

CLOCOLAN GETS LIFE SOURCE

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WAIT IS OVER: Cooperative governance MEC Oly Mlamleli and Setsoto mayor Tshidiso Jakobo open the tap to mark the completion of a new pipeline.

After months of going without water, the community of Clocolan in the Setsoto local municipality has finally received assistance from the government. The water problem has been severe leading the community to embark on a series of service delivery protests.

The municipality, in partnership with the cooperative governance and traditional affairs MEC Oly Mlamleli has installed a pipe that will move water into the township area.

According to municipal spokesperson Lerato Jabanyane, the infrastructure has cost R2.6m to install. "It took at least five weeks for this project to be finalised and we are hopeful that this will open up domestic water supply into the township," she said.

Jabanyane said the community of Clocolan had been dependent on JoJo tanks while the municipality was building the infrastructure. She said the town's four boreholes ran out of water, which led to a significant decline in the water supply and forced it to source water from the Caledon River.

"The new piping system allows us to draw water from the Caledon River thus providing water to residents' taps.

"This is one of the initiatives that the municipality, working together with other stakeholders such as the Department of Water Affairs, is implementing to ensure that residents have adequate water supply," said Jabanyane.

Speaking at the opening of the pipeline, Mlamleli urged residents to preserve water since they knew the pain of experiencing water shortages. She reiterated government's commitment to provide people with basic services such water.

She indicated that plans were well ahead to address challenges in towns like Marquard. She said the Marquard water treatment works, which is hoped to address water supply challenges in that area, would also be completed soon. Moemaneng in Marquard is one of the townships which were gripped by service delivery protests over water supply.

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