



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **Minister Sisulu launched a new water innovation project in Giyani, Limpopo**

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Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu, has launched the Sand Water Extraction project in Mopani District Municipality to benefit the communities of Kuranta and Sekhiming Villages under the Local Municipalities of Greater Letaba and Greater Giyani.

Minister was accompanied by Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) MEC Makamu, Executive Mayors of Mopani District Municipality, Cllr Shayi, and Executive Mayors of Greater Letaba and Giyani Local Municipalities, Cllrs Matlou and Shayi amongst others.

The more than R16 million Sand Water Extraction Project was initiated as the innovation that will bring raw water from the sand of Molototsi River in Mopani District Municipality. The technology is used to extract water stored in the sand, and the water is of good quality of water due to frequent recharge and the filtering effect of the sand.

The project is not only expected to bring the much needed relief to the affected communities, but it has also brought employment to 32 people from Kuranta and Sekhiming Villages through the Expanded Public Works Programme.

“I am grateful for all the cooperation my agency has received from the two spheres of government here in Limpopo. This is a possible solution for rural areas struggling with water. We are looking for any solution that can be found to service the needs of our people. We know that water is that which we cannot live without. It encompasses the entirety of our lives. Therefore, without water there is no life”, said Minister Sisulu.

Minister thanked the Interim Board of Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) under the leadership of Interim Chairperson Mr Joe Mathebula for their sterling leadership in ensuring that water is provided to the drought-stricken areas of Limpopo.

She has however called on the communities to take care of this new project’s infrastructure, and to also be prudent when using water.

“I appeal to communities to use water very wisely because it is a scarce resource. Use it very efficiently. Most importantly, please pay your bills. If you do not pay your bills we cannot do what we are doing now...ensuring that you all have water”, said Minister Sisulu.

**Sanku Tsunke**

