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Deputy Minister hands over 10 water trucks to Amathole District Municipality

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On Monday, 17 September 2018, Deputy Minister (DM) of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Ms Pamela Tshwete handed over 10 water trucks to the Amathole District Municipality to assist households affected by water shortages in the area.

Amathole District Municipality (ADM) is one of the drought stricken areas in Eastern Cape and was declared a five municipalities that were declared disaster areas in the province due to acute water challenges.

According to DWS's Eastern Cape Regional Head, Ms Portia Makhanya, the handing over of the water trucks follows a request by the ADM to the Department to intervene.

"We asked Head Office to set aside funds from the Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) with the view of procuring water trucks. We ruled out outsourcing because the process is too expensive," she said.

She explained that an amount of R30 million was set aside from the Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) budget to intervene in addressing the drought problem in the district. Makhanya said R15million was used to purchase water trucks while the other R15million was focused on drilling and equipping available boreholes.

The Executive Mayor of ADM, Councillor Nomfusi Nxawe welcomed the initiative by DWS Head Office and thanked the Deputy Minister for the intervention.

The ADM has six local municipalities and the water trucks will be distributed as follows: Mnquma, Mbhashe, Raymond Mhlaba and Ngqushwa will get 2, while Amahlathi and Great Kie Local Municipality will each receive 1 respectively.

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