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Botshabelo learners celebrate World Toilet Day in a smart manner

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The Department of Water and Sanitation together with Bloemwater and the Department of Education celebrated World Toilet Day (WTD) at Samson Sefuthi Hall, section N in Botshabelo.

The day, themed **“When Nature Calls”** saw the department with its stakeholders awarding schools who participated in Bloem Water Toilet Deep Cleaning programme with certificates and prize monies worth of cleaning material.

The programme has been running since its inception in 2001 and necessitates the building of new toilets, refurbishing and plumbing work to the needy schools.

The program had two categories, namely Waterborne toilet and Pit latrine toilet. Winners were assessed based on the cleanliness, structural tidiness and mechanical functionality.

Ramahutse Primary School took position one (1) under Pit latrine category with R5000 worth of cleaning material and a trophy. Namanyane Intermediate School scooped position one (1) under Waterborne category taking with R500 worth of cleaning material and a trophy as well. Both categories in position two (2) got R3000 worth cleaning material and position three (3) got R2000 worth of cleaning material and certificates

“It is of privilege that we find ourselves celebrating a day proclaimed by the United Nations in honour of World Toilet Day. As Bloem Water, we saw the necessity to align ourselves with World Toilet Day as we all know the challenges of toilets in Free State schools. Most toilets in these schools are either blocked with lots of leakages wasting precious water. This project is aligned to our umbrella Department of Water and Sanitation championed by Board of Bloem Water “said Dr Moorosi Bloem Water Chief Executive

World Toilet Day is directed to engage on basic human needs and services which are addressing human dignity at ground level. Currently sanitations is one of key areas which is important, as pronounced under sustainable development goals number 6. When nature calls there should be facilities that are dignified for that specific activity.

“The day clearly shows us that there are still people out there who are without toilet facilities. Celebration with the children brings the message to say we need to have dignified sanitation and safe toilets. This will help to minimise the diseases relating to water,” said Dr Ntli Regional Head based at the DWS provincial office in Free State.



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“The Department of Water and Sanitation together with the Local Municipalities are hard at work to eradicate the bucket system in the Province as we know Free State has one of the highest numbers using bucket system, Dr Ntuli concluded.

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