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#### **DWS in North West take World Toilet Day commemoration to Dikebu Village**

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Community members from Dikebu village joined hands with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Moretele Local Municipality, Bojanala District Municipality during the World Toilet Day commemoration held on Monday, 19 November 2018.

World Toilet Day is part of the Department's Sanitation Campaign which Global Handwashing Day in an effort to educate community members about the importance of decent toilets and washing hands at critical times.

This day, as declared by United Nations, further seeks to demystify taboos associated with toilets and rally governments across the globe to prioritise sanitation provision and improve the lives of the people. The main aim is to address sanitation challenges across the globe and further commit countries to implement and achieve Sustainable Development Goal (Goal 6) by 2030.

Before the planned door to door education campaign, Deputy Director for Sanitation in North West region, Mr Rabasotho Kolokoto, addressed those in attendance and motivated them to be the champions of change in their communities by educating the public about the importance of taking care of their toilets.

"Clean toilets restore human dignity, therefore it is our responsibility to keep them clean at all times. There only three thing that should go inside our toilets and those are urine, faeces and toilet paper. Any other objectives are not allowed into the toilets" said Mr Kolokoto.

He explained that putting chemicals inside the toilets is not allowed because it kills insets that are meant to eat faeces.

Mr Kolokoto demonstrated to the community how to correctly wash their hands, showing them the six steps to be followed when doing so. He added that hands should be washed before eating, after using a toilet and that to properly wash hands they should always use soap.



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Ms Peggy Ntloke, one of the Dikebu community member expressed her joy about the condition of her toilets, saying that it was properly built and fully functioning.

“Today I have learned about the importance of toilets and how to wash my hands after using it” she concluded.

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