

WLTP20

The Women's Leadership and Training Programme is based in Centocow, South Africa and is supported by Exmouth Quaker Meeting.

The Women's Leadership and Training Programme (WLTP) organises workshops for teenage girls from the amaKhuze Tribal Authority in Centocow to help them discover their own leadership skills to deal with issues of gender and patriarchy that affect their education. Abduction of girls for marriages is common in the region, and prevents them finishing their primary and secondary education.

In addition to the challenges posed by the pandemic there were also outbreaks of violence and looting, causing changes to the training programme, however many of the workshops were still able to take place, giving the girls skills to advocate for quality water in their localities.

Fieldwork events resumed in late September and will continue as planned. The pandemic has illustrated that access to clean water from rivers and springs is an important resource when the municipal piped water supply is intermittent.

