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Komga community appreciates donated health and hygiene material during public awareness campaign

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The community of Komga in Zone 10, under Great Kie Local Municipality received health and hygiene material from the officials at the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Amathole District Municipality (ADM) on the 29 June 2020. This was an effort to bring health and hygiene awareness campaign to the community, particularly during this difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic.

Community members were sensitized on the importance of constantly washing their hands with soap and clean water or to use sanitizer to disinfect their hands and surfaces. This has been government's main message to the society in order to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The community were also reminded to wear face masks in public places and to observe 1, 5 meter distance among them.

Ms Nolusindiso Ntalo, an Environmental Health Practitioner in Amathole District Municipality said the spread of Corona virus has been observed in some parts of ADM. She said people should refrain from taking the virus lightly and observe protective measures in their day to day lives. "Corona virus is real and it is deadly. We have seen its effects here in the province and I would like to tell you that there are already reported cases of this virus in Amathole District Municipality. I therefore encourage you to wash your hands properly and to wear face masks every time you are in a public space. You also need to maintain a social distance when in public places. This way, you will be minimizing the possibility of contracting the virus and minimizing its spread", said Ms Ntalo.

Following a public awareness campaign, DWS officials distributed health and hygiene material to the community members. Ms Nosizwe Masondo, is a community member who expressed her appreciation to government officials who engaged with them during the campaign.

“We appreciate the efforts done by these government officials to come and talk to us about the reality of this virus that has gripped our country. It is true that most people take this spreading virus lightly, but following the presentations we have had from the officials we see the reality of this virus, and that it is indeed deadly. We undertake to educate our families on taking protective measures of washing hands regularly, so as to prevent contracting this deadly virus”, said Ms Masondo.