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Community vows to protect water tanks for reliable and sustainable water supply

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The communities of Huntington, Mabharule and Justicia in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality have vowed to protect the water storage tanks installed in their areas against vandalism and theft to ensure that they enjoy reliable and sustainable water supply.

The water storage tanks are part of the tanks supplied by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) as part of the COVID-19 interventions to ensure that communities have reliable access to water practice proper hygiene and regularly wash hands to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

The communities have taken it upon themselves to safeguard the water storage tanks in their communities as they have already lost some tanks as a result of theft. In Huntington, the community are busy constructing a steel stand with security features that will ensure that the tank is always locked to prevent theft. In Mabharule and Justicia, the communities are building brick walls around the tanks to keep them secured.

The ward councillor, Luzile Khoza thanked the Department for the intervention and commended the community for their efforts to safeguard and protect the water tanks.

“The community appreciates government’s efforts to ensure reliable water supply to the communities, especially during this fight against the coronavirus when water is critically needed for regular handwashing and proper hygiene practices to prevent the spread of this killer virus. The communities of Mabharule and Justicia decided to build the security walls around the tanks to prevent vandalism and theft. In Huntington, the community also came together and they are building a security steel structure to protect and safeguard the water storage tank”, she said.

The Department acknowledge the initiatives of the community and encourages them to take full ownership of the water tanks to ensure reliable water supply within their reach. The Department also encourages the community to be water wise and always conserve water to ensure that the water in the tanks lasts longer and caters for every member of their





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communities. The communities are also encouraged to monitor the water tankers to prevent any misuse.

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