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## **Keep Toilets Clean and Save lives**

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"Even though I do not have a flushing toilet in my house, I always encourage everyone in my family to take good care of the toilet we are currently using. My family's toilet is always clean as I encourage my family to keep it sparkling clean to chase away flies that can carry and lead to the spread of diseases in the community. I always tell my family members to keep the toilet in such a state that they can even eat there", said pensioner Mr William Mahlangu of Ga-Phaahla village during the World Toilet Day celebration.

Mr Mahlangu stated these encouraging words during the World Toilet Day educational awareness event hosted by the Department in partnership with Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality at Ga-Phaahla village on 30 November 2016. The educational awareness event was celebrated under the theme "It's not all about flushing".

In his address, the Acting Provincial Head, Mr Masala Mulaudzi encouraged the community to take care of their toilets to and wash their hands every time they use the toilet to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. He also stated that everyone must have a proper toilet to preserve human dignity as sanitation is dignity. "I cannot leave without talking about water as water is life. We must always strive to save water as water has no substitute", he said.

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