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Gaomphe passion for work kept him going

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Moepapico Joel Gaomphe is 60 years old and has worked for the Department for the past forty (40) years.

He joined the then known Department of Water Affairs on 26 May 1977. He is based in Potchefstroom Office, North West Province since being employed.

Now, he is set to go on retirement. The regional office is currently planning his farewell as he will be leaving the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) at the end of this month.

His job as an Auxiliary Services Officer keeps him out of the office. This is just part of his daily responsibilities that include assisting the Surveyor with survey tasks on the field.

“I joined the Department of Water Affairs before the democracy and I went through a lot of challenges because of apartheid government. Finding a reliable job was not easy as educational level count,” said Gaomphe.

According to Gaomphe, it was not easy to find work and by the time the Department gave him a job he was filled with joy. This government job gave him some security and peace of mind.

“What I like about the Department is that although I am unable to use a computer, I was however sent to further my training as a surveyor by attending several upgrading sessions,” added Gaomphe.

Some of the challenges that he encounters on his work is the working conditions due to insufficient resources and weather conditions because he is always out in the field.

He said he was able to work with young people who come with new resources and ways of doing things as he respects everyone and also willing to learn new things.

As he is going on pension on 31 May, he intends spending more quality time with his family and friends.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department for believing in me and, especially my colleagues in the Potchefstroom Office for the support you gave me for the past 40 years. It was a pleasure knowing and working with you. Goodbye,” concluded Gaomphe.

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