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RE : Typhoid Disease Found in some parts of Sekhukhune

Communities of Stykraal, Tswaing, Mooiplaas, Vlakplaas and surrounding are warned of the outbreak of typhoid disease in the area. Typhoid has been tested positive in the water that flows in a canal that runs parallel the affected villages. Earlier during the month, more that 60 children from the nearby schools were hospitalized after consuming water from the canal. Confirmed reports are that 2 learners have since passed away after drinking this contaminated water.

“First of all condolences to the bereaved families and we wish speedy recovery to all those who are badly affected by the contaminated water. We can confirm that following the test that were conducted at the CSIR from the water samples taken during the time of the incident from the canal, typhoid disease was detected in the water. Therefore, it is important that we inform our communities about the outbreak of the disease. And on that spirit request our people to refrain from consuming that water. We have placed measures in place to start distributing clean and portable water to the affected areas. Executive Mayor has also directed water department to henceforth repair all breakdowns in the affected areas so that people can be supplied with portable water. And we are pleased to note remarkable progress in this

regard and we commit that all the people in those areas get water” said the Executive Mayor.

The district municipality will continue having engagements with the affected communities regarding healthy ways to consume water. Through our Institutional Social Development department and environmental health inspectors, the district will continue engaging with to resolve all water related challenges.

“Part of finding everlasting solution to this national problem, is the historic establishment of the District Water and Sanitation Forum, which took place on the 30th November 2017 in Ga Nkoana village. This forum seeks to achieve direct and speedy communications between members of the community and government. We anticipate that through this historic forum which is the first since the establishment of this municipality in the year 2000, we will be able to curb service delivery protest since there will be direct communications between communities, officials of government and political leadership” concludes Executive Mayor Ramaila.

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