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Department of Water and Sanitation North West celebrates Women's Month with Water and Sanitation Forum members

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As part of Women's Month commemorations under the theme, *"Celebrating 30 years of democracy towards Women's Development"*, the Department took 35 Women from Water Sector Forums in Bojanala District Municipality on a tour to Boskop dam Water Purification Plant in Rustenburg. The women belong to water and sanitation community forums in Fafung, Jericho, Klipgat and other villages in the district.

These women were given workshops by the Department and are responsible to oversee water infrastructures in their communities and to protect them from vandalism. They also advocate water conservation among members of the community.

As part of the programme, they were imparted with more information and knowledge on water and sanitation issues. Following the formal programme, the women were given a site visit tour at Boskop Dam water purification plant to learn more about Plant Operations and Water Purification Processes.

They were so happy to see the whole process of water purification until it comes out of the tap. One of the forum members Ms Annah Mashala couldn't hide her excitement and showed her appreciation. "I am so happy to have taken part in today's event and I have really learned a lot, I wish that this was an ongoing thing whereby we get to learn about water, because water is life", she said. Ms Mashala also appreciated to have learned about the bursaries the department offers, because they will be able to impart the knowledge to their children and communities.

Ms Nthabiseng Dube also appreciated the day: "we have learned a lot, and we are willing to impart take this knowledge to our communities emphasising a need for water conservation to ensure its sustainability even to the next generation. We need to use water very wisely because it is a very valuable finite resource. Water is life... We need to treat it with more the utmost caution", said Ms Dube.

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