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Quality Services Afforded to the Community of Bloemhof

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Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Ms Nomvula Mokonyane today, 24 November 2016, handed over completed Sanitation Facilities and unveiled the plaque at the Bloemhof Purification Plant.

Speaking to the media Minister Mokonyane said “This indicates a relationship between a district municipality, a local municipality and national government. We are helping to build capacity for the local municipality so that as we handover this entire infrastructure that is almost R120 million; R40 million for the toilet systems and R80 million for the treatment plant that they view it as a valuable asset.”

In a country where over 2 million households do not have access to basic sanitation and continue to make use of shift toilets and even resort to open defecation we need to acknowledge and applaud achievements when government makes efforts to address the legacy of apartheid.

In 2014/15 financial year, DWS made available an amount of over R2 million for the Bucket Eradication Programme (BEP) in Boitumelong Extension 4 in the Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality.

The scope of the project comprised of the replacement of bucket toilets with waterborne toilets in 105 households accompanied by health, hygiene and end user education with waterborne toilets in Boitumelong Extension 4. The project was completed in February 2015.

In the previous financial year (2015/16), DWS allocated funds of over R11 million for Phase 2 of the BEP in Boitumelong. The project started in November 2015 and completed on 30 September 2016.

Minister Mokonyane said “This in one of the municipalities where we can proudly say we have eradicated the bucket system.”

The event also afforded the opportunity to private companies to showcase their sanitation technology innovations as part of the sanitation campaign embarked by the department to teach communities on the importance on hand washing, health and hygiene as well as access to decent sanitation services.

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