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EC DWS commemorate Sanitation month through awareness campaigns on hygiene

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As part of Sanitation Month commemoration, Eastern Cape (EC) Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Eastern Cape held several awareness on hygiene and end-user education on sanitation in different local municipalities under OR Tambo District Municipality from 04-05 May 2022.

DWS officials accompanied by Ward Councilor of Nyandeni Local Municipality, Zolisa Gaxeni visited villages such as Ntibane in Ngqeleni, and also went to Bhongweni and Nonkobe villages in Mthatha under King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality.

The objectives of these awareness campaigns held in the afore-mentioned areas were to educate the public about the importance of ensuring that sanitation facilities are kept in good conditions.

Zikhona Dakuse, a project manager highlighted that commemoration of sanitation month will be conducting by means of hosting awareness campaigns about hygiene.

“The villages that we are visiting are some of those that have benefited from the Department’s projects such as Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) that seeks to develop, refurbish, and upgrade ageing and vandalised water and sanitation infrastructure” said Dakuse. .

Chief Mdemka, a Traditional Leader at Nonkobe Village expressed his satisfaction at the fact that new toilets have been erected in his area.

“My sincere gratitude goes to the Department of Water and Sanitation and OR Tambo District Municipality for demonstrating that they are indeed capable of accelerating service delivery through this much needed latrines facilities” Chief Mdemka said.

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During the awareness campaigns, DWS officials reiterated the significance of health and hygiene and also emphasised that residents from refrain of dumping of foreign objects to toilets and manhole to avoid blockages that ultimately causes health hazard.

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