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Water challenges will be a history in Ntokozweni village

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On Monday, 22 July 2019, Deputy Ministers of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Pamela Tshwete and David Mahlobo held an Imbizo in Ntokozweni village in King Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) Local Municipality to provide urgent guidance and support regarding lack of basic services in the area such as houses, water and sanitation in the area.

Deputy Ministers visited a family of a 73 year old Nobongile Galela, who lost her son during the tornado disaster on 07 January 2018. They also proceeded to a child headed household of Amanda Mncobololo (18) , who is heading a family of 5 without a house because of the same tornado tragedy that happened in January last year.

In her interaction with the Deputy Ministers, Amanda Mncobololo promised them that she is willing to go back to school next year to pursue her studies. Deputy Ministers made commitments to the Ntokozweni Community that permanent structures will be built before the of August 2019. They have also requested Department of Social Development to issue foster care grant or child support grant to these children. They proposed that TVET College should be organized for Amanda by the Human Settlements officials.

Deputy Ministers also visited water infrastructure and discovered that there are six boreholes that are not equipped. They also found two vandalized windmills and damaged reservoirs.

The OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM) led by Xolani Mjokovana, Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC), made a commitment to the community of Ntokozweni that water will be distributed to the tankers as from Tuesday, 23 July 2019 as a short term intervention. The MMC also committed to procure water equipment to fix Mhlahlane Water Scheme which supplies Ntokozweni village with water.

Medium term solution to water challenge in this area municipality will be achieved and taps will run water by end of August 2019. There was also a resolution that issues of sanitation for Ntokozweni will be brought to the OR Tambo District Municipality Intergrated Development Plan (IDP) priorities.

In closing the event, Deputy Minister David Mahlobo tasked the Department of Water and Sanitation in the region to test ground water capabilities because there are vandalised water infrastructures such



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boreholes and windmills. Deputy Minister Mahlobo further visited Mthatha Dam to find more about the allegations of a truck driver from Anix Truck Hire who discharged sewage into the dam.

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