

MAYOR MEETS UITZICHT RESIDENTS ON WATER CHALLENGES

MOGALAKWENA: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela accompanied by Technical Services Chairperson Cllr Senwamadi, Ward Cllr Moloto and municipal officials have today visited Ga-Mathekga Village and Uitzicht Village following their request to meet with the Mayor with the intention to resolve water challenges they experience.

The meeting in Uitzicht was attended by village committee (Khuduthamaga ya Kgoro), members of the community and the ward committees.

Community members indicated that the problem of water shortage is mainly in the extension/new stands but it is not necessary for them to fetch water from the river rather fetch water in the old village. They further indicated that those who are living in the high lying areas sometimes water does not reach them because of the illegal water connections which the municipality has been condemning for ages.

Members of the community requested the municipal leadership to construct a new reservoir or provide new steel tank and connect new pipes from the old village to the new stands.

In response, Her Worship Cllr Matsemela said, “We understand that challenges that you are going through and our priority as the municipality is to provide water, electricity, roads and other services.”

Mayor Matsemela advised that in the near future Magošana/Indunas across the municipality should engage the municipality when they allocate stands to the villages to avoid a situation where people don’t have access to municipal services such as water and others.

Mayor Matsemela further advised community members to follow right channels if they are not happy about issues affecting them.

“The proper channels is to report to your ward committees, councillors, our satellite offices, our Kgoro’s, technical services offices, my office etc. If we don’t respond or come to you it is when you can report this matter elsewhere. You elected us to serve you and must serve you at all times but we shouldn’t be seen fighting, lets engage,” said Mayor Matsemela.

“We have 178 villages in Mogalakwena, all of them have access to water, electricity and roads in some parts of the municipality. Please engage the municipality when you allocate new stands so we can budget for them,” said Mayor Matsemela.

“We have noted everything you have said, we will go back to the municipality and draw a plan which will assist you and other new stands residents across the municipality to address water challenges. I am confident that working together we will resolve this problem because problems are here to be resolved,” said Mayor Matsemela.

In closing remarks Mayor Matsemela indicated that water is a national crisis because of drought and all we have to do is to pray for rain because our boreholes are dry and our dam levels are low.

The municipality has today installed a brand new water pumping machine in Ga-Mathekga village after they have been without reliable water for weeks but the municipal water tankers have been carting water to the village.

Photo Captions

Pic no 21: Mogalakwena Mayor Cllr Andrina Matsemela with Kgošana Kgomo flanked by Technical Services Chairperson Cllr Mmaphuti Senwamadi, Cllr Moloto and the Uitzicht committee.

Pic no 22: Mogalakwena Mayor Cllr Andrina Matsemela addressing community members of Uitzicht village during their visit with other council members