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Reservoir and Reticulation for Kamadakwa-Ndlovu Community

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The completion of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) funded water storage and reticulation project at Kamadakwa – Ndlovu village in the City of Mbombela Municipality will ensure that the community has access to reliable water supply in the comfort of their homes. But the community will need to be patient due to the drought as the area is one of the worst hit municipalities in the country. The main supply dam is dry in this area.

About 630 households are beneficiaries of the reticulation and the newly constructed 1 megalitre concrete reservoir in the area. The reticulation will ensure that the villagers have access to water right at their doorsteps, meaning they do not have to carry containers to fetch water from the communal taps they currently use. The concrete reservoir is meant to ensure reliable water supply as there will be enough storage for community needs.

The project also provided social and economic benefits to the community in terms of job opportunities as it created about 17 jobs for local residents for the duration of the project.

Community members are encouraged to guard against illegal connections and any form of vandalism of the pipelines as this will affect the optimal operation of the system and leave some sections with difficulties in accessing the water supply. The community must develop a sense of ownership as the project is meant to benefit them.

South Africa is a water scarce country. Kamadakwa – Ndlovu village is one of the worst affected, as we are currently experiencing a serious water supply challenge due to the prevailing drought and limited rain. Therefore, everyone must play a major part in conserving the little water we have and thus become water ambassadors who continue spreading the message of water conservation and water use efficiency.

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