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Deputy Minister Tshwete welcomes the first 3 000 War on Leaks plumbers as their training starts

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) Deputy Minister (DM), Pamela Tshwete, welcomed the first batch of recruits who started their War on Leaks (WoL) training programme on the morning of Monday 28th September.

The event took place at Vincent, East London, in the Eastern Cape for trainees from the vicinity.

"Let me also welcome all our trainees to this work readiness session. This is aimed at preparing you for the full training programme on War on Leaks. Today we are gathered here in East London as part of the national launch of the training programme on War on Leaks," Deputy Minister Tshwete told the recruits.

She added that on that day, in the nine provinces of South Africa, the 3000 trainees selected for the first intake were starting the training programme in their respective disciplines.

"Indeed in Port Elizabeth we were an army of 3000 Water Agents, Plumbers and Artisans and now we have been reduced to the fraction of that to ease learning and training," said the Deputy Minister.

With this training programme launch, the War on Leaks has now started. "You are now expected to play your individual roles and responsibilities in ensuring that we succeed in the fight against water leaks."

The Deputy Minister said that the programme is launched amid realisation that South Africa is a water scarce country, adding that there is a huge shortage of technical skills and that municipalities continue to lose R7,2 billion a year through unaccounted for water.

"Beyond this training programme we want to see qualified Water Agents making a difference by educating communities to use water sparingly and efficiently," added the DM.

"Your participation in this programme is a call to you individually to make a difference in the water conservation and demand management," DM Tshwete stressed.

She noted that successful people in the world are those who take their responsibilities seriously and work very hard in the performance thereof. "You are the pioneers of this programme; the taste of it will be heard from you. We therefore call upon you to help our country move forward through this programme," the DM averred.

She called upon all trainees to do their best to be "our heroes and save water in order to save lives in many years to come. Always think of "What if it was the last drop?"



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This learning and training programme will be enjoyed by all when they work together. Working together means participating in all sessions, responding to tasks allocated, respecting each other and cooperation among people for the good of all.

The Deputy Minister congratulated the trainees and wished them success in their training.

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