



MEDIA STATEMENT

Nooitgedagt Water Project construction progressing well

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The construction of Nooitgedagt Water Project in the Nelson Mandela Bay is progressing well and the Department of Water and Sanitation is confident that the project will go a long way in stabilizing water challenges in the area.

The project, funded through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant is implemented in different phases and the Low Level Scheme of the project is expected to be completed by September 2021. The Nooitgedagt Low Level Scheme phase will supply Nelson Mandela Bay residents with 210 mega litres of water per day on its completion.

In addition to this, boreholes are being drilled and equipped to augment the existing water system that has been stressed due to the water demand, exacerbated by the lack of rains in the area.

The funding of these projects by the Department of Water and Sanitation comes at a time when certain parts of the province are really struggling to recover from the drought phenomenon. The provincial water storage is at a low of 56.5% with the Algoa Water Supply System with five dams supplying water to Nelson Mandela Bay Metro at a paltry state of 16.7% this week.

While March is widely known as a Human Rights Month, the Department of Water and Sanitation spearheads its National Water Week campaign in line with United Nations' World Water Day commemoration. This is to raise awareness about the importance of water as a basic human right and encourage all water users to save and value water.

Communities are urged to adhere to water restrictions imposed by their municipalities, attend to water leakages in their households and report other leakages to their municipalities. Furthermore, communities are urged to take responsibility of the water infrastructure in their communities, guard it in order to stop vandalism.

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