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Project to make life easier for villagers

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Reservoir currently under construction

The community of Kamadakwa – Ndlovu in Umjindi Local Municipality will have their lives made easy by the water storage and reticulation project currently being implemented in their village.

The reticulation will cover about 630 households when completed. A 1 megalitre concrete reservoir is being constructed as part of the project and is earmarked to be completed around December. The reticulation will ensure that that the villagers have access to water rightat their doorsteps meaning they would not have to carry containers to fetch water from the communal taps they currently use, and the concrete reservoir will ensure reliable water supply as there will be enough storage.

The project has also benefitted the community in terms of job opportunities and so far it has created about 17 job opportunities for the local residents.

Community members are encouraged to guard against illegal connections and any forms 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.

As South Africa is a water scarce country and we are currently experiencing a serious water supply challenge due to the prevailing drought and limited rainfall, everyone must play a major part in conserving the little water we currently have available and become a water ambassador by spreading the message of water conservation and water use efficiency.

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