



## water & sanitation

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#### **Water is really a problem**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Amathole District Municipality and Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality held a drought awareness campaign in three townships of Adelaide, on Wednesday, 27 November 2019. Adelaide is one of the towns under Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality where effects of drought is visible, taps went dry, livestock dying and heat waves are very high.

Government officials engaged community members in a number of issues, reduce water usage, educating them about water saving tips, showing them ways of washing hands and informing them about water schedules imposed by the municipality.

“The Eastern Cape Government declared drought in 5 municipalities including Amathole District Municipality and it’s currently in an emergency situation due to the fact that the dam levels deteriorated to the extent where current prediction is that there will be no water available for domestic in future unless its dams fill-up soon. The water situation is so dire that water restrictions have been put in place in certain parts of the Province including Adelaide and surrounding areas to reduce water consumption”, said Thandile Ngcume.

According to a water schedule for Adelaide that was presented by Sakhele Shabangu from ADM there are water rationing imposed by the municipality, in townships there will be water as early as 05h00 - 10h00 every three days of the week and there are areas where water pressure is low, water tankers used to visit your areas.

Nosakhele Sitofile, a community member said water in Adelaide was a real problem as there was not a drop- to drink.However, she Amanda Mbindlana, also from ADM, warned that vandalism of water infrastructure must be avoided, tanks distributed in the area but the municipality informed them that in the absence of water was because vandalized those tanks.

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