



## INTERNET ARTICLE

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### **Deputy Minister Mahlobo partakes in Service Fair event in NC**

As an act of redress and ongoing endeavour to improve the livelihood of people, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo participated in a Service Fair event at Concordia outside Springbok in Northern Cape on Thursday, 27 May 2021.

Deputy Minister Mahlobo was joined by Deputy Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency Ms Thembi Siweya, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements Ms Pamela Tshwete, Premier of Northern Cape Dr Zamani Saul, Executive Mayor of Namakwa District Municipality, Cllr Mervin Cloete and other dignitaries.

This was a platform accorded to the community members in order to ask burning questions and seek clarity on issues concerning service delivery in the area. During the event various departments put up stalls in order to exhibit their services and also to provide instant services where possible.

Hendrik Appollis, a community representative raised a number of challenges that are facing the majority of community members, these included; lack of basic services such as availability of adequate running water, sewage facilities and healthcare services amongst others.

Responding to the questions and concerns raised by members of the community Deputy Minister Mahlobo outlined a number of projects that seeks to address water challenges in the area.

"We are aware of the challenges in the province and that is why we have set aside an amount of R300 million to mitigate the effects of drought in the area", said Mahlobo.

Mahlobo stated that Northern Cape has a very good quality groundwater that needs to be utilized and said the Department of Water and Sanitation will work with Provincial and Local Governments to bring about solutions that will ensure uninterrupted water supply in the province.

Deputy Minister also took it upon himself to humbly apologise to members of the community who do not have adequate water and re-iterated the Department's full



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commitment to resolve the issue of water availability not only in this area but though out the country.

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