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### 103 YEAR OLD GOGO RECEIVES A TOILET

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A 103 year old woman was a beneficiary of a Ventilated Improved Double Pit toilet during an International Women's Day event that was held Nkomazi Local Municipality on Friday, 10 March 2017.

The toilet was handed over by Nkomazi Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Councillor Thulisile Khoza and Department of Water and Sanitation Mpumalanga Acting Regional Head, Mr Masala Malaudzi.

Gogo Betty Marikhele couldn't hide her excitement upon receiving the toilet and said, she never thought she would ever receive a toilet gift at her age.

"I am the happiest person on earth at this moment and I want to thank everyone that made this possible for me to receive this wonderful toilet. I am very grateful for this beautiful facility that will ensure that my family will relieve themselves in a secure toilet with a proper door" she continued pointing to the old toilet that used a blanket as a door.

The handover was part of restoring the dignity of women as part of the International Women's Day celebration. As March is Human Rights month and water and sanitation is a basic human right, the handover of the toilets by the Department ensures that human rights are respected.

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