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DM SWARTS AIMS TO UNLOCK BLOCKAGES TO INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY

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Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister, Hon. Bernice Swarts has – in her capacity as one of the Champions of the Presidential District Development Model (DDM) – on 29 September 2023 visited the community of Leeudoringstad in the North West, where she engaged the community on a range of issues affecting the community. Deputy Minister Swarts was leading the DDM Service Delivery Imbizo in the area. After community members raised a plethora of issues with her, Deputy Minister Swarts explained that the government - through the DDM – had planned a range of interventions to address challenges raised by the community.

"We are looking at packaging a plethora of interventions to address the issues that you have raised. On the issues of unemployment in the area, we are looking at a range of issues such as training young people on firefighting so that they can assist the area during fire seasons. When we talk about creating work for our people – especially our youth and women – we must look at implementing projects that can create employment at a mass scale. We will also look at engaging the private sector to assist with the creation of work of our people," Deputy Minister Swarts said.

Deputy Minister Swarts added that they had a long-term programme to create jobs in the area which included a plan to resuscitate the fresh produce market as well as bringing back trains in the area. "These initiatives can create jobs in the long term," she added. The Deputy Minister commenced her visit with the cleaning of neighbourhoods at Kgakala township in Leeudoringstad and leading the patching of potholes.

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