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Working Towards Access to Clean Drinking Water for All

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National Water Week will this year be observed from 18 - 24 March 2019 and will include Human Rights Day which is celebrated on the 21 March because water is regarded as a basic human right in South Africa.

This year's campaign is held under the theme; "**Leaving no one behind; water for all**", which is initiated by the UN Water. As South Africa is part of the global village, government works within the same theme, guiding all UN signatory governments.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Northern Cape has partnered with various institutions and stakeholders which include the Department of Health (DoH), Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), Dawid Kruiper Municipality and ABENGOA South Africa to commemorate the day.

The campaign will include a door-to-door campaign, a visit to 2 clinics in the Dawid Kruiper Municipality, namely Louisvale and Paballelo clinics and will focus on water conservation as water has become a scarce commodity, safe drinking water and the importance of washing of hands for a healthy and hygienic lifestyle.

Furthermore, the DWS will take 50 learners from Kalksloot, Currieskamp, Blaawskop and McTaggerts-kamp on a tour of the Orange River, where the learners will be instructed on water safety, water quality sampling and water treatment processes.

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