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MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY TARGETS MORE VILLAGES THROUGH THE TOURS WATER SCHEME PROJECT



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says the Municipality will move to reticulate more villages around the Bulamahlo cluster of Greater Tzaneen Municipality where residents will have access to piped water in their homes.

The Executive Mayor said this during his visit to the Tours Water Scheme Project earlier today where he also met with community stakeholders. The progress on reticulation to households in villages such as Mogapeng, Masoma and Mashiloane is at 76%, while progress on the bulk pipeline from the water treatment works to villages as far as Gavaza in ward 28 is now at 50%.

He said the Municipality has set aside R73 million in the 2022/23 financial year to continue with work around reticulation to more households, and the next immediate villages to benefit will include Pharare, Shilubane, and Makhwibidung. The project should ultimately benefit 25 villages.

The Executive Mayor said that the Municipality is also prioritizing short-term interventions as work around the multi-year project continues. "We were in Makhwibidung earlier today to monitor work there on the short-term intervention, and we are happy that after the delays experienced around energizing the boreholes, our people now have access to water as a short-term intervention."

He also said MDM will start with public participation to encourage people who afford to pay for water. "We will begin with public participation so that those that afford to pay do pay. Working with our local municipalities, we will also have ways to cater for our people who don't afford through the indigents register. When our people pay, we will be able to reinvest the money in our infrastructure for us to continue expanding our water provision."

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