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Deputy Minister launched the Ntontela Tembukazi water supply project

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The Deputy Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation Mrs Pamela Tshwete, MP, launched the Ntontela Tembukazi water supply project at KwaNgcoya Village in Lusikisiki on Friday 23 June 2017. Previously, the residents of the area did not have any water supply due to a lack of water infrastructure. The project was implemented over a 3 year period and in 3 phases under the Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant (MWIG) to ensure that there is a safe source of drinking water supply while the people are waiting for a long term solution.

A total of 16285 people from 4 wards are benefiting from this water project. Just over R44million was spent on the project to ensure that the people of Ingquza Hill Local municipality receive clean potable water. The 1st phase consisted of drilling boreholes and protecting springs. The 2nd phase comprised of developing and equipping boreholes and construction of rising mains as well as storage reservoirs. The last phase consisted of constructing bulk and village reticulation, standpipe taps as well as break pressure tanks.

In the past, the residents of the area relied on the springs in the area for water. It is said that at times, the people had to wake up at 12 midnight to draw water when there are not so many people to fetch water because most of them are asleep at that time but now that is a thing of the past.

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