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KwaNgcoya residents experience service deliver first hand

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On Friday 23 June 2017, the Deputy Minister Pam Tshwete of the Department of Water and Sanitation launched the Ntontela Tembukazi water supply project at KwaNgcoya Great Place in Lusikisiki.

She was accompanied by the O.R Tambo District Municipality's infrastructure portfolio councilor MMC Ngozi and the Mayors of Ingquza Hill Local Municipality Councillor Mdingi and Port St. Johns Local Municipality Councillor Rolobile.

"We are very grateful to the government particularly the Department of Water and Sanitation because we now have clean drinking water for the very first time. At times we had to wake up at midnight to go and get water from springs around our village", said Zandile Mabongo.

Mabongo added fact that the Deputy Minister set her feet in her village brings hope that things will change for the better moving forward because she saw and heard how they are struggling to make the ends meet.

The Deputy Minister in her speech urged residents to look after their infrastructure and use water sparingly because we are experiencing drought in the country at the moment. "I heard your challenges including the issue of schools we will bring that to the attention of the Department of Education so that they can intervene", concluded Tshwete.

A total of 30 villages will benefit from this water project. Just over R24million was spent on the project to ensure that the people of Ingquza Hill Local municipality receive clean potable water. The 1st phase consisted of drilling boreholes and protecting springs. The 2nd phase comprised of developing and equipping boreholes and construction of rising mains as well as storage reservoirs. The last phase consisted of constructing bulk and village reticulation, standpipe taps as well as break pressure tanks. In addition the Deputy Minister handed over five jojo tanks and 200 X 20l buckets to residents to assist them when collecting water.

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