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DWS and Nkangala District distribute health and hygiene materials to curb the spread of COVID-19 in schools

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Nkangala District Municipality distributed health and hygiene materials to schools in Verena, in the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality and Klarinet and Emalahleni in the Emalahleni Local Municipality on 09 June 2020.

The distribution of the materials led by the Executive Mayor of the Nkangala District, Cllr Sarah Masilela is meant to supplement what the schools already have and to also address underlying challenges to curb the spread of the coronavirus in schools and flatten the curve in the country. The materials includes sanitizers, soaps, sanitary packs for girls, masks, gloves and buckets with cleaning materials.

Mr Justice Nekhofhe, representing the Department of Water and Sanitation outlined the importance of health and hygiene, especially the regular washing of hands to curb the spread of this silent killer virus. “We are here to support the school and the learners through health and hygiene packs. These packs are meant to assist the learners to comply with the regulations to curb the spread of the coronavirus in our communities. We are working with the Nkangala District to ensure that we flatten the curve. We love our kids and value their lives that is why we bring these materials”, he said.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Sarah Masilela thanked the Department for the support and for always listening and assisting when the District calls. “We thank DWS for listening and working with us. As of 26 March, South Africa is not the same and it has changed altogether. As South African citizens, we are faced with a problem that we don’t know and we are fighting an enemy that we don’t see and that we don’t know. Today is a big day because what we bring here with DWS is love so that you don’t have challenges with the children. Our challenge is big as the Nkangala District Municipality. We have six local municipalities and we are going to all the municipalities to supply other schools”, she said.





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The Executive Mayor also pledged to provide school shoes for the learners in Verena and Klarinet as a way to motivate the learners, especially as it is winter. The learners were also encouraged to comply with all the regulations and play their part in curbing the spread of the virus. The learners were also provided with lunch packs for the day.

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