



**Mopani District
Municipality**

PROGRESS RECORDED IN MAPAYENI WATER RETICULATION PROJECT DESPITE DELAYED START

The delayed start to the water reticulation project at Mapayeni village in the Greater Giyani Municipality has not dampened the mood of over 1600 households who are set to benefit from this project.

Mapayeni, a village about 15km east of Giyani is one of the first 24 villages where the Mopani District Municipality is busy with a water reticulation project. The current bulk water supply has not been meeting the demand, even with the support of the boreholes drilled in the area.

The water reticulation project forms part of the Nandoni-Giyani Water project which is meant to supply water to the people of Greater Giyani Municipality. There has been a delayed start to this project due to a community dispute on the location for site establishment, but the two contractors have since hit the ground running with the progress now at almost 40 percent.

The contractors have already covered 13,5 kilometre from the expected 38km water reticulation network. The project also entails metered yard connections to at least 1682 households, and so far connections to 338 households have been completed.



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The implementation of this project has the community excited. Tiyeselani Khosa, a resident of Mapayeni village who is also participating in the project as a labourer says she is excited at the prospect of having consistent supply of water in her yard. “Sometimes it takes two weeks without water or we have water from the boreholes. We are happy that the project will bring water and the people in this community are excited,” she said.

Mikateko Dlamini echoed the sentiment by Tiyiselanij, saying “we are grateful for the project. With the money we earn here, we are at least able to send something to our children who are studying. We are also able to participate in other activities as expected from us as community members.”

Another labourer, Solly Ngobeni also said he is happy with the water project. “We are happy to have this water project. We will continue to be involved until the completion of this project, and delivers water. We are grateful for this project.”

The contractors are expected to construct two elevated steel tanks, each with storage capacity of 600kilolitres. They will do refurbishment on the 3km existing reticulation network.