

**Media Statement****27 October 2014****Intervention task team successfully restores water provision in Ngaka Modiri Molema**

Mahikeng - The intervention task team led by the Administrator Kumaran “Kulu” Nair have managed to restore water provision to different parts of Ngaka Modiri Molema district, in particular Ramotshere Moiloa Municipality. Since the deployment of the team at the disbanded Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, the team arrived to water shortage crisis which led to the protest action by some communities in Ramotshere Moiloa municipality.

The administrator Kulu Nair says it was not an easy task but they however managed to accomplish it. “We managed to repair the vandalised boreholes which left our people with no water especially in areas of Dinokana and Gopane. We also ensured the operation of boreholes which supply the areas of Welbedacht and Ntsweletsoku. As the team we also activated the existing water tankering contractor to supply water in areas where there was little water and we also distributed about 32 water containers to such areas.” Said Nair

Several boreholes in the Dinokana and Gopane which were repaired, have since been vandalised allegedly by those who are against the intervention by the provincial government in Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality. All boreholes are functional and repairs are also made to the ageing water infrastructure.

Nair says what they are looking at now is finding a lasting solution to water shortage problem to all Ngaka Modiri Molema communities. “There is still much that needs to be done to bring water supply stability in the area. Water tankering has never been a long term solution to water shortage as it is expensive and it’s not sustainable. We are working on the strategy to once and for all ensure the constant water supply to our people in their taps, without any interruption. This is one of the mandates that we must achieve in due course.” Said Nair

The team was tirelessly working around the clock together with members of the Joint Operation Committee established to deal with water crisis in Ngaka Modiri Molema District. Amongst others, the Joint Operation Committee – JOC consists of officials from Department of Local Government and Human Settlement, Department of Water and Sanitation, Botshelo Water, Sedibeng Water, South African Police Service as well as Fire Rescue and Emergency Services.

During the inspection of some of the boreholes, MEC for Local Government and Human Settlement Collen Maine highlighted the need to energize boreholes which are still using diesel to operate. "We need to electrify all our water sources so that boreholes are not left un-operational when there is a slow supply of diesel. I have instructed my team members to liaise with power utility Eskom to ensure installation of electricity to those boreholes so that our people must not struggle with water" said Maine.

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