

HARDWORKING WOMEN!

They thank the People's
Paper for exposure

**Umkariso Women In Water
in their new work gear
donated by the Rand
Water Foundation.**

Photo by Colleen Silinda



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NOW, they know what they're doing is good!

This according to the women from Umkariso Women in Water.

They received donations from the Rand Water Foundation. These include working suits, boots and equipment such as forks, spades and cutting machines, among others.

The foundation visits the ladies on site.

One of the women, Nomvula Masilela, said the articles that *SunTshwane* wrote about them helped them a lot.

"We got exposure, and now many organisations know about us," said Nomvula.

"We're grateful that our good work is acknowledged and are grateful to the People's Paper."

According to Nomvula, their plan is to move forward and do more.

Their biggest wish is for Rand Water to help them get a stipend so they can put food on the table for their families.

Nomvula added that what keeps them going is the support they get from their mentor, Annie Matime.

One of the beneficiaries, Martha Mawela, told the People's Paper: "I feel very happy that our good work got the recognition it deserves.

"I don't know where I would be without Umkariso."

This year, the women are focusing on fighting drugs and substance abuse in the community.

"As women, we're tired to see our children become victims of nyaope.

"It's really affecting our communities and we feel now is the time to take a stand and say enough is enough," said Nomvula.

They are planning a number of campaigns.