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Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says he is confident the water reticulation projects in Lephephane will soon deliver water to the community, but also expressed concerns about vandalism and theft.

He led a team of senior councillors on a monitoring visit to ward 33 and ward 34 of Greater Tzaneen Municipality. The team included the District Speaker Cllr Martha Maswanganyi, Whip of Council Cllr Magdeline Lewele, MMC for infrastructure Cllr Masilo Maloko and Cllr Conny Ramothwala who is responsible for infrastructure in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

The Municipality has done water reticulation in Lephephane (Longvalley and Rasebalana), but vandalism of the pump station and the bulk pipeline has delayed delivery of water to the community.

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He also visited the Thabina Regional Water Scheme where the pipeline from Thabina to Lenyenye has been completed. The Municipality has commenced with phase 05, which includes the refurbishment of the bulk line to benefit villages such as Moime, Mmaphala, Nabane, and Maromafase amongst others.

The Executive Mayor said vandalism has delayed progress in Lephaphane, but there has to be solutions for the community to have access to consistent supply of water.

"There are indeed challenges that we observed, particularly in Lephaphane, issues of vandalism and cable theft in our pump station. This has made our community impatient because it impacts on our timeframe to bring water to our people.

"Working with the councillors and the structures at that level, we were able to agree in terms of the kind of plans we should be able to take forward. We need to ensure that early in the financial year we commit resources to close on that space," the Executive Mayor said.

He said he is encouraged by the progress on Thabina Regional Water Scheme. "We appreciated the progress at the Thabina Regional Water Scheme. We are confident that working with the community we should be able to resolve the immediate challenges so our people are able to get water."



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