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Giyani community is happy about the improved water supplies in the area

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There was a festive atmosphere, happiness and fanfare as the communities of Giyani in Limpopo swamped the local stadium to appreciate government's efforts to heed their request to up water service delivery in the area.

As early as 6:00 a.m. hundreds of Giyani residents, both young and old, began converging at the Giyani Stadium with the intention of praising President Jacob Zuma, but particularly Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Nomvula Mokonyane for "coming to our rescue," as one youngster, Siphiwe Mdlelolu noted.

Minister Mokonyane, who was accompanying the President together with Ministers Pravin Gordhan, and Jeff Radebe, and amongst others, had invited the community to "come and see for themselves" progress made on water distribution since she visited the area on 14 August 2014 at the instruction of President Zuma.

The Minister was asked by the President to intervene after residents and the local community complained about total lack of water in the area.

Minister Mokonyane has pointed out that it was government's duty to intervene in whatever form, when there is a need to do so.

Today, the area is flowing with water with all the 55 villages being serviced with the resources. Several boreholes were fixed and others created.

The good news today is the launch of the Giyani Water Treatment Plant and this bodes well for the area. Twenty seven villages are serviced by bulk water distribution while the remaining 28 get water through the usage of boreholes.

The flow of water has also been increased from 30ml/d to 36ml/d.

Minister Mokonyane urged the community to look after the built infrastructure because it belongs to them.

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