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Celebrating the 67 minutes and clear river campaign in Rustenburg

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Department of Water and Sanitation in North West together with Magalies Water and Rustenburg Local Municipality commemorated Mandela Day on 18 July 2023, by embarking on a clear river campaign behind a busy Rustenburg taxi rank.

The ultimate goal of the whole campaign was to clean the water resource and to educate communities about the importance of managing water resources and to keep them environmentally friendly.

The clearing of rivers is meant to protect our freshwater ecosystems, achieve water security and to ensure the free flow of water. The clear rivers campaign also contributes to clear rivers of pollutants from our water resources.

Most of the hawkers who are selling at the taxi rank are the main culprits of contaminating the stream and were educated about the disadvantages of disposing foreign objects in the stream.

Even though the stream is very deep, a lot of litter including plastic bags were removed from the stream. It took help from street kids to clean the stream, but a lot still needs to be done.

A lot of education was imparted to the people in close vicinity of the stream, especially the hawkers who are selling food stuffs close to the stream. They were about the effects of pollution of rivers and streams, which does not only affects humans and livestock but also compromises biodiversity.

The department also used this opportunity to educate communities about saving water at all times. South Africa is a water scarce country, therefore every little drop count, and every effort is appreciated and it goes a long way.

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