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DWS Deputy Minister officially handed over a media centre to Marota Primary School.

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On Tuesday the 18th March 2015, the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mrs. Pamela Tshwete officially handed over a media centre to the Marota Primary School in the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality in Limpopo. The media centre includes 20 computers with internet access and scientific programmes, overhead projector and a 3 in 1 photocopy machine. Added to the media centre was the R6000.00 cash prize as part of the package.

The community leaders, teachers and pupils ululated on receiving the centre with great joy. This comes after the school participated in the DWS' 2014 Baswa le Meetse competition nationally and won position one under the Poetry category. The Department of Water and Sanitation in partnership with MTN, Limpopo Department of Education, Sekhukhune District Municipality and Tubatse Local Municipality celebrated the handover with the school and the community as part of the National Water Week 2015 festivities.

Marota Primary School is located in an impoverished village called Ga-Motodi with limited academic material, but owing to the commitment and dedication of the educators and the public, this school displayed excellence throughout the 2014 Baswa le Meetse competition. "The media centre will bridge the digital divide that the school experienced and will have a great impact on the school now that the learners will obtain computer skills" the school principal said.

With regards to water supply, Ga-Motodi village, together with six other sections falling under Tubatse Local Municipality, are supplied by 5 boreholes which are operational. The villages are receiving water supply at the maximum of 8 hours per day. Marota Primary School has its dedicated borehole within the school yard and the school's supply is also augmented by a borehole from the village.

As part of short term interventions to the challenges of water supply, Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant (MWIG) project is currently looking into groundwater development around the Tubatse area. For long term solutions, the Department of Water and Sanitation is in the process of developing Bulk Distribution System (2D: ORWRDP) and related reservoirs to supply Burgersfort and surrounding villages inclusive of Ga-Motodi Village. The source for this supply is Mooihoek Water Treatment Works, with a capacity of 10ML/d.

Additionally, Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) is currently operating major water and waste water treatment works in Sekhukhune District Municipality on short term basis and there is need for long term plans from LNW to invest on infrastructure.

"The Department of Water and Sanitation will use National Water Week to create awareness about the value of water and the role it plays in eradicating poverty", said Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete addressing the community gathered at the event. The community was also advised to use water sparingly, as this resource cannot be substituted, as well as to communicate with its municipality whenever it experiences challenges with access to water.

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