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## DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY ON SITE, ON WATER CHALLENGES

In its commitment and endeavors to provide the residents of the district with clean water and ensure that service delivery is rendered in a coordinated manner, **Dr Ruth Mompoti District Municipality** led by the **Executive Mayor Cllr Boitumelo Lesego Mahlangu** together with her team from Local Municipality including Sedibeng Water have just visited the areas of Greater Taung in which water supply seems to be a challenge. This team has visited the water and sanitation projects in the district to find out the challenges and develop immediate and long term solutions.

The Executive Mayor and team intends to visit each Local Municipality for two day, the first day to be intended for projects visits and following day for Localized Intergovernmental Relations Forum meeting which will be convened with the political principals, the technical team to develop a detailed plan on how to collectively resolve the challenges of operation and maintenance of an aging infrastructure in pursuance of ensuring that the residents of the district are provided with clean water and sustainable sanitation.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019, the Executive Mayor with the team she assembled has started in Greater Taung and visited water project in Lokgabeng which would be completed soon. The team visited Magogong with regards to water services projects, to analyse the needs for sanitation and water.

The team has identified many challenges such as the growing informal settlements, infrastructures that could not cater for the growing population, lack of enough sources to meet the demand of water supply to the community, the water treatment plant and issues of sanitations that are delayed by the need for proclamation

of residential areas by the Local Municipality and the traditional leadership.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019, after the assessment of the projects of water and sanitation, the Executive Mayor has convened a localized Intergovernmental Relations to intensively and comprehensively engage on the matters.

The following resolutions were taken to address the challenges of infrastructure, human settlement, water and sanitation.

- To urgently complete Taung Bulk Water supply phase 2C and phase 2D in order to ensure that villages in the central Taung and beyond get clean water. (To resolve the tribal dispute around land ownership)
- To address the issues of Sanitation that pose a health hazard to the community in Magogong the District Municipality has included the project of oxidation ponds, where we will have full-borne water system. Further engagement will be ensured amongst all stakeholders in the next financial year for project implementation.
- As the Water Service Authority (WSA), we will come up with the strategy of Operation and Maintenance to empty VIP toilets to assist Greater Taung Local Municipality
- In order to address the issues of the vandalism of the infrastructure, it has been resolved that, the municipality would ensure that the law takes its course to all those who vandalize public properties while beefing up the security. It is also of paramount important that the community should assist the government to protect their properties while on the other hand would ensure that all cases that have been opened be followed up.
- Dr Ruth Mompoti District Municipality as WSA , is working together with Greater Taung Local Municipality to work on

proclamation of land on Taung Ext. 4, 5 and 7 to enable the District Municipality to further put systems in place to provide services to the residents of municipality.

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