

MEDIA STATEMENT

Department of Water and Sanitation last push to pay Nandoni beneficiaries

08 November 2021

Outstanding Nandoni relocation beneficiaries from Mulenzhe, Dididi, and Tshitomboni outside Thohoyandou in Limpopo, today, 08 December 2021 presented themselves in huge numbers, particularly the elderly to have their personal information verified and registered.

This comes after the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) established a customer walk-in centre to speed up the process of compensating approximately 210 beneficiaries.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is seeking to finalize all outstanding payments of the households that were affected by the construction of Nandoni Dam by 14 December 2021. Probable beneficiaries pitched at the customer care walk-in centre where they were granted an opportunity to submit their documents such as certified ID copies, banking details for verification and possible payments.

Patience Mangotlo, from Land Matters within the Department of Water and Sanitation made a solemn call to the resident to make use of this chance by submitting the required documents.

“We have intensified our search of tracing over 200 beneficiaries of Nandoni relocation, through this drive which will be happening for over five days. We are hoping that by the 14th of December 2021 majority if not all beneficiaries would have been paid”, said Patience.

Chief of Staff at the Department of Water and Sanitation Sizakele Makhanya emphasised that they are prepared to continue working with the tribal authorities and relevant officials to ensure a lasting solution to this issue.

“I am very grateful about the warm welcome and cooperation from the Traditional Leadership of the areas, you have given us a lot of information and data dating from the inception of the project which is very helpful”. Sizakele stated.

A community representative of Dididi Phineas Mathavha expressed his gratitude towards this initiative, he further indicated that he submitted his claim before, but he never received any payment and he is hoping that this is his turn to be compensated.

This is the Department’s last stretch towards the goal of restoring the people’s dignity by making certain that all beneficiaries that were relocated are paid what is due to them. DWS is persisting to plead with unpaid beneficiaries to call 0800 200 200 to have their IDs verified and checked if they are on Nandoni relocation beneficiaries list.

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