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Bushmen living in Botswana's Central Kalahari Game Reserve will receive a crucial new water supply next month after winning a lengthy court battle, the diamond firm mining the area said Wednesday.

Gem Diamonds Company, which was last year given rights to mine in the reserve, said it will begin drilling four boreholes in July for Bushmen who have lived for years without regular sources of water.

"We have successfully established a partnership with the non-profit organization VOX United, to drill four boreholes in the CKGR to provide the residents with water," said Gem chief executive Clifford Elphick. "Gem Diamonds will provide technical and financial assistance. The borehole drilling programme follows discussions and consultations with the local communities," he added. Botswana's highest court ruled in January in favour of the Bushmen who had fought for years for the right to re-open a crucial water well that supplied their village. (...)

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