



## **INTERNET ARTICLE**

### **Kanana community receptive to DWS's Drop the Block Programme**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's rollout of the Drop-the-Block Programme has struck a chord with Johannesburg families in Kanana, promising to herald a new era in limiting excessive water consumption in the township.

The Drop-the-Block Programme is an innovation by the department to decrease water consumption by up to 2 litres per flush as a result of a green block insertion into a toilet tank.

Kanana is one of many townships across the country that are benefitting from the programme on the strength of which the department hopes to drastically reduce water use.

Nhlanhla Msibi, who is from one of the families that benefitted from the distribution of the green block, said the block brought awareness to them that flushing a toilet was one of the reasons households consumed a lot of water that should be saved.

Msibi said although his family has always been conscious of how they use water, the green block was a brilliant way of making sure that they conserved water as much as possible.

"As a family that is mindful of waste consumption we are glad that we have received this green block. We didn't know about it before but now that we know about it we will use it to further reduce our water consumption in our households," said Msibi.

He said the continued wastage of water was caused by the fact that some in the community were not aware that the country was facing serious water shortages as a result of the drought conditions and a lack of rain.

Initially skeptical to allow volunteers to place the green block in her toilet tank, Maggie Mashamaite finally saw the purpose of the innovation and permitted the volunteers to place it into her toilet's tank.

"At first I had misgivings about this green block. I truly didn't know about this green block. Moreover, it's not easy to accept something that you have not heard about and people asking if they can place it into your toilet tank. People can come into your house with all sorts of things and some of them might be dangerous," admitted Mashamaite.

She conceded that the country was having a challenge of water, saying that she would do her part to conserve it.

"If this block does that the volunteers say it does, then I have no problem because I know I will be saving water. I will also encourage my neighbours to use this block because saving water is not only for government. As the public we must do our part to spread the message of the green block," said Mashamaite.

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