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The Department of Water and Sanitation mark Africa Public Service Day by encouraging water conservation

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) joined the Mpumalanga Provincial Government in celebrating Africa Public Service Day in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on 13 June 2019.

As part of the celebration, government departments provided important information and services to the community of Ka Masuku and surrounding areas. DWS exhibited its services and disseminated information on water conservation especially in the height of the dry winter season.

DWS encouraged the community to use the available water sparingly and in a wise manner taking into consideration that dam levels are continuously dropping and watercourses are running low and some have already dried up. The youth, especially learners were encouraged to participate in the Department's programmes and become water ambassadors in their communities. The Department also applauded the municipality for the active participation in the Department's school programmes as the municipality has more representatives going to represent the province during the coming Youth Summit towards the end of the month.

Dr Thomas Gyedu-Ababio of the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency outlined the role and responsibilities of the agency to the community and pleaded with the audience to protect the water resources and keep them clean and healthy. He stated that pollution which is a result of people's bad behavior and actions was the major challenge in keeping our rivers free-flowing and healthy.

Rose Mabunda, a community member complained about the lack of water in the area but promised to become a water ambassador after visiting the exhibition stall and interacting with officials from the Department.

"I was not aware that I also have a responsibility to ensure water security for all as all I knew was that I was entitled to receive water as water is a source of life. But now I know that South Africa is a water scarce country where everyone must play a role to ensure access for all. I





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will spread this crucial message and share the information pamphlets with fellow community members who are not here”, she said.

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