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Majaneng Water and Sanitation Forum becomes proud recipient of technical skills training

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Efforts to save water moved to a higher gear when the Department of Water and Sanitation's Gauteng Region and the Lixil/Cobra conducted a basic technical training to the Majaneng Water and Sanitation Community Forum.

The training, which took place on 02 April 2019 at the Majaneng Traditional Council in Hammanskraal, was aimed at imparting much-needed skills to the members of the forum. The training involved detecting leaks, fixing burst pipes and saving water.

In turn, the members of the forum will use their acquired skills to deal with water and sanitation challenges in their community.

The forum, which is one of many that have been launched in communities through the country, is at the heart of addressing challenges of water and sanitation. The forums are made up of community members from all walks of life.

Lixil/Cobra is one of the leading manufacturers of plumbing products in the country and boasts some of the most innovative products that contribute to conserving water.

A member of the forum who took part in the training, Ms Anna Mawela, welcomed the opportunity to be part of those who received the training, saying the training would go a long way to ensure that challenges of water losses were curbed to a bare minimum.

Ms Mawela lamented quality of taps that they were currently using in the community, saying they were of a poor quality and were thus easily damaged, making it easy for water to be lost through leakages.

She recommended that Lixil/Cobra should dominate the space of producing quality taps that would withstand the elements while drastically reducing water losses.

Another forum member, Mr Lucky Ndala, praised the provision of the training, adding that it has put them in a position wherein they would be able to fix most of the things if they encountered challenges in the future.

Mr Ndala said: Overall the training was enlightening but we needed more time. But now that we got the theory of everything, ours is to make use of the skills we have to identify leaks in the community and work to resolve them."

A brand event specialist at Lixil/Cobra, Mr Jerry Kabini, said it was important that community members knew how to fix and close taps properly, expressing satisfaction about the interest that was shown during the training.

He said this showed that there was an insatiable appetite on the part of the community to learn more about saving water, reiterating that community members had to learn of other ways of making sure that the limited water resources of the country were not lost through leakages.

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