



water & sanitation

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QUESTION NO 1473

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1473. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What form of assistance has his department provided to the residents of the Mbashe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape, who are currently facing water challenges?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Mbashe Local Municipality is supported by the Department of Water and Sanitation through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) and is implementing two water augmentation projects over a three-year period to address water supply challenges in the municipality. The table below provides details of the projects:

Project Name	Number of people to benefit	Budget	Implementation year
Equipping of boreholes in Mngquma and Mbashe	1 886	R37 599 984	2023 - 2026
Drilling and testing of boreholes in Mbashe, Mngquma and Great Kei	9 830	R21 881 418	2023 - 2026

The Xhora and Sundwana Bulk Water Schemes (BWS) are currently being implemented by the Amathole District Municipality funded by DWS through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG). The Sundwana Bulk Water Scheme is at an advanced stage of planning which is

expected to be concluded in 2023/2024; whilst commencement of construction is planned for 2024/2025. Construction on the Xhora BWS which includes a dam, Wastewater Treatment Works, reservoirs and bulk pipelines has been completed. Construction for additional pipelines and reservoirs is at 61% and planned for completion in September 2023. The summarised details for both projects are indicated in the table below.

Project Name	Number of people benefit to	Budget	Implementation year	Status
Xhora BWS	67 000	R494, 082, 388.00	2009 - 2020	Contracts 1-7 all 100% completed
			2020 - 2023	Contract 8 is at 61% anticipated to complete in September 2023 with pipelines and reservoirs.
Sundwana WSS	126 782	R682 873 392	2024/25	Advanced stage of planning

Areas affected by outages due to the electricity crisis are provided with water through water tankering. There are ongoing discussions between the municipality and Eskom for the exemption of water infrastructure from loadshedding.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED


DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 12/05/23 ✓

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED


MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 16/05/23