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#### **Bukhosibetfu Inclusive School adopts Mlumati River to ensure it is regularly clean**

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Bukhosibetfu Inclusive School in Driekoppies in the Nkomazi Local Municipality has adopted a nearby stream to ensure that it is always clean off the solid waste, thus ensuring that their environment is clean.

The Department of Water and Sanitation has partnered with the school, Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency, Komati Basin Water Authority and Nkomazi Local Municipality and joined by community members to clean up their river as part of the Clear Rivers Campaign.

Mlumati River feeds into the Mlumati River which is crucial for water security in the Nkomazi Local Municipality.

After cleaning the stream, the community members were appreciative of the information and awareness that they received on the importance of clean rivers for water security. The community was educated by the learners on the advantages of clean rivers, water conservation and a healthy nation. The educational programme was opened by learners with disabilities who communicated their message on clean rivers and water security using sign language.

Mr Lubisi from the school thanked the parents and community members for joining the campaign and encouraged them to keep the stream around their homes clean to ensure the free flow of clear and healthy water. He further encouraged the community members to join the school in their cleaning campaigns throughout the year.

“If you throw waste and pollute the stream or river upstream, remember that you will also drink or use the dirty water downstream”, he stated, encouraging the parents and community to keep the stream and the environment clean and healthy.



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“The cows that are dying and the people contacting diseases due to the waste, especially disposable nappies is a result of human behavior. It is therefore crucial that we keep our environment clean for our own health and that of our livestock”, said Mr Nkosi, a cattle breeder in the community.

The clearing up rivers to is meant to protect our freshwater ecosystems, achieve water security and to ensure the free flow of water. The clear rivers campaign also contributes to clear rivers by removing pollutants from our water courses.

Let us adopt our streams and rivers and keep them clean for a healthy nation and water security.

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