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Reticulation project brings relief

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The community of Blakfesi in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality is relieved to be getting water from the taps in their houses. They are one of the many beneficiaries of the reticulation project currently undertaken in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality. About 429 households are connected and get water supply in their yards.

According to community members, before the reticulation project, they used to use wheelbarrows to get water about 3 kilo metres away from their homes either from a borehole or in the stream when boreholes were not operational. Some community members used to pay R50.00 to hire a car to collect water for them. This was really a tough time for the community members.

The community is now receiving a regular supply of water since the project was handed over and this has really changed their life for the better. Since November 2015 when the project was handed over, the community have not experienced any challenges in terms of water supply.

Pensioner, Enika Sibuyi could not hide her joy, but stated that she was a bit sceptical at first thinking that they will have access to water for a short period and then their challenges of not having water for weeks would come back.

“I am very happy to now that we have access to water in our own yards and no longer have to pay the R50.00 to hire a car to fetch water. Since November, we have not experienced any interruptions or challenges in terms of water supply”, stated Sibuyi.