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Matsulu youth committed to clear rivers and a healthy environment

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The 1203 Yethu Youth Solutions of Matsulu organized and coordinated the youth of Matsulu to clean and clear the streams and rivers of all pollution within their area. The youth organization worked together with the Department of Water and Sanitation, the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA), Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, Department of Public Works and the City of Mbombela, to clean the streams feeding the mighty Crocodile River on 20 July 2017.

The streams cleaned are crucial for the country as they feed into the Crocodile River which also feeds into our neighbouring country of Mozambique. Water quality is quite key in maintaining good relations as per the international agreements.

“I would like to thank you for honouring the invite to volunteer your time and service to clean the streams in our community during this Mandela Month. After this cleaning campaign, we must go back to our communities and spread the message of clean and clear rivers for a healthy environment and nation. I also thank the IUCMA for working and supporting us. Let us be responsible as the youth is the future”, said the coordinator, Angel Madonsela to the participants.

Ward Councillor, Mr. Donald Magongo said he was excited to see the youth taking the lead in community initiatives, especially in cleaning the rivers as water is indeed a scarce commodity in the country and water resources must be protected at all times.



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The clearing of rivers 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.

It was also exciting and fulfilling to hear the sound and see clear water flowing freely in the streams again after the cleanup campaign.

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