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Minister Mokonyane unveiled the Clanwilliam Project Management Office

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Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane last weekend on Saturday 11 July 2015, unveiled the Clanwilliam Project Management Office (PMO) for the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam Wall.

The project is based in the Western Cape Province.

The opening of the project office is aimed at ensuring that local people are afforded a chance to play a meaningful role in the value chain of the execution of the project.

DWS' top management believes this process is geared to create sustainable development through socio-economic spin-offs.

Minister Mokonyane explained that the project would ensure that information about the raising of the dam wall was easily accessible to the residents who were beneficiaries of the project. "Once operational, the PMO will serve as the anchor room for both communication and project management of the dam," she said at the event.

The Minister is hopeful that the overall project empowered the local unemployed residents, entrepreneurs, emerging farmers and small businesses in the area through job creation and other income-earning opportunities. "The recruitment of 360 local labourers will start soon and unemployed residents will be provided with work experience and other skills to equip them for further future employment, especially the youth," she said.

The Clanwilliam Dam Wall, on the Olifants River, will be raised to allow additional volumes of water to be accumulated, meeting the full supply requirements for existing users.

It is also anticipated that the process will strengthen the dam in line with dam safety requirements.

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