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Launch of the Pilanesberg Phase 2 water project

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation Mr Senzo Mchunu accompanied by the Acting Premier of North West Province Mr Nono Maloi and Deputy Minister Judith Tshabalala handed down the Pilanesberg Phase 2 project to the community of Chaneng on Friday May 24. The project is in the Rustenburg Local Municipality in the Bojanala District Municipality and is part of the **Operation Bulela Metsi**.

The Minister and the Acting Premier were also accompanied by North West Provincial and Local Government leadership as well as representatives of Magalies Water Board which is the Implementing Agent of the project. The project is being unveiled under the province's **Thuntsha Lerole Programme**, a service delivery acceleration drive led by the provincial government.

The Department of Water and Sanitation through its Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) has set this project in motion and funded it with a view of enhancing availability of potable water to the needy communities surrounding the fast-growing Rustenburg town.

The project runs from Mafenya Village, which is approximately 30km North of Rustenburg Town, within Rustenburg Local Municipality(RLM) jurisdiction, to Tlhabane in the western side of Rustenburg town and will assist in addressing water supply challenges in the area. The greater Rustenburg is supplied from three distinct water supply systems which are the Vaalkop System through the Bospoort pipeline, Rand Water's P1/P2 pipelines, and the Rustenburg Bospoort WTW's supply.

More than 63 000 households in Royal Bafokeng Administration, which consists of areas such as Phokeng, Rasimone, Ga-Luka, Mogono, Kanana, Mosenthal and Boitekong, Bokamoso, Boschoek, Buffelsfontein, Elandsfontein, Freedom Park, Frischgewaagd, Meriting, Oorzak, Paardekraal, Platinum Mine, Popo Molefe, Rustenburg, Seraleng, Setlhokwe, Tlhabane, Waterkloof, Waterval, Wildebeesfontein in Rustenburg Local Municipality stand to benefit from the project.

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During the event there were also exhibition stalls from different government departments and entities. The stall of the Department was to create awareness and empower communities on opportunities found in the Department, under water infrastructures projects, names per project each and their locations.

This included employment opportunities in the projects and how get employment.

Information was also given out to community members with regards to bursaries offered by the Department. Community members were also given forms on which they can write their water and sanitation challenges and more than 150 people visited the DWS stall and were given pamphlets with water saving tips and the necessary information related to the water sector.

Communities are urged to refrain from vandalising infrastructure and to report any vandalism actions happening within their areas.

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