

KLM-Watson makes development strides: Ha Lejone



The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) has made strides in providing water and sanitation to the communities around the LHWP catchment area. In Ha Lejone, thirteen (13) springs catchment have been built and water directed into 12 silt-boxes, connecting water from the springs. And eight (8) km long pipeline has been laid out to transfer water into the storage tank of about 100m³, located just above Ha Lejone village. About 20 standpipes have been installed within Ha Lejone village, for close access for portable water.

That's bringing an indispensable commodity, (water) to the door-step of four hundred and forty (440) households within Ha Lejone and Ha Lukas villages. The project also connected five public institutions to piped water supply. These include Lejone police station, Malibamatso Primary school, Malibamatso Secondary School, Lejone Local Court and Agric office which each received a standby tap within their immediate surroundings to provide them with portable water.

According to study conducted prior to the start of the project, it was estimated that daily water demand for Ha Lejone was at 102,110.4 litres a day. And water was a scarce commodity prior before the implementation of the project.



The aim of KLM Watson Programme is to supply all 107 villages within the Katse Catchment area with potable water and sanitation. Almost ninety percent of the one hundred and seven targeted to benefit from the programme has been connected to piped water supply. About two thousand, two hundred and forty-four (2244) people in Ha Lejone, are beneficiaries of the project. The project cost is estimated to be in the range of three million, six thousands ninety-one and three hundred twenty Maloti, (M3,691,320.00).

While the village of Ha Lukas, which is nearby Ha Lejone supplied with water from the same source, its daily water demand was estimated to be at 39,420 litres per day. This village has about one hundred and ninety-four (194) households and a total population of eight hundred and ninety-seven (897) people. The project cost to supply water to this village is One million nine thousands & twenty-four and eight hundred and three Maloti (1,924,803,00).

It is expected that the project will be commissioned in August,24.