



MEDIA STATEMENT

Minister Mchunu reassures Giyani residents that water is on the way to their taps

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Water and Sanitation Minister, Senzo Mchunu has reassured the residents of Giyani that the department is committed to delivering water to the community as promised.

“We recognise your anger, frustration and the disappointment on the missed deadline of 30 September 2022, and we take accountability. However, we remain committed to delivering water to this community as promised.

“Part of the delay was a problem we experienced along the bulk pipeline with some of the traditional leaders which impacted our schedule to complete the pipeline. While we could not have foreseen these challenges, we are now better equipped and hope to finalise the outstanding issues today.

“What we saw today during our site visits, represents a great deal of progress in terms of the work we are doing here in Giyani of getting water to the residents. We are closing in on a trench between the Nsami dam and the river from which we are extracting water. It is through this canal that water from Nandoni will pass into the Nsami dam.”

Minister Mchunu, accompanied by Deputy Minister David Mahlobo, and Lepelle Northern Water Chairperson, was addressing the residents and stakeholders within the Mopani District Municipality including the Giyani Business Chamber, traditional leaders, civil and community groups, on the progress made on Nandoni-Nsami water project.

The Minister visited Giyani today to monitor progress on the Nandoni Water Treatment Plant, Nandoni Bridge and the Nsami canal, make interventions on some of the challenges being experienced by the implementing agent, Lepelle Northern Water during the installation of the bulk pipeline, after residents on Monday 03, October 2022, took to the streets to protest over a missed deadline of 30 September 2022.

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