



## INTERNET ARTICLE

## Highlandspan Water Supply Project is expected to be completed by 31 May 2023

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The Department of Water and Sanitation in North West Province is confident that the Highlandspan Water Supply Project in Greater Taung Local Municipality will be completed by 31 May 2023. The Project will provide fresh water supply to the community in Highlandspan and will stabilize water challenges in the area.

The project is funded through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), with the allocated budget of R13 050 000,00. 61.28% of this amount has been used and the project is expected to be completed by 31 May 2023.

The project also carried out the hydrogeological work which included the aquifer testing of existing boreholes, as well as the drilling of a couple of new production boreholes. The new borehole pumphouses will be of reinforced with concrete to ensure better security.

There were refurbishment and upgrades of existing 20 kilolitre (kl) elevated water tanks to 40kl.

The Highlandpan Water Supply Project also included laying of the reticulation water pipes, as well as the installation of 7 new communal water standpipes.

Two local sub-contractors were appointed for the project, and jobs were created for 15 community members, of which 8 are youth and 7 are women.

The Department of Water and Sanitation has urged the community of Highlandpan to take responsibility of the water infrastructure and protect it from being vandalised. Community members were encouraged to report any vandalism or criminal activities related to water infrastructure in the area.

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