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Deputy Minister Mahlobo and Magadzi pledge to support Minister Mchunu

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Deputy Ministers David Mahlaobo and Dikeledi Magadzi have committed to support Minister Senzo Mchunu to turn the Department of Water and Sanitation around and ultimately, enhance the delivery of water and sanitation services across the country.

During an exclusive interview with Limpopo based radio station, Capricorn FM, Deputy Minister Mahlobo said he would, together with Deputy Minister Magadzi, do their outmost best to work very closely with Minister Mchunu to address water challenges, particularly the controversial Giyani Water Project and other areas faced with acute water challenges.

“When President Cyril Ramaphosa reshuffled the cabinet, he did express that he wants a dedicated ministry in this portfolio to fast track the delivery of services,” Deputy Minister Mahlobo said.

He further said that having a ministry with two dedicated deputy ministers is first to happen in the history of a democratic South Africa.

“This is unprecedented, to have a department which has two deputy ministers. It has never happened before in the history of a democratic South Africa. This should tell you how serious President Ramaphosa is about addressing water challenges in the country and we are here to turn the tide by giving Minister Mchunu our full support,” he said.

Deputy Ministers Mahlobo and Magadzi have been supporting Minister Mchunu during his provincial visits in Free State, Eastern Cape and Limpopo provinces to assess the state of water and sanitation infrastructure.

Speaking during a stakeholder engagement in Limpopo recently, Deputy Minister Magadzi said being a former MEC in the province gave her home ground advantage as she knows some of the adversely challenged communities which will require prioritised attention.

“We are here to serve and we are here to restore the dignity of our people by providing adequate services,” she said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister Mahlobo has been tasked by Minister Mchunu to lead the finalisation of the compensation process of the Nandoni Dam relocation.

Deputy Minister Mahlobo had indicated that since his intervention early last year, there has been progress, some people have been compensated and he committed to rally all the role players to ensure that the process is finally concluded.

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