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#### Constant water supply is the goal - North West Municipality

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*The Administrator of the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality (NMMDM), Kumaran Nair, says the municipality is intent on finding a lasting solution to the water shortage problem affecting all communities within its borders.*

*Nair said the municipality is working on a strategy that will ensure a constant water supply to residents without any interruption.*

*He said this after he had led an intervention task team which managed to restore water provision to different parts of the NMMDM, particularly the Ramotshere Moiloa Municipality.*

*The intervention task team was established following a water shortage crisis which resulted in community unrest in Ramotshere Moiloa municipality, a few months ago. "There is still much that needs to be done to stabilise water supply in the area. Water tankering has never been a long term solution to expensive and not sustainable," Nair said.*

*The municipality says several boreholes in Dinokana and Gopane have been repaired after being vandalised, allegedly by those who are against government interventions in the NMMDM. "All boreholes are functional and repairs are also being made to the ageing water infrastructure," the municipality said.*

*"We ensured the operation of boreholes which supply the areas of Welbedacht and Ntswelletsoku. We also activated the existing water tankering contractor to supply water in areas where there was little water, and we also distributed about 32 water containers to such areas," he added.*

*The Joint Operation Committee (JOC) consists of officials from the Department of Local Government and Human Settlement, Department of Water and Sanitation, Botshelo Water, Sedibeng Water, South African Police Service as well as Fire Rescue and Emergency Services.*

*During the inspection of some of the boreholes, Mr Collen Maine, who is the Member of the Executive Committee for Local Government and Human Settlement, highlighted the need to energise boreholes which are still using diesel to operate. "We need to electrify all water sources so that boreholes are not left un-operational when there is a slow supply of diesel. I have instructed my team members to liaise with Eskom to ensure installation of electricity to those boreholes so that our people must not struggle with water," said Maine.*

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