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Establishment of community facilitation committees essential for project success

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, believes that communication between the people and Government through properly identified communication channels is very crucial in ensuring that there is smooth operations during construction of a project.

Mokonyane said this when she addressed community members of Sebokeng Zone 14, in Gauteng with regard to the Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme (SRSS) on Tuesday.

Minister Mokonyane advised that community members form what she referred to as Community Facilitation Committees to mobilize community participation and create a proper platform to raise issues connected to the management and administration of the project.

“I understand that residents should form part of the solution-finding processes related to the project because it belongs to them, however it is very wise to establish decent platforms for such processes to take place,” the Minister added.

Minister said she believes this will prevent residents from resorting to drastic or violent measures to raise their concerns which could cause a delay in the completion of the scheme.



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She added that this will not only ensure that the resident's voices are heard, but will also ensure that the project is corruption-free and transparent.

"We need to protect this project because it is ours"

The Department of Water and Sanitation believes that the SRSS initiative, which will be managed by the RandWater board, will not only alleviate poverty through jobs creation, but will also increase infrastructure and attract investors.

"It is not just development for the Sedibeng District Municipality, but for Gauteng as a whole" Mokonyane said.

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