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Earthquake and dolomitic sinkhole workshop held to raise awareness

Klersdorp- The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima through its Provincial Disaster Management Centre and other stakeholders held a workshop on how to raise community awareness on earthquake and sinkholes in the province.

The awareness campaign which aims to ensure that members of the community are capacitated through the disaster management centres in different municipalities on the effects that these disasters have on them and the environment. The workshop was also aimed at reducing the number of casualties that might happen during a disaster.

As these disasters affect infrastructure such as housing and transport routes it is very important that community members understand the implications these disasters might have on them when they do happen.

“Since well these disasters affect community members, it is imperative that a culture of risk avoidance is instilled in our people. It is important that community members learn not to leave pipes leaking and report them to municipalities. Community members must know and understand safety drills that could save their lives”, explained Eldridge Kgaswane from the Council of Geoscience.

He further explained that the aim of these workshops is to create safer and more resilient municipalities that can handle disasters when they do happen.

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