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MINISTER MOKONYANE HANDS OVER SIX WATER TANKERS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE IN NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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Millions of rands have been lost through tendering of water tankers over the years. Despite the community receiving temporary water service provisioning, they have lost hope in government as they believe water tankering business is driven by corrupt Municipal officials and councillors.

On 17 December, this practice came to pass when Minister Nomvula Mokonyane handed over six (6) state owned water tankers worth R1,3 million each, to the Premier of the North West; Mr Supra Mahumapelo. She said that four of these tankers are meant to primarily assist the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality (NMMDM) with better delivery of water services, while the other two retained for emergency responses where and when needed by the Province. Minister said this is just the beginning as more water trucks will be delivered in future to more District Municipalities in the Province.

Besides the drought conditions and high temperatures prevailing across the country, water scarcity continues to take the hike as talks to find amicable solutions to water scarcity continues.

With Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality under Administration, Minister Mokonyane directed Sedibeng Water to work with Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in finding solutions to the water challenges. This directive is aimed at eradicating water tankering within the district and its local municipalities especially since there was a breakdown of relations between the District Municipality and service providers that were on the ground. With this in mind, the North West government came to the party and resolved to take responsibility for the payment of the service providers. The DWS then resolved to provide additional water tankers for use in Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

A total number of 104 villages were identified where the programme should be implemented.

The programme is categorised as a short and long term view. The short term being fixing of the leaks and installing temporary jojo tanks; and the long term view being investing on water infrastructure, investigating water sources yields, building reservoirs and necessary pipelines.

The partnership with the Provincial government on targeted interventions in Ngaka Modiri Molema is to the tune of at least R150 million for the municipality to particularly improve water and sanitation management and reinstate dysfunctional infrastructure, whereas the province will benefit in the overall to about R1 billion.

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