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MEC Gaolaolwe applauds Operation Hydrate

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Mahikeng – The Acting MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Fenny Gaolaolwe has strongly commended the organisers and volunteers of Operation Hydrate after they had distributed more than 510 000 litres of water to drought stricken communities in Bokone Bophirima.

Acting MEC Gaolaolwe has also made a plea to businesses across the province to come on board and work with the organisers of Operation Hydrate by donating money and bottled water. “We are aware of the current drought situation throughout the country and as government at both national and provincial level, we are working around the clock to mitigate the situation. Although we have a number of interventions aimed at making sure we lessen the effects of drought, government cannot do it alone, hence we welcome initiatives such Operation Hydrate. Our appeal also goes to our Mayors, councillors and community leaders to ensure that the volunteers of Operation hydrate are well received in various localities,” explained MEC Gaolaolwe.

Operation hydrate is a non profit organisation that started at the beginning of the year by a group of volunteers who were heeding the call by residents throughout the country who were hit hard by the drought which was further exacerbated by the heat waves that swept the country since last year. Operation hydrate distributes bottled water to community members who have been hard hit by the draught epidemic. Through this initiative (Operation Hydrate), just over 2, 7 million litres of water have been distributed throughout the country as part of the humanitarian effort. Swartruggens, Vryburg, Schweizer Reneke, Stella, Kraaipan, Sannieshof, Delareyville and Lichtenburg are some of the areas that were affected by the drought that was caused by the lack of rain.

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