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#### **Ratanda learners commit to destroy culture of water wastage**

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The learners of various schools in Ratanda, Heidelberg, committed to punch holes into the culture of water wastage when they celebrated the Water Month with the Gauteng Provincial Office of the Department of Water and Sanitation and various stakeholders.

The celebration, which took place under theme: "Leaving no one behind; Water for All", was held at the Ratanda Community Hall on 29 March 2019.

The various stakeholders that attended the celebration included the Lesedi Local Municipality and Rand Water.

The schools that participated in the celebration were Bertha Gxowa, Lethabo Siyonwaba, Boneha, Shalimar Ridgewood, HPS Primary Schools, Kudung Middle School and Kgoro ya Thuto Secondary School.

Giving the purposed of the day, Chief Development Expert: Health and Hygiene, Ms Lungile Zulu, expressed satisfaction that learners from different schools in Ratanda had taken time during their holidays to heed the call to celebrate Water Month.

Ms Zulu described the learners as important in efforts to save water, saying without the learners it would be almost impossible to spread messages of water conservation to communities.

A Learner Support Agent from Kgora ya Thuto Secondary School, Mr Thulane Gama, whose school performed drama on water conservation, said the performance was to alert all learners to change their attitudes towards water in order to save the depleting resource.

He said the learners were critical in teaching their families and the entire community about saving water, reiterating that the country needed to have young people who were passionate about the issue in order to save it from disastrous consequences that could follow if water was wasted.

A grade 5 learner from Bertha Gxowa Primary School, Nondumiso Mhlongo, said they have learnt so much not only about saving water but how important water was to human health, adding that she wanted to be play a role in making sure that her family did not abuse water.

She said: "I want to make sure that when I go back home I tell my family about the dangers of not saving water. South Africa is struggling with water availability so we must tell everybody not to waste it."

Xolani Ximba of Sithokomele Primary School said he and his friends would safe water at their school and lamented the fact that some of other learners left taps running after using them and wasted water.

"All learners must make sure that they close taps and not leave them running. This should also happen in other schools as well as in the community. Water is life and therefore we must take care of it so that it also takes care of us," said Xolani.



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