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No More Water Woes for Bushbuckridge Communities

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Travelling long distances in the wee hours of the morning to access water will soon be a thing of the past for the residents of Bushbuckridge in Mpumalanga; this as the Department of Water and Sanitation Minister, Nomvula Mokonyane, officially launched the Mathibela Reticulation Project on Saturday 13 September 2014. The Project is expected to relieve about 321 households of their water woes by developing and constructing a water reticulation system. The project is aimed at improving water delivery services for the communities of Marite and the surrounding villages, ensuring that all households have water taps in their yards.

During the event, which was attended by close to 4000 people, Minister Mokonyane revealed that R334 million is available for this financial year geared towards improving the water delivery services in Bushbuckridge and that 24 villages have thus far been reticulated with the assistance of Rand Water. She added that additional budget will be sourced to upgrade the Mathibela water reservoir to cover the surrounding areas and that plans are in place to ensure that the whole of Bushbuckridge has access to clean water by the end of 2015. Democracy will not be complete without full access to clean water by all South Africans, especially women in rural areas", Mokonyane emphasised.

Thembi Mashele, a resident of Mathibela village in Marite, and one of the beneficiaries of the project could not conceal her excitement when Minister Mokonyane visited her house. She indicated that she was overjoyed at the prospect of having water in her yard and she was grateful for the work the government has done through the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Mpumalanga province Premier, Mr. David Mabuza, said that he was the happiest man on earth and that it is through such good partnerships between the national and provincial government that good fruits are borne. "People of Bushbuckridge will now lead decent lives because of the government and department's efforts".

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