditsobotla Local Municipality.

Member of Mayoral Committee for Infrastructure in the District, Cllr Gilbert Mathakathaka together with Ditsobotla Local Municipality's Mayor, Cllr Daniel Buthelezi launched two Water Supply Project where 1'374 Yards, i.e. 974 yards in Springbokpan and 400 yards in Meetmekaar will be connected with water, highlighting both in their speeches that VTSD development is a reality not just a concept.

Community members could not hide their joy as they were informed that water will be connected in their yards, "In the coming 8 months, you will not be walking 200m in order to access water as water will be on your doorstep" confirmed Cllr Mathakathaka as he was addressing communities.

Cllr Mathakathaka pleaded with community to stop chasing away contractors who have been hired to bring services as they will be delaying the progress of the projects. "Metsi ke tlhobaboroko bagaetsho, re batla e nne selo sa maabane" he said.

Mayor Buthelezi thanked the District Municipality for the swift response on the need for water, he asked the communities to take care of the infrastructure and save water during consumption. The Mayor further cautioned communities to use water wisely, "re tla be re bulela metsi re le mo matlong, a bo a elela bosigo jotlhe, tswetswe bagaetsho a re tlhokomeleng se eleng sa rona, let us learn to appreciate" said Mayor Buthelezi.

Appointed contractors committed to communities to complete the work within the next 8 months and create 40 local labour jobs.

Water supply in these villages is mainly from windmills and hand pumps, there are no pipe networks and the existing boreholes supplying the community with water are insufficient to meet the demand currently experienced by such a population

Jubilation was the order of the day as both communities were excited upon hearing the news, one could hear whistles and ululating of the people as a service they have long waited for, is now becoming a reality.

"Re godile botshelo bo le bokete. Bagolo ba rona ba godile ba kga metsi ko didibeng. Re a leboga, re tla itse go tlhapa ka moteng ga dibata le rona, re itapolosa mo teng ga metsi bagaetsho" puo ka Rre Pitso wa Bogosi

The total projects amount to R 28 m and R 19 m respectively.

"Together in moving Ngaka Modiri Molema Forward"

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