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Ngaka Modiri Molema celebrates World Toilet Day

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Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) have pleaded with the community to embrace and enforce the process of caring after their toilets, especially during celebration of World Toilet Day.

DWS echoed these sentiments during a World Toilet Day Celebrations held in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, North West Province.

DWS is aware of various sanitation options available to communities with focus on areas without water born facilities. Programs are available for end users to care for toilets facilities by adopting methods of cleaning and deodorising them, according to DWS's Provincial Director of Sanitation, Mr Lebogang Bogopa.

Bogopa added that: "With flushing toilets minimization of spreading water-borne diseases can be addressed simply in adhering to basic health and hygiene behavioural change. Taking responsibility of keeping toilet clean and hygienic after each and every use keeps them free from contamination," urged Bogopa.

World Toilet Day is an event celebrated internationally on the 19 November of each year and is observed by United Nations (UN)>. Sanitation is one of the basic necessities contributing to human dignity and adding the equality of life to fight child death.

The theme for World Toilet Day is Healthy Toilets Healthy Family. On its own says clean and healthy toilet leads to healthy family

The Department, together with local municipalities, are working round the clock to ensure access to proper sanitation which has being declared human rights. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), about 3, 5milliom people die every year from water borne disease while in South Africa cholera and typhoid epidemics increased the child mortality rate to children under age of five.

It is the duty of every South African to ensure that they wash their hands with water and soap after each visit to toilet. No foreign objects must be flushed in water born toilets.

Pit lateral toilets are also to be cleaned without chemicals as they kill natural decomposing biological process, and contaminate underground water , said Mr Rabasotho Kolokoto Deputy Director Sanitation".

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