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COMMUNITIES URGED TO LOOK AFTER WATER STORAGE TANKS

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila appeals to communities to not vandalize water storage tanks in their areas.

This is after galvanized pipes and polystyrene taps attached to four storage tanks were vandalized and stolen in Moteti.

“We encourage communities to isolate criminals who destroy their property and report them to the police,” says Executive Mayor Ramaila.

In an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, the district municipality is installing water storage tanks as a short term intervention in communities that have water shortage.

A total of 80 tanks were received from the Department of Water & Sanitation, and another 70 tanks were donated by the Lebalelo Water User Association-a consortium comprising mainly mining companies.

These 150 tanks were equitably distributed in all four local municipalities.

Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality was allocated 55 storage tanks.

Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality was allocated 35 storage tanks.

Both Elias Motsoaledi & Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities were each allocated 30 storage tanks.

(Go to www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za to see allocation of storage tanks per village)

As of today, Sunday 26 April 2020, a total of 101 stands have been built and 92 storage tanks mounted.

Work continues.

The district municipality continues to engage relevant stakeholders with the aim to provide other villages with storage tanks. More details in this regard will be made public shortly.

In addition to the storage tanks, the department gave the district municipality four tankers which will fill and replenish the storage tanks. “We’ve also received four tankers from Lebalelo Water User Association. The association has promised to give us five more tankers in the next two weeks, and as the district municipality we’ll purchase three more tankers after reprioritizing the Municipal Infrastructure Grant,” says Executive Mayor Ramaila.

Separately, the Lepelle Northern Water has appointed a professional service provider (consultant) who’ll oversee implementation of the Moutse Drought Relief programme.

Moutse was declared a disaster area last year due to drought conditions and subsequently the Department of Water & Sanitation allocated R143 million to resuscitate boreholes and provide storage tanks while awaiting completion of the Moutse Bulk Water project.

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