

Executive Mayor hands over projects implemented as part of Covid-19 intervention

The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality Cllr Pule Shayi has lauded the leaders of ward 5 in the Maruleng Municipality for ensuring that the short-term water project is completed without interruptions.

He was speaking during his visit to Santeng village where he handed over water project implemented as part of the Covid-19 intervention programme.

The project was funded with a budget reprioritized from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant allocation as per the directive from national treasury. The project was completed with a budget of just under R2 million.

The Executive Mayor said the long term solution for that community will come from the completion of Mametja-Sekororo Regional Bulk Water Project.

“We are happy that in this ward, our governance structures working with traditional leadership have ensured the project is completed without interference. We are also happy that there is value for money. Our people should be able to receive water in the context of accounting for the expenditure around Covid-19,” he said.

Tebatso Ramoshaba, a resident of Santeng village said she is relieved to be getting water closer to where she stays. “People used to ridicule us saying we don’t bath, hence I’m happy that we now have water,” she said.

The Executive Mayor also proceeded to Selwane where he also handed over a R4 million water reticulation project from the MIG reprioritized funds. The project at Selwane covered Mahale, Nyakelang Matshelapata, Newstands, and Mokhoanana.

He appealed to leaders at Selwane to work with the entire community in guarding against illegal connections on the water reticulation system.



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"Let us take ownership of this infrastructure. We believe that through a public participation programme, we will be able to get inputs from our communities on the best model for us to move fast with household connections."

Bongi Thabatha from Nyakelang said "I am very happy that we now have water. We are just pleading with our neighbors not to do illegal connections on the pipeline because we will end up not having water."

Nandi Mogalaka from Nyakelang also said she was happy to have water closer to where she stays.



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