



MEDIA STATEMENT

Government encourages community to save water in Makana Local Municipality

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Department of Water and Sanitation in Eastern Cape in partnership with Makana Local Municipality and Amatola Water embarked on a Water Conservation Makhanda recently. The targeted areas were Market Square (Shoprite shopping complex); Tanti Primary School and Extension 5. This was mostly to engage people to work together with government in saving water and to use water sparingly.

Ms Dianna Dikana of Jozi Township, was very keen in saving water, she immediately responded to the call of saving water and reported leaks in her area.

“We want to work hand in hand with government to save water and report leaks to the local municipality,” she said.

The campaign went on to engage learners, to educate them about the tips of saving water. Head of Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Services, Ms Nosisa Sogayise from Amatola Water Board said: “it is everybody’s responsibility to save water and people should be upbeat about saving water it is important that people adhere to 50 litres per day as prescribed to save water for the future,” she said.

The campaign team proceeded to Extension 5 and distributed water saving blocks. These blocks help people to reduce water usage, approximately 2 litres per flush.

“I am very delighted with this block, I always see it in other houses and they save water. I will definitely see the difference even on my water bill.” Said Mrs Xoliswa Mzizi, a resident of Extension 5. Department of Water and Sanitation engaged and encouraged households to use these blocks in saving water. DWS promised to return with blocks to cover many more households in the area of Extension 5.





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“Water production has increased in the municipality however we urge people to work together with the municipality and save water” said Mrs Yoliswa Ramokolo from Makana Local Municipality. They reassured the community of Makana that water quality is guaranteed and that both water treatment works (Waainek and James Kleynhans) are fully functional and water supply will continue.”

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