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STEVE TSHWETE SHOWCASES ITS SERVICE DELIVERY EXCELLENCE!

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is joining the bandwagon of National Water Week campaigns from 15-22 March 2021.

The campaign will have a focus on creating awareness about the value of water within the communities through all possible means while adhering to the COVID-19 protocols.

Therefore, the National Water Week comes at an opportune time, when the country and the globe is still faced by the deadly coronavirus pandemic. This pandemic has asked serious questions about the state of water infrastructure in many countries, including South Africa.

Water, as declared by the World Health Organisation plays a major role in fighting the pandemic, with the regular washing of hands seen as the most effective way of reducing the spread. In 1993, the United Nations designated 22 March as the World Water Day with a focus on the importance of fresh water and to raise awareness of the billions people living without access to clean and safe water.

The Municipality will be visiting all its water and sanitation projects for three days. The inspections of the projects is part of the ongoing oversight policy that both the political office headed by the Executive Mayor Cllr Diphala Joseph Motsepe, MMC's and the administration entourage headed by the Municipal Manager, Advocate Bheki Khenisa, will be educating communities on water and sanitation prescripts. At the same time they will be showcasing to them the quality water services that have been delivered in their respective areas.

The Municipality is alive to challenges of aged infrastructure and the low water pressure in Mhluzi Ext 5, 6, 7 and Middelburg Ext 23.

In addressing these challenges, replacement of old asbestos water pipes with PVC pipes and the construction of an elevated water tank is currently well underway.

Water Week could not have come at the better time than this in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality. The Covid 19 outbreak need stable water supply for the communities to wash their hands regularly and clean their environment. The municipality has lived up to expectations in the fight against Covid 19 in their continued efficiency on quality water provision for communities to conform to the main protocol against Covid 19 in washing their hands with clean water for 20 seconds.



THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE WATER WEEK CELEBRATION 15-22 MARCH 2021 IS AS FOLLOWS:

THEME: 'Valuing water'

Monday 15 March: Inspection and visit to Middelburg and Mhluzi Water and Sanitation Projects in Boskrans Waste Water Treatment Plant where replacement of old water pipes has been effected, including the Graspan Reservoir.

Tuesday 16 March: – Inspection and visit to Hendrina and Kwazamokuhle Water and Sanitation Projects:

- Kwazamokuhle bulk waterline and reservoirs
- Servicing of stands

Wednesday 17 March: Inspection and visit to Rural Areas and Agri Villages projects. Construction of elevated water tank in Somaphepha

Thursday 18 March: Media Day

- Media interviews with the following: Executive Mayor, Municipal Manager, ADComms

NB: All programmes commence at 09.00

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