



MEDIA STATEMENT

Deputy Minister Mahlobo rallies stakeholders for immediate solutions to water challenges in Mahikeng

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The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo has instructed the Technical Team tasked with finding effective solutions to the water shortages experienced in Mahikeng Local Municipality to furnish him with a detailed report over the weekend.

This comes after the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Ms Lindiwe Sisulu instructed Deputy Minister Mahlobo to lead a team that will come up with urgent solutions to the water disruptions in Mahikeng.

In executing this directive from the Minister, Deputy Minister Mahlobo visited the area on Thursday, 27 June 2019 and met with Premier Job Mokgoro, Local Government and Human Settlement MEC, Mayor of Mahikeng Local Municipality and the Technical Team working in the area.

Following his meeting with all the relevant stakeholders, he proceeded to visit the Mmabatho Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Works as well as Molopo Eye and Grootfontein Boreholes to gather requisite information that will enable him to understand issues much better.

During his meeting with the Technical Team, he did not mince his words that the team needed a thought through plan that will address immediate challenges in the area as well as long term solutions that would result in increased water availability for the Mahikeng residents.

“I want a detailed action plan from you that will stand a test of time and our people deserve better and they expect better from all of us sitting here today. We need to make informed choices at all times so that when we budget, we do so in a manner that will benefit our communities,” he emphasised.

During his inspection exercise at the Mmabatho Waste Water Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Works, Deputy Minister Mahlobo decried the state of infrastructure saying the department, local government and implementing agent need to do better and ensure that the infrastructure in Mahikeng functions optimally.

“We need to collaborate at national level with provincial and local government and Sedibeng Water as an entity to understand and know what the other hand is doing so that we can fully support each other where there are shortcomings. We need to fully support those who manage our systems and fully capacitate them with tools of trade. Those with decision making powers, need to make decisions on time so that problems are quickly addressed,” added Deputy Minister Mahlobo.

In addition, he said his visit to the systems was an eye opener and he now has a better understanding and urged all the institutions that are involved to look into the existing resources and make a contribution that will give lasting solutions.





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Deputy Minister Mahlobo will give a report with recommendations and action plans to Minister Sisulu.

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