

DEPUTY PRESIDENT SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS MADE ON THE GIYANI WATER PROJECT



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Deputy President Paul Mashatile is satisfied with the progress made on the Giyani Water Project. He said this during his oversight visit to the project on Friday, 06 September 2024

The deputy president kicked off his monitoring visit at the Nandoni Pump Station, made a stop at Shikukwane canal, before checking out the work carried out at the refurbished Giyani Water Treatment Works.



He was accompanied by Minister Pemmy Majodina, her two deputies, the Acting Premier of Limpopo Basikopo Makamu, MEC Violet Mathye and MEC Nakedi Kekana. The deputy president was received by Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi who was also joined by the Mayor of Greater Giyani Municipality, Cllr. Thandi Zitha.

He rounded off his visit at N'wakhuwani village, where he told members of the media: "When we talk to you in parliament, I'm sure you see that we are not lying. You have seen for yourselves with your own eyes that indeed work is happening on the ground. The taps are here. Water is coming out."

N'wakhuwani is one of the first nine communities to receive water from the Giyani Water Project as Mopani District Municipality continues with implementation of the water reticulation projects targeting 24 villages as part of the first phase.



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The Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi said that completion of the refurbishment project at the Nsami Water Treatment Plant is a major milestone. “We have completed the work to refurbish the Giyani Water Treatment Works, which has helped us to address the significant water losses, but also to optimise the plant’s performance.”

He said the plant is now able to produce around 30 megalitres of treated water every day. The project has also reduced water losses. “This is an important achievement in our efforts to improve water supply to our people in the township, the CBD and all the targeted villages,” he said.

Minister Majodina said that the 7th Administration will continue to support the project even as the investigations are continuing. “Whilst there are those investigations, let’s unblock the project. Let’s not subject our people to wait longer than they have waited for the past nine years. It does not mean that those that are alleged to have done wrong to delay the project are off the hook,” she said.

She said that the Department has a preliminary report on the allegations of farmers having blocked the streams that are supposed to feed into the Middle-Letaba Dam. “When we get a compressive report, we will make a public announcement.”

