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EXECUTIVE MAYOR PLEASSED WITH PROGRESS RECORDED ON THE RITAVI II REGIONAL WATER SCHEME PROJECT



The Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says he is pleased with the progress recorded in the implementation of the Ritavi II Regional Water Scheme (Sub-scheme 1) Phase 02 Project, which should benefit communities around Muhlaba, Muhlaba-Crosss, Sasekani, Petanenge, and Zanghoma.

The Executive Mayor led the political management team and members of mayoral committee on a monitoring visit to phase 2 of the project on Wednesday, 22 December 2021. The project started in April 2021, and should be completed in April next year.

Phase 02 of the project which is valued at R41 million include the construction of bulk pipeline through Muhlaba, Petanenge to Zanghoma, the construction of new reservoirs, refurbishment of existing reservoirs, and the refurbishment of the existing booster pump station at Sasekani. It has so far created 71 work opportunities for community members in ward 24 of Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

The project is at 89%, and the Executive Mayor said he was satisfied with the work done so far. "We are impressed by the fact that the consulting engineer and the contractor are still working within the time-frame in line with the expenditure.

"People are already drawing water from the project and around 21 SMMEs have benefited from this project. There has been stability throughout the rollout of this project and we owe that to the relations between community structures, the PSC, consulting engineer, the contractor and the community that said we want to receive water from this project," he said.

The Executive Mayor said the stakeholders should continue to monitor the implementation of the project. "We were able to open few taps and community is also impressed. Before the practical completion, we should be able to continue to monitor and make sure that our people get water from this project."

The contractor for Phase 3 of the project is already appointed and should begin with work at the beginning of the new year.

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