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1019. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Which steps of intervention have been taken in the past three years to address the chronic water crisis in the Sekhukhune region, which has persisted for decades and left communities without access to safe and reliable water sources despite repeated inquiries from the Economic Freedom Fighters and other concerned stakeholders?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) is a Category C municipality which is comprised of four mainly rural local municipalities: Ephraim Mogale, Fetakgomo Tubatse, Elias Motsoaledi and Makhuduthamaga. The Sekhukhune DM has assumed responsibility of several powers, duties, and functions at the local municipalities due to capacity and establishment constraints.

The Sekhukhune DM is a Water Services Authority (WSA) and Water Services Provider (WSP) in terms of the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997 on behalf of its local municipalities. The municipality is under pressure to deliver water to the households within its area of jurisdiction comprising of approximately 740 villages. The water supply challenges in the area include the following:

- lack of or intermittent municipal water supply
- boreholes that have dried up
- broken pumping machines
- shortage of skilled pump operators
- inconsistent supply of water tankers to deprived villages

In light of the challenges indicated above, the municipality may be struggling to fulfil its mandate of delivering water to communities. To change the current status, future plans of the Sekhukhune DM should prioritise investment of its resources towards refurbishment of old infrastructure, development of new water infrastructure and employment of skilled personnel.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) avails funding to SDM through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) to support several interventions. The following projects have been implemented using these mechanisms:

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	PROJECT NAME	VILLAGES	COST
Greater Tubatse	Mooihoek Bulk Water Supply	Ga-Maroga, Driekop, Mooihoek, Riba Cross, Ga-Riba, Mandela, Makgemeng, Madiseng, Mashamothane, Bothashoek, Praktiseer, Mabotsha, Makobola, Motodi, Alverton, Taung, Manoke, Dresden, Burgersfort	R1.1bn
Makhuduthamaga	Nebo Bulk Water Supply	Apel Cross, Apel Cross Low Cost Housing, Diphagane, Ga-Maloo, Ga-Marishane, Ga-Masemola, Ga-Mashabela, Ga-Phahla, Ga-Tisane, Kanaan A, Kanaan B, Kapaneng, Kgwaripe, Lobethal, Magolapong, Mahlolaneng, Mampe, Maseshwane, Mmotwaneng, Mogorwane, Nkotokwane, Mohwelere, Molebeledi, Moripane, Phelindaba, Phushulang, Polaseng, Sekwati, Thabampshe, Tswaing, Vlakplaas A, Vlakplaas B	R1.4bn
Dr J S Moroka, Thembisile Hani, Greater Marble Hill and Greater Elias Motsoaledi.	Moutse Bulk Water Supply	Maganagobuswa, Kgobokwane, Walkraal A, Naganeng, Ga-Matlala, Walkraal C, Stompo, Mpheleng, Mabuyeni, Joe Slovo Park, Magakadimeng, Ramaphosa, Moteti A, Theareng, Moteti B, Lusaka, Moteti C, Mzimdala, Ten Morgen, Five Morgen, Elokhishini, Tambo Square, Malaeneng, Ntwane/Mametse, Marapong, Thabakhubedu, Phookwane, Phukukane, Malebitsa, Driefontein, Uitvlugt, Rathoke, Spitspunt, Metsanangwana, Tshikanosi, Makola, Matlereking, Mokgwaneng, Mamaneng, Ramosheba, Matlala	R0.8bn
Elias Motsoaledi	Loskop Regional Bulk Water Cross Boundary Project	Work Package 1: Raw Water Abstraction Works at Loskop, 2.2km of 750mm Steel Gravity Main from Loskop to Pump Station 1, 11km of 700mm GRP Pump line from PS1 to PS2, 2x Booster Pump Station (PS1 & PS2), 3ML Water Treatment Package Plant & 6ML Reservoir provision for Moutse 8 villages:	R414million

The table below indicates funding that has been allocated from the 2022 MTEF by the DWS to support infrastructure development projects in the Sekhukhune area:

GRANT	2022/23 R'000	2023/24 R'000	2024/25 R'000
RBIG	130 000	160 000	160 000
WSIG 5B (Direct transfer)	51 652	54 425	57 324
WSIG 6B (indirect transfer)	51 652	64 425	67 224
Total	233 304	278 850	284 548

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
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