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Water tanks for DWS offices in Eastern Cape

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Two tanks have been installed at the Department of Water and Sanitation Regional Office (DWS) in King William's Town in an effort to encourage rainwater harvesting practice and inculcate the culture of saving water.

These tanks come at an opportune time when most parts of the province are experiencing water challenges and depleting dam levels caused by the lack of sufficient rainfalls.

Water stored through harvesting can be used for various purposes such as drinking, flushing toilets, washing clothes, bathing and irrigation.

An official from the Regional Office in Eastern Cape, Mr Siyabonga April says water tanks can be used as a back-plan and they also complement water coming from dams.

"It is very important to have a backup system in the building because there are times when we face serious water challenges. Our taps can run dry anytime and tanks ensure that we do not scramble for water. Looking at the current drought situation in some part, it is expected that water levels in our dams may go further down", he said.

In addition, he said despite water the current water challenges the demand for water is increasing and that calls for every members of the community to play their role to save every drop of water by using alternative sources.

Rainwater harvesting is collecting and storing of rainwater into tanks or natural reservoirs before it is lost as surface runoff.

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