



## water & sanitation

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### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

### QUESTION NO 3276

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### **3276. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether his department is overseeing the interim measures to alleviate the current water shortages being experienced by communities in the (a) Capricorn District Municipality, (b) Sekhukhune District Municipality and (c) Polokwane Local Municipality whilst refurbishments are underway; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps has he taken in this regard?

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### **MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is overseeing interventions to alleviate current water shortages in Sekhukhune District Municipality, Capricorn District Municipality and Polokwane Local Municipality. The interim measures implemented in the areas include emergency relief measures as follows:

- 20 water tankers which were provided to Sekhukhune District Municipality. 1690 water tanks have been installed in Sekhukhune as a short-term measure to ensure communities are able access water on a daily basis.
- The Polokwane LM delivers water through water tankers to communities as per notifications received about areas/ households without water.
- DWS is overseeing groundwater development projects and there are ongoing construction projects to install elevated storage tanks.

The DWS allocated funding through its Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) for implementation of water services reticulation projects in the Sekhukhune, Capricorn and Polokwane Municipalities. The funding was allocated for the 2023/24 financial year for projects to be implemented by the Municipalities to improve access to water. Funding allocated to each municipality is indicated below:

- Sekhukhune DM - R49 million
- Capricorn DM - R 158 million
- Polokwane LM - R 72,7 million

Villages to benefit from the reticulation projects are indicated in the table below:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Villages benefiting</b>
Sekhukhune DM	Maebe, Tukakgomo, Nkosini, Moutse, Phokwane, Mabulela, Rutseng and Ga-Marishane
Capricorn DM	Ga-Malokela, Indermark, Senwabarwana, Driekoppies, Mogwadi, Maponto, Bolatjane, Ramatjowe, Dipateng, Sekhwama and Maleka
Polokwane LM	Mashamaite, Makgodu, Mars, Moletjije, Bakone Ga-Ntlotane, Ga-Phofu, Badimong, Segwasi and surrounding areas


The municipalities are required to establish project steering committees and project management teams to ensure effective monitoring of project progress. By overseeing the implementation of these projects and enabling water carting by the Water Services Authorities to communities, the Department supports the municipalities to ensure that water is supplied to the various communities in the three Municipalities until bulk infrastructure projects are completed.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED →

  
**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
 DATE: 07/11/23

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED ✓

  
**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
 DATE: 14/11/23