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Residents of Bokone Bophirima benefit wholly from infrastructure projects

Koster- Over 38 000 jobs and job opportunities have been created in municipalities throughout Bokone Bophirima through various infrastructure projects and the community works programme (CWP), since the start of the current term of local government in 2011.

A total of 171 760 households access free basic water, 146 748 households provided with free basic sanitation whilst 133 939 benefitted from free basic electricity since 2011. MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Collen Maine made a presentation to the delegates of the National Council of Provinces yesterday in Koster, on progress made by the province on the provision of access to basic services to communities since the last local government elections in 2011.

MEC Maine said at least 892 379 households have been provided with access to clean running water whilst a whopping 876 124 households got access to electricity since 2011. He said although the Province experienced numerous community protests since in 2011, these protests were predominately in Mahikeng and Madibeng local municipalities with over 15 protests in past three years. "There has been a noticeable reduction in the number of the protests since the beginning of this year. We are putting systems in place to deal with service delivery challenges such as developing an infrastructure delivery model at district level in order to improve and synergise infrastructure delivery at provincial and local government level.

We are also working on improving intergovernmental relations by empowering the forums at district levels to integrate plans and programmes that are aimed at improving service delivery", said MEC Maine.

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