

# 400 LOCAL RESIDENTS PETITIONED POWER OUTAGES

**Rustenburg** – Electricity outages in the outlying areas of Rustenburg are a common occurrence. There have been a number of public meetings with the Rustenburg Local Municipality, the last on 11 February, where the municipality presented a plan of action to residents that would address the regular electricity outages.

While we are very grateful for the reduction in the number of electricity outages in the Rietvlei and Donkerhoek areas, the situation in the area between the R24 and the R104 has deteriorated to the extent that residents suffer up to 15 electricity supply failures a week. The plan of action presented to residents by the municipality has not been implemented yet. Electricity supply failures regularly occur in the evenings, forcing residents to wait out the night until late the following morning before the municipality dispatches a technical team to restore electricity supply.

The main reason for the electricity supply failures provided to residents by the municipality in this area is the inability of the municipality to maintain trees growing along with the electricity cables because residents are reluctant to allow them access to some properties.

"This is false, since 2016, in my then capacity as a ward councillor, and now as a member of parliament, I have made myself available to coordinate access between the municipal maintenance teams and residents, to either accompany the teams personally or have another Democratic Alliance (DA) councillor accompany them to cut down tree branches responsible for damaging electricity cables. It is only in the last two weeks that the municipality approached Jean Keyser, a community volunteer, to assist with access to properties," said DA member of parliament Cheryl Phillips.

In addition, the municipality informed some residents that they would have to pay up to R80,000 to have new electricity cables installed to replace damaged ones because the municipality does not have the funding

available to maintain the grid.

Illegal connections are rife and until such a time as the municipality address the issue of illegal connections and registering indigents for free, legally connected basic services, it will become a bigger problem in future.

Residents are frustrated because the municipality cannot be trusted to implement the plans of maintenance that was presented. This past weekend, in less than 12 hours, more than 400 local residents pitched up to sign a DA petition, addressing the matter.

Phillips will be submitting this petition to COGTA Minister Dlamini-Zuma, the North West member of the executive council for Cooperative Development and Traditional Affairs and also to NERSA, to appeal to them to force the Rustenburg Local Municipality to maintain the by grid, to stock the required equipment and replacement parts to execute repairs and to have technical teams conduct maintenance on a shift schedule to speed up repairs.

**DA press release extracts, 24 June 2020**



Various volunteers assisted in manning the station where residents could sign the petition.

## NEW COVID-19 DRUG WARNING DRUG ONLY FOR CURE, NOT PREVENTION

**Rustenburg** – The North West Department of Health has warned the public against administering dexamethasone to COVID-19 patients and to allow medical practitioners to do their job. The Independent Community Pharmacy Association of South Africa (ICPA) is also concerned about wrong perceptions by people convinced about the drug's ability to prevent COVID-19.

Studies on the use of dexamethasone on seriously ill COVID-19 patients have been very encouraging and health authorities in South Africa have indicated the drug could become a major factor in their fight to contain the global pandemic. Recently, Health minister Zweli Mkhize said South Africa was well stocked when it comes to supplies of the drug. According to him, the national Department of Health has around 300,000 containers of the drug in the country.

The minister also revealed that the presence of three major pharmaceutical suppliers of dexamethasone in South Africa puts the country in a very good position to play a key role in providing a solution to the global pandemic. However, ICPA is concerned by reports suggesting people have been purchasing the drug to protect themselves against COVID-19. ICPA chief executive officer Jacky Maimin has warned those buying dexamethasone with the intention of protecting themselves from the pandemic. She said the drug cannot prevent COVID-19 but, rather, can endanger a person by tampering down their immune system.

It is not yet clear when the rollout of the drug to public hospitals and clinics will commence.

In an interview with Platinum Weekly, North West department of Health spokesperson Tebogo Lekgethane said: "The only direction we have been given by the national health department is that people must not use the drug at home. Dexamethasone must only be administered by a medical professional and we have been making this clear to people living within our communities."

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