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#### **MEC MTSHWENI VISITS PHOLA WATER PROJECT TO MONITOR PROGRESS**

The MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Hon. Refilwe Mtshweni has visited the Phola water project near Hazyview as part of her oversight role to monitor progress. Two water tanks, each with a capacity of 750 mega litres of water have been installed. The project has been initiated as an intervention for water provision in line with the provincial government service delivery imperatives.

Eight similar projects are underway in the following areas:

- **Cunningmore B, Casteel and Thusanang in the Bushbuckridge Municipality.**
- **Steenbok and Mangweni in the Nkomazi Municipality.**
- **Matsulu in the Mbombela Municipality.**

During the visit to Phola, MEC Mtshweni expressed confidence that the project will help reduce the water shortage in that area. "This project will augment the supply of water in this area in addition to the available water projects. We hope that the project will help meet the demand of water due to the growing number of people here in line with the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Mpumalanga Vision 2030," she said.

She further appealed to the local community to protect the infrastructure. "Our plans to provide water is undermined by illegal connections. With limited budget, the illegal connections deplete the budget we have set aside for the supply of water to affected communities," she said.

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