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Water tank for reliable water supply for farm school learners

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The Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA) accompanied by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) officially handed over a 5 000 litres water tank to Ekhiyeni Primary School in Barberton in the City of Mbombela on 23 April 2019.

Dr Jenifer Molwantwa of the IUCMA outlined the purpose of the gathering as the official handover of the water tank as was requested by the school principal.

“It gives us a great feeling to be giving the school this tank as water is life. We hope that you will cherish and take care of this donation and take care of the water and not waste even a single drop as we live in a water scarce country. I hope the children will enjoy the water”, she said.

Mr Richard Mbambo from DWS appreciated the IUCMA for the quick response in providing the water tank to ensure reliable access to water for the school, especially the learners. He encouraged the learners and all in attendance to safeguard the water tank from criminals and vandals to ensure access to water for the learners and educators. He stressed on the issue of protecting the tank from thieves.

“Take care and protect the tank. As a Department, we brought some drought interventions in this municipality but the tanks and pumps have all been stolen. This is not good because the doers of this evil deed are within our





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communities. We must expose them. I also like to thank the IUCMA as the wing of the Department for this intervention as water is life”, he said.

The Chairperson of the IUCMA Board, Ms TP Nyakane-Maluka also emphasized the importance of taking care of the tank for the benefit of the school and learners.

“We are very much grateful for the donation from the IUCMA as it will ensure reliable water supply for the school, especially the learners. We had to cancel classes when the old tank was stolen as there was no water for the children. We humbly request the community to assist us in protecting the tank and borehole pump as we rely on them for reliable water supply in the school. The theft of the equipment negatively affects the education and future of the learners” said the school principal, Ms Nonhlanhla Dlamini in her response.

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