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Makhado West Bulk Water Supply Scheme makes considerable progress

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The Regional Bulk Water supply scheme in Makhado in Vhembe District Municipality is approaching its completion. The Department of Water and Sanitation has set this project in motion with a view of enhancing availability of potable water to the needy communities.

The project is comprised of four segments which are: the construction of 17 km Gravity steel pipeline, creation of 13.6 km Rising main steel pipeline, the establishment of Pump station and the building of a 7.5 ML Reservoir.

According to the Project Manager Felix Mothiba, President Cyril Ramaphosa's declaration of the state of disaster regarding COVID-19 which resulted in a countrywide Lockdown impacted negatively on the progress of the project.

"We lost more than 2 calendar months but we have managed to recover from a deficit hence we are making progress".

The project which commenced in October 2014 currently sits at 81% completion; the revised anticipated completion date is 30 November 2020 with the exclusion of delays that might be encountered. The commencement of this project has created 166 employment opportunities for the locals.

Mothiba further said the full completion and implementation of the project will ensure that around 37 villages located in the Western part of Makhado have access to potable water.

"Among the villages set to benefit are: Madabani, Ha-Ramantsha, Muraleni, Ravele, Midoroni, Tshikwarani, Kutama, Manavhela, Madombidzha, Rathidili, Magau, Tshiozwi, Madodonga, just to mention a few", said Mothiba.

This project is one of many that the Department has undertaken in an effort to increase water supply to communities, particularly the previously disadvantaged communities.





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