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DWS Touches Base with Community on Water and Sanitation Issues

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) Gauteng Provincial Office in partnership with Merafong Local Municipality, Rand Water and Gauteng Department of Health took the water conservation, health and hygiene messages to the people under the theme "know your area and save water".

The Community of Khutsong, outside Carletonville in the West Rand admitted that working closely with the government could minimize the service delivery challenges facing their area.

They expressed this appreciation during the Water and Sanitation Community Engagement meeting held at Khutsong Community Hall recently.

Khutsong is one of the communities in Gauteng with the highest water wastages due to ageing infrastructure.

The community engagements come after the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane re-emphasized the importance of stakeholder and community participation in the water sector during her budget speech delivered on 15 July 2016.

The minister also made a commitment that Water and Sanitation Community Forums would be established and strengthened across all Metros and District Municipalities to strengthen stakeholder relations.

Addressing the people during the meeting Fikile Mokonoto from DWS told the residents that the department came to talk to them about the provision of water and sanitation services and for them to work cooperatively with the department to address the challenges their community is facing.

"We are confident that this platform will create and promote a two-way flow of information between the department and the communities," said Mokonoto.

Miss Linda Flathela from the Department of Health emphasised issues of hygiene, urging community members to always make hygienic behaviour a part of their daily lives in their homes.

She demonstrated how to properly wash hands and the importance of doing so after visiting the toilet, changing nappies and before preparing meals to destroy germs.

The department will continue hosting these community engagement meetings in different communities to ensure that government directly interacts with different communities and addresses all challenges.

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