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EXECUTIVE MAYOR LEADS COMMUNITY FEEDBACK MEETINGS ON THE GIYANI WATER PROJECT

Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi led his mayoral committee in reaching out to communities where the deadline on the water reticulation projects was not met.

The Municipality is currently implementing water reticulation projects to 24 villages as part of the Giyani Water Project. At least nine villages are receiving water at full supply, four at partially supply. The remaining villages are yet to be connected to the bulk water supply from the Giyani Water Treatment Plant.

The treatment plant is now able to produce around 30 megalitres of treated water every day, with the bulk of the raw water coming from the Nandoni dam. The Nsami dam is currently at just 9,9 percent.

Speaking to the community of Khakhala village on Friday 20 December, the Executive Mayor said all water reticulation projects in the first 24 villages will be completed by end of February in the new year.



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The village has an estimated population of around 3000 with 821 households. The project has already covered 27km of water reticulation lines with 530 households currently receiving water from the existing reservoirs. The remaining 291 are set to receive water upon completion and connection of the new 150kl steel tank to the bulk water system.

“We know that this project is not complete, but our observation is some community members are receiving water, and the entire village will be receiving water once we connect the steel tank to the bulk line. We are at 94% overall progress on the water reticulation projects. We have been engaging our communities on these delays. We have already met with the traditional leaders, explained and apologized for the delay.”

The slow progress on the bulk distribution project is also impacting the water reticulation projects. The overall project progress on the bulk water distribution infrastructure is currently at 78% with the revised practical completion date now set at July 2025. An additional sub-contractor has been appointed to help accelerate implementation.

He said the Municipality working with DWS has developed an acceleration plan which will be monitored through the MSTT “We call upon our communities to safeguard the infrastructure, as we move towards completion of this phase, so we are able to move to the Phase 2 targeting the next 31 villages.

The Executive Mayor also used the opportunity to appeal to the community to use water sparingly. “We still call upon our communities to use water sparingly. Our dam water levels are at a critical low. The Nsami dam is at just nine percent, and the implication is that soon will be dependent solely on the supply from Nandoni Dam. Middle Letaba dam is at 0,7 percent and soon we will experience water supply challenges in areas supplied by the Scheme, including Mapuve.”