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MUNICIPALITY WILL INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO REFURBISH BOREHOLES, EXECUTIVE MAYOR COMMITS DURING IMBIZO

Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi has assured the residents of Maruleng that the Mopani District Municipality's maintenance team will intensify its efforts to refurbish boreholes, while exploring ways to expedite the implementation of Mametja-Sekororo Regional Water Scheme Project, which has stalled due to funding difficulties.

He has hailed the efforts from the maintenance team in reducing the backlog of non-operational boreholes, saying there are 208 boreholes in Maruleng, with 126 (61%) operational, and 82 (39%) not operational. Transformers have been stolen in 12 of the non-operational boreholes, and 14 have been vandalized.

The Executive Mayor engaged with residents during his imbizo at Butswana on Friday, 05 September – this on the backdrop of his earlier visit to Tickylane village where he opened taps – this after all the 10 boreholes in the village were fixed as part of Operation Fix All Campaign. The Executive Mayor was also joined by the Mayor of Maruleng Municipality Cllr. Tsheko Musolwa.



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“We are on the ground every day, and so far we have fixed 112 boreholes since the beginning of August. The mayoral committee continues to support the efforts of our maintenance team in ensuring that our people have water in the immediate while we work at providing a sustainable solution through the bulk water projects.

“To boost capacity within the water services directorate, we have recently appointed 30 process controllers to help with water and wastewater management. We have also appointed 14 Plant Scheme Superintendents who will be responsible for overseeing operations in our plants. They all started work on Monday. We also appointed four booster pump operators, including 18 general workers,” he said.

The Executive Mayor expressed confidence that funds will soon be made available to help continue with Phase 2A of Mametja-Sekororo which is set to benefit communities including Sedawa, Ga-Mametja, Mabins A and B, Bochabelo, Butswana, Molalane, London, Worcester and Enable.

He also took the opportunity to report on the progress made in the implementation of the Rural Household Sanitation Project. He said that three contractors have already started with work to construct 843 VIP toilets in the villages around Maruleng, adding that four more contractors will also take forward the work by constructing 1124 units.

The Executive Mayor said that the partnership and MoU with Letaba TVET College, the Municipality is busy training 27 spaza shop owners (SMMEs) who have just concluded theoretical sessions that ran for five weeks, and set to start with practical work. He said the Municipality is also engaging some private companies to help join in support of the registered spaza shop owners in the district.

