

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY PREMIER DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA
DURING THE OVERSIGHT AND LAUNCH OF THE KROOMKLOOF
WATER TREATMENT WORKS (JAKALSKUIL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME),
KROOMKLOOF COMMUNITY HALL, MOGALAKWENA LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT

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Traditional Leaders,

Faith-Based Leaders,

Community Members,

Members of the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thobela, Avuxeni, Ndi Matsheloni, Good Morning, Goeie Môre,

It is indeed a privilege to stand before you today as we gather to celebrate a milestone that carries with it the hopes, dignity and aspirations of thousands of our people. They say that when government delivers on its promises, hope is restored. Today, hope flows as freely as the water that will soon reach our communities. Indeed, today we are affirming the constitutional right of every citizen to access clean, safe and reliable water.

As the Limpopo Provincial Government, we warmly welcome and commend the Minister, Deputy Ministers and the leadership of the Department of Water and Sanitation for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of our people. Since their visit to our province, we have witnessed renewed urgency, stronger collaboration and visible progress in addressing long-standing water challenges.

Their hands-on approach demonstrates that when all spheres of government work together, meaningful change becomes possible.

Just yesterday, we celebrated another important milestone with the handover of the Polokwane Water Treatment Works project in Seshego. That investment will significantly improve water supply to residential Zones 1 to 8, while ensuring reliable access for schools, clinics and hospitals. We are equally encouraged that interventions such as borehole protection have strengthened plant reliability and improved the integrity of the water supply system, bringing much-needed relief to the people of Seshego.

Today, we are writing another chapter in the story of service delivery as we officially hand over the Jakkalskuil Water Supply Scheme, a transformative project that will change lives across Mogalakwena.

This project represents years of dedication and investment through five major packages: the construction of the Kroomkloof Water Treatment Works and High Lift Pump Station; completion of the bulk water supply network; construction of the 3.5 megalitre command reservoir; refurbishment of 46 community reservoirs across 26 villages; and the completion of borehole development and pumping mains to the Kroomkloof Water Treatment Works.

Collectively, these investments will benefit more than 42 003 households across the Jakkalskuil cluster, including villages such as Jakkalskuil, Malapile, Kroomkloof, Ga-Molekwa, Mahabaneng, Harmansdal and many others. For these communities, this project represents more than pipes and reservoirs, it represents health, dignity, opportunity and a better quality of life.

As Provincial Government, we are grateful to witness the completion of projects that began as far back as 2022. Their completion sends a powerful message that government honours its commitments. If we continue to strengthen project implementation, improve coordination and ensure that projects are completed on time, we will restore the confidence of our people in public institutions.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Water is not a luxury; it is a basic human necessity and the foundation of sustainable development. These reservoirs and treatment works stand as a lasting answer to the daily struggles experienced by many households. They will support education, healthcare, economic activity and improve the well-being of our communities.

This achievement also speaks directly to one of the key priorities of the Seventh Administration: accelerating service delivery. Through the Action

Plan for Local Government, we remain committed to ensuring reliable access to water and sanitation, electricity, refuse removal, quality human settlements and well-maintained roads. These are the services that restore dignity and improve lives.

On behalf of the Limpopo Provincial Government, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Department of Water and Sanitation, Mogalakwena Local Municipality, engineers, contractors, traditional leaders and community members who contributed to the successful implementation of this project.

Let this become the standard, not the exception. Let government continue to deliver services that our people can see, experience and trust.

Water is life. Water is dignity. Water is development. Together, let us continue building a Limpopo where every household has access to this precious resource and where no community is left behind.

As we celebrate today, let us also look ahead. I encourage every eligible citizen who has registered to vote to go out in large numbers on 04 November 2026 to exercise your democratic right.

Your vote is your voice. It is through active participation that we continue to build accountable government and strengthen our democracy.

I thank you.