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Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi has welcomed the donation of three water tankers from the Development Bank of Southern Africa which was preceded by a symbolic handover of boreholes to communities in Maphalle and Maswanganyi on Friday.

DBSA drilled a combined total of 11 boreholes in the Greater Giyani Municipality and Greater Letaba Municipality – this as part of its COVID-19 municipal infrastructure support programme aimed at assisting local government to respond to the pandemic.

The Executive Mayor who also appealed to the communities to safeguard the water infrastructure said, “we are appreciative and we can also confirm that we already have a plan on how to move from here and begin to service our people. We will make the most of this intervention to build a stronger case for further interventions in the entire district space. In the context of the district development model, we should be able to lobby for more partnerships to help us accelerate service delivery to our people.”

In handing over the water tankers, Chucheka Mhlongo who is the Head of Local Government Support at the DBSA said they have committed over R150 million to a variety of infrastructure-focused COVID-19-support interventions.

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“The focus of the infrastructure rollout programme, which is spearheaded by the Local government team will be directed towards municipalities with poor access to basic services such as electricity, water and sanitation. Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, followed by Mopani District, are the first beneficiary municipalities to receive the giant water tankers and the opening of the boreholes.

“This is part of the Bank's infrastructure delivery mandate which includes working with the private sector and local government to refurbish existing boreholes, install new ones, repair electrical equipment to support water services, and deploy water tankers and other water storage facilities,” he said.

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