



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **Deputy Minister Seitholo calls for finalisation of the Service Delivery Agreement between Northern Cape and North West municipalities, to address transboundary water and sanitation challenges**

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Sello Seitholo has called on Phokwane Local Municipality in Northern Cape and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality in North West, including different stakeholders, Magalies Water, Vaal Central Water, Provincial Departments of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), and South African Local Government Association (SALGA), to develop and finalise Service Delivery Agreement (SLA) by end of June 2026 to provide a coordinated water and sanitation service delivery between the provinces.

The first meeting with the municipalities led by the Deputy Minister took place on 02 September 2024 at Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality (DrRSMDM) offices in Vryburg. During this meeting recommendations were made to finalise the SLA between the two municipalities to ensure a coordinated water and sanitation service delivery between the provinces, DrRSMDM, Phokwane Local Municipality and the operational clarity between the two water boards that services the municipalities, Vaal Central and Magalies Water boards.

Phokwane Local Municipality supplies drinking water to approximately 88 361 people through Jan Kempdorp and Hartswater Water Treatment Works, and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality is responsible for Pampierstad Water Treatment Works operated by Vaal Central Water, and supplies water to to a combined population of over 56 426 in Pampierstad and four villages under the jurisdiction of the district (Lower Majeakgoro, Upper Majeakgoro, Sekhing and Seoding).

Deputy Minister Seitholo has condemned the delay in developing the SLA by the relevant stakeholders, as it was one of the recommendations taken during the initial meeting held in September 2024.

Part of the agreement is to allocate technical and financial responsibilities to municipalities regarding the operation and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructures. Phokwane Local Municipality has the responsibility to manage Water Treatment Works, a 500-kilolitre water reservoir that supplies water to Pampierstad, and a main water supply pipeline that provides potable water to communities.

“It is disappointing that, a year later following our initial meeting, there is still no tangible agreement that has been reached by the two municipalities. However, we have taken a resolution that all stakeholders involved should have a meeting for both technical and finance sub-committees on 04 May 2026, to finalise issues of utilization of the infrastructure. This will enable us to move forward in terms of the delivery of water and sanitation services to the affected communities of Ga-Mothibi villages. We cannot continue to have boardroom



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meetings like this and today we have taken a final resolution that we must have a final Service Delivery Agreement by the end of June”, said Deputy Minister Seitholo.

The agreement should be able to review and resolve issues of billing disputes for Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality that were incurred by Sedibeng Water that was disestablished. The SLA will therefore determine a payment plan of the historical debts and current account contributions, as well as the interest charged by Vaal Central Water Board which has now taken over the account.

The SLA should further outline the responsibilities of both the municipalities in terms of bulk water metering, co-funding for the upgrade of Pampierstad WTW and the water reservoir, and the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and pipeline.

There are interim measures currently undertaken to ensure that four wards that have over 14 villages in Ga-Mothibi, which include Sekhing, Seoding, Lower and Upper Majeakgoro, continue to receive water through water tankering that ferries water from Pampierstad WTW. This responsibility is taken by Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality. Phokwane Local Municipality has indicated plans to upgrade the raw water pumpstation and storage dams at the Pampierstad WTW.

The Department of Water and Sanitation in North West has also conducted feasibility studies to explore the possibility of utilising Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District as the Waster User Authority, to tap into Spitskop Dam and augment water supply to other 21 villages which rely on groundwater as their only source of water supply.

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