

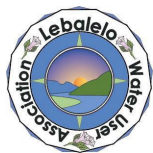


The Department of Water and Sanitation through their water boards and the municipalities have embarked on the roll out of water supply to communities to fight the COVID 19 pandemic. To fight the spread of the virus people are required to wash their hands regularly and to have access to drinking water.

Lebalelo Water User Association and its members consisting of the mining industry and the Department of Water and Sanitation is supporting this initiative through the funding and installation of 70 water tanks. These tanks are installed in communities in the Makhuduthamaga & Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipalities. These communities were identified by the Sekhukhune District Municipality and the Department of Water and Sanitation. Due to the disaster declaration by the President, Lebalelo Water User Association acted under the regulations issued and appointed current contractors to install the tanks. That is why Lebalelo Water User Association were able to act quickly to ensure that the people are protected rather earlier than later.

Lebalelo Water User Association has also rented four water tankers and purchased six more to provide the potable water to these communities. Due to the uncertainty about the duration of the pandemic, we have committed to continue until 30 September 2020. Local drivers will be used for the new trucks and local accommodation and catering for all the drivers in the areas where they operate will be used.

Lebalelo Water User Association is absolutely committed to the people in the area where we operate to ensure their safety from the virus and to support the local government in its fight against the pandemic. Lebalelo Water User Association is in constant contact with the Department of Water and Sanitation, Sekhukhune District Municipality & other entities to also develop a long-term sustainable water solution for the region.



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