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Women and Disabled Persons' workshop encourages women to dream big

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As part of celebrating Women's Month, the Department of Water and Sanitation in Limpopo held a Women and Disabled Persons Suppliers' Workshop in Lebowakgomo, on Thursday, the 31st August 2017.

With this year's Women's Month theme being, "*The year of OR Tambo, Women United in Moving South Africa Forward*", the Department of Water and Sanitation organised the workshop so that women and people living with disabilities are empowered with knowledge on how to do business with government.

The department presented on the new Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, so that people can understand that government is serious about empowering previously disadvantaged persons, particularly women and people living with disabilities.

Speaking at the event, an official from the department, Mrs Hunadi Regina Shai, encouraged women to stand up do things for themselves, as the years of women being only housewives and gossipers are over because there are opportunities that departments like Water and Sanitation are giving to women.

"I have won many awards since I started, and all this was made possible by Minister Mama Action's department (Minister Nomvula Mokonyane). You know it pains me when I see young people, especially young women sitting at home gossiping and complaining that the government is not doing anything for them. Look, I am over 60 years of age but I still go around looking for those opportunities as I know that South Africa is full of opportunities especially for us women", said Mrs Shai

She concluded by saying that women of today should stand up and be counted. "The saying that you *strike a woman you strike a rock* did not just come because those women were bored in 1956, they were there at the Union Buildings fighting for the



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same opportunities that most women of today do not take seriously. Young women should come and take the baton from us the older generation so that they can continue building a better South Africa for all”.

Malope Matlou