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### **MEC MASHILO INTERVENES ON WATER CHALLENGES**

Residents of Majembeni Village in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga will no longer have to walk long distances to access clean water. This follows a hand over of a donated borehole and storage tank by Human Settlements MEC, Speed Mashilo at the weekend. The community of Ward 13 within the locality has been struggling to have easy access to clean and portable water. The borehole which is equipped with a five thousand (5000) litres water storage tank will cater for over 90 households within the area.

The power supply to the borehole is through the municipality's electricity which is safely installed in a nearby household. The Executive Mayor Cllr, Sylvia Nxumalo thanked MEC Mashilo for heeding the community call by providing reliable water supply. "In drilling the borehole in Bushbuckridge will augment the water supply as we are having those challenges so as a municipality we are so grateful about this delivery", remarked Nxumalo. She further called on the community to jealously safeguard the infrastructure from theft and vandalism as it is not government infrastructure but theirs.

Addressing the beneficiaries and the community in general, MEC Mashilo expressed that water is a matter of life and death. The government is aware that this intervention is not going to resolve some of the water related challenges. "Water is one of the biggest challenges that our country is facing and as government we are working tirelessly to ensure that everyone has access to clean water. It is your constitutional right to have clean water", charged Mashilo. He acknowledged the collaboration of private sector with government to better the lives of needy communities and emphasised the community to play their part in safeguarding the water facilities.

Earlier on the day, MEC Mashilo also handed over a project of 23 houses delivered through the Rural Development Programme at Shatale Village. He symbolically handed over two fully furnished houses to the Mashaba and Mashile households. One of the beneficiary, Mr Boy Mashaba thanked government for an early Christmas present. "I am so grateful to finally receive a decent house, this house is really a blessing" cited Mashaba with a joyful smile. Subsequently to that, MEC and his entourage held a community engagement to unpack government programmes, address pertinent challenges and plans to improve service delivery.

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