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Reminding the public on the importance of water conservation during Africa Public Service Day celebration

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Mpumalanga Provincial Operations participated in the provincial Africa Public Service Day celebration and used the opportunity to remind the public of the importance of water conservation and the protection of water resources and water and sanitation infrastructure. The celebration was held in Delmas, Victor Khanye Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province on 05 September 2024.

DWS encouraged the public and community members to use water wisely and to protect water resources and prevent vandalism of water and sanitation infrastructure. This will ensure water security and the sustainable supply of quality water for the current and future generations.

Mr Themba Khoza and Ms Mirriam Chemo engaged the public and reminded them of the importance of using water wisely and sparingly as South Africa is a dry and water scarce country. "You, the community members can play a major in ensuring water security and sustainable water supply for our current generation and future generations. All you have to do is use the available water sparingly and prevent unnecessary wastage of this precious resource. The information that we give you will guide you on how to save water in your households and will also give handy tips on how to detect and fix leaks. Remember, leaks are one of the major causes of the loss of precious treated water, so let us do our best to identify and fix them", stated Mr Khoza.

Mr Khoza also encouraged the community to protect water and sanitation infrastructure and prevent its vandalism. "You have a duty and responsibility to protect water and sanitation infrastructure in your communities. Don't turn a blind eye as the consequences of infrastructure vandalism can lead to challenges in water supply and sewer spillages. We are therefore asking you to be responsible citizens and protect the infrastructure for reliable and sustainable water and sanitation services for all", he said.

Ms Chemo reminded the community of the negative effects of pollution on the water resources. "Pollution negatively affects the water quality in our water resources leading to less water fit for use. Let us refrain from using the water resources as dumping sites. It is an eyesore to see that people are using the water resources to dump used disposable nappies and dead animals. Pollution also has negative health implications, so let us protect our water resources from pollution", she said.

The public was provided with water saving tips and encouraged to use the Department's toll free number 0800 200 200 to report water and sanitation issues.

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