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MOUTSE DROUGHT RELIEF MULTI-STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

Today, the all important Moutse Drought Relief stakeholder engagement was held successfully. The meeting is as a result of long toiling years of water shortage in many parts of Moutse. This was aggravated in 2019 when Mkhombo Dam, a water source for the area started silting.

This resulted in Sekhukhune District Council declaring a WATER DISASTER in the area. And in addition, a visit by Water and Sanitation Minister Ms. Lindiwe Sisulu in February 2020. It was then that the Minister announced this multipronged approach to alleviate water scarcity situation.

Therefore, Sekhukhune District Municipality, Lepelle Northern Water and DWS was mandated to unleash the DROUGHT RELIEF PROJECT. That is why this multi sector engagement.

"Our mandate is very clear, to look at temporary and long term relief measures. Progress to date is that 2000 x 10 000liter Jojo tanks have been procured and 300 have been delivered already. 20 new water TRUCKS have been procured, to date 5 trucks are on the ground waiting for drivers to start delivering water to Moutse East, Central and West. The 15 remaining trucks will be delivered before August 2020. 120 SMMEs will be appointed to install 14 stands each. Ground water development is persued and already 107 boreholes have been identified for refurbishment. It is a critical point in history as we balance the need for water provisioning and opportunity cost factor" says Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila.

This project will run concurrently with the multimillion rand Moutse Bulk Water Supply project, which has since been unlocked after delays resulting from legal disputes.

The DROUGHT RELIEF PROJECT is empowered by brains ranging from project management specialists, private sector and blessed by political leadership of Executive Mayor Ramaila, Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

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