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Early Christmas for Modimolle residents as DWS partners deliver water

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Water Ambassadors under the banner of Operation South Africa and Miss Earth South Africa, in partnership with Laudium Disaster Management, have heeded the call by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to assist drought stricken areas with water.

The two organisations joined hands together and delivered 50 000 litres of water on Saturday, 07 April 2018 to communities of Jasper informal settlement, Town Centre, Ext 6 Phagameng and Ext 10 and 12 in the Modimolle area.

The delivery of the water was met with great excitement from the residents who urged the three organisations to continue assisting them. The assistance comes as the situation in the area is becoming so dire due to consistent decline in water levels as a result of drought.

The situation has been exacerbated by the aging infrastructure in the area that fails to collect sufficient water during rainy seasons. Magalies Water, an entity of the Department, is only responsible for supplying Bulk Water in certain areas under the Waterberg Local Municipality.

The residents are not only concerned about the shortage of water but also the quality of water they receive. Early on in the year, residents in the Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality had raised concerns over the quality of water, which resulted in the municipality conducting stringent tests to ensure that the water supplied to households is 100% safe to drink..

In an effort to reduce water consumption in the area, the municipality has taken stringent measures towards the reduction of the use of water from 125 litres to 97 litres per person per day.

During Water Week in March, the Department held a blitz in the area to visit schools, shopping centres and an old age village in Modimolle to educate locals about the importance of water conservation. The blitz initiative is part of many interventions by the Department as well as its partners to ensure that water supply is maintained and that water users reduce water usage.

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