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Banking Water for Hard Times

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“I am so grateful for being chosen as a beneficiary of this water tank as it will make life easier in times of water supply disruptions and ensure that I have access to water”, stated 80-year old pensioner, Mrs. Mpofo during the launch of the Waterbank pilot project in Emalahleni Local Municipality. She further vowed to encourage her fellow beneficiaries to conserve water and fix all leaks in their households.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with Emalahleni Local Municipality and Waterbank Africa is piloting the waterbank functionality is conserving water and ensuring uninterrupted water supply during water supply disruptions in 10 households in the local municipality.

The waterbank is a water storage steel tank connected to the municipal water system aimed at ensuring water supply in times of water supply interruptions. The waterbank provides 200 litres of water in reserve at any time during water supply disruptions.

The Acting Provincial Head of the DWS in Mpumalanga, Mr Masala Mulaudzi stated that the pilot project is aimed to be a way of promoting water conservation and to ensure that the elderly and people with disabilities have access to water during water supply disruptions.

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr Lindiwe Ntshalintshali thanked the beneficiaries for opening their homes and welcoming the project to be piloted in their households. She emphasized the importance of water conservation and encouraged the residents to conserve water in whatever they do as the country is facing the worst drought in many years. She also reminded the beneficiaries that due to the drought, the rivers and dams are running very low which affects water supply in the municipality. She further emphasized the need to educate and create awareness on the importance of water conservation in the community.

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