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Premier promises running water for residents

TEKWANE SOUTH - The Mpumalanga premier, Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane, has assured the City of Mbombela communities that their water woes will be a thing of the past.

Speaking to the media during her visit to the Tekwane South Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, Mtshweni-Tsipane, who also used this opportunity to show around and update the country's second-in-command, Paul Mashatile, Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Deputy Minister David Mahlobo, said government is doing everything it can to provide its citizenry with clean running water.

"The Tekwane South Water Treatment Plant used to supply the nearby communities only with water, because it simply had only 4ML that it could supply at the time. I am happy to say today that we have since augmented the capacity by 10ML, which means we now have 14ML. This means the water will be supplied as far as about 29km up to KaBokweni.

That is the extent of the work that has already been done here," said Mtshweni-Tsipane. "We need to constantly accelerate the provision of services as government to our people."

Lack of clean running water has always been a thorny issue for most communities in the Nsikazi area.

Mtshweni-Tsipane's visit to the plant coincided with the official launch of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

She said for too long have women been subjected to travelling long distances to get access to water, and this will soon come to an end.



The MEC for Health Sasekani Manzini, Ehlazeni District Municipal manager Dr Nontobeko Mahlalela, mayor of Ehlazeni District Municipality Jesta Sidell, Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane, City of Mbombela mayor Sibongile Makushe-Mazibuko, MEC for Culture, Sport and Recreation Thandi Shongwe and MEC for Public Works Mandla Ndlovu. >Photos: Supplied/GCIS Mpumalanga Provincial Office



Deputy President Paul Mashatile arrives with various officials. Right: Deputy President Paul Mashatile, Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane and other officials at Tekwane South Water Treatment Plant.



"We have heard the cries of women, including the Human Rights Commission, to address these issues. Women have to take

their washing racks to the river streams to get them cleaned up, and this must and will come to an end. We are here today to

showcase to the deputy president that we are addressing the plight of our vulnerable society," said Mtshweni-Tsipane.