



## **water & sanitation**

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

#### **Man found dead in a trench of a DWS water project**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation has learned, with deepest regret, about an incident where a man from Tshetlhwaneng village in Sekhukhune was found dead in a trench which was dug for the construction of a scour at Makgeru-Schoonoord Bulk Water Project.

The police identified the man as Thabiso Kobo, whose body was found in the trench in the early hours of Sunday. At this stage, it is not known how the victim fell into a trench and the police are investigating.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to express its condolences to Kobo's family.

Meanwhile, the department would like to warn villagers who live around the Makgeru-Schoonoord Water Project to avoid walking near the dug trenches as this may place their lives in danger.

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