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50 000 water saving blocks to be distributed in Northern Cape

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As part of its efforts to inculcate water saving culture, the Department of Water and Sanitation in the Northern Cape, in partnership with the John Taolo Gaetsewe and ZF Mgcawu District Municipalities, will distribute 50 000 water saving blocks from 10 – 28 February 2017.

Communities to benefit from this initiative include Joe Morolong, Gasegonyana, Kgatelopele, Gamagara and Tsantsabane Local Municipalities.

The Drop-the-Block is an eco-friendly innovation of placing a block in a toilet tank/cistern to save water. It is designed to reduce potable water consumption by up to 2 liters per flush.

Volunteers will be trained from respective communities to do the door to door campaign, which is set to save over 100 000 liters of water per toilet flush for the water-scarce JTG district municipality.

On average, toilet flushing uses up to 31% of the overall household consumption, making toilet flushing one of the highest consumers of water in the house.

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