



MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS in North West takes a site visit with water and sanitation forums in the Madibeng Local Municipality

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with different local councillors from three villages, Jericho, Fafung and Klipgat in the Madibeng Local Municipality took site visits to different water and sanitation infrastructures. The visits come after complaints from the community water and sanitation forums.

In Klipgat a physical water leak detection and sewer spillage inspection site visit was conducted. The sewer spillage is affecting community members and it flows into the near Toloane river, therefore contaminating the water source.

There of water leaks was also caused by a burst water pipe which flowed flowing in people's yards..

In Jericho a site visit to seven (7) boreholes was conducted. All these boreholes are not serving the village with any water because they have been vandalised. In one borehole a diesel engine, steel door, gates and pumps were stolen, in all others electric cables and pumps were stolen.

In Fafung a meeting was held with forum members and community members regarding the ongoing challenges with VIP toilets.

The Department is currently engaging municipalities with regards to the findings and interventions with Madibeng local municipality, the community liaison officer and the service provider are currently under way.

The high level of vandalism is of a greater concern in number of villages in the Madibeng local municipality and members of communities are urged to report any infrastructure damage and vandalism. The Department is pleased with the ongoing work with community forums because it is evident that the workshops they attended are bearing fruits.

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