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### Front line women in a fight against COVID-19

The world as we know has become unfamiliar territory since the outbreak of COVID-19 towards the end of 2019. It has spread rapidly across the globe and South Africa has not been spared. As with any pandemic, those most at risk are the ones who are delivering essential services.

For this reason, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) salutes and pays tribute to the trio (Ms. Margery Mouton, Ms Nomthandazo Maphumulo, and Ms Ntombizodwa Matiso). They are DWS Western Cape female colleagues discharging selfless services in the face of COVID 19 pandemic.

From the early days of the outbreak of COVID 19, the trio did not hesitate to join the COVID-19 team to ensure water and sanitation services prevail during the lockdown. Like other essential workers, they have been working around the clock putting themselves and their families at risk of being infected by the COVID 19.

To date, the trio has ensured that

- DWS employees have much needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect themselves from the deadly novel Corona Virus
- Enforcement adherence to the COVID 19 protocols including screening of employees daily by health professionals.
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- Enabled COVID 19 conducive work environment including the establishment of the Sick bays equipped with all necessary equipment.

Mouton, Maphumulo, and Matiso are few of several women rendering essential services at DWS, with potential exposure to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Ms. Lydia Peter, Chairperson of the COVID-19, DWS Western Cape salutes them for their dedication to the service of the nation. "We will do everything in our power to provide the support required for them to execute their duties." Says Peter.

The Western Cape COVID 19 Steering Committee will continue to implement all necessary measures to minimize employee exposure to COVID 19 pandemic.





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