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## Official kick start of national water week Heilbron

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) annually celebrates National Water Week (NWW) that would run for the whole month of March. This year the Minister for Water and Sanitation Ms Nomvula Mokonyane launched the NWW at the Dan Qeqe Stadium, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, with a prayer session for rain, where all church leaders and community attended.

The Free State Province followed suit on Monday 14 March 2016. There was activation at Phiritona, Heilbron Thusong Service Centre, to spread the message of NWW further, including on water conservation and drought. Among other matters that were discussed were ways of using water sparingly and celebrating the week with a better knowledge of the campaign as well as the department.

The department was supported by Ngwathe Local Municipality and Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). The campaign was a huge success with a total number of three hundred and fifty (350) people reached in a short space of time. The attendees were fed with information and given the "drop a block", water bottles and pamphlets on correct ways of washing hands as well water saving tips. The community made a pledge to work with the municipality and the department in passing the message to those who did not attend. They further promised to assist the municipality in identifying and reporting leaks.

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