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Two schools to receive fully equipped media classrooms

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Ms Pamela Tshwete will hand over two state-ofthe-art media classrooms sponsored by MTN SA Foundation to two deserving schools in Eastern Cape and Gauteng respectively. As of 26th and 28th November 2014, Empumalanga Primary School in the Eastern Cape and Midrand Primary School in Gauteng will be the proud owners of cutting edge media classrooms consisting of not less than 20 computer workstations each.

This comes after the schools came out on top in several categories during the Baswa le Meetse (Youth in Water) competition which formed part of the South African Youth Water Prize Competition held in July this year.

Apart from the computer workstations, the classrooms are fitted with a multifunctional printer, data projector, interactive white board, an air conditioner and complete scientific programmes loaded into the computers. Educators in the schools will receive training in the operation of the new facilities.

The South African Youth Water Prize Competition forms part of the DWS' 2020 Vision For Water Education and Programme (2020 VFWEP). As a way of instilling water knowledge from grassroots level, the programme brings together learners from across the country to compete in water related activities as a way of raising awareness on water and sanitation related subjects. Its main aim is to foster awareness of water and sanitation issues and careers on South African school learners and their educators, with some of the winners being awarded bursaries to study these water related courses in universities.

These classrooms are just two of the many that DWS in partnership with MTN SA Foundation have been awarding to numerous schools over the years. Some schools were also awarded cash prizes to assist in educating learners and communities on the importance of water conservation, water management and the protection of natural water resources. This is to also encourage them to practice water saving methods in their homes.

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