



## water & sanitation

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### INTERNAL ARTICLE

#### **Community members urged to report water leaks**

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On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation held an awareness campaign focusing mainly on issues of drought and housing projects in Ndakana Village, Stutterheim. Addressing the community, Museli Sithole, an official from DWS said “government has declared the Eastern Cape as one of the provinces that are severely affected by drought”. He stressed that our dam levels are declining on a continuous basis due to shortage of enough rain and the heat that they are currently experiencing which leads to evaporation in water storages. Sithole further educated community about climate change and the impact that it has on the country.

During the awareness campaign community members were urged to use water with caution and to report all leakages to the municipal offices, since this is also contributing to shortage of water.

Nolitha Tsasa, a community member suggested that government should compensate families who lost their livestock due to drought and to provide food parcels to the families in question.

Mbuyi Nqini, a ward 09 Councillor echoed the sentiments of Sithole by emphasizing that water leaks are attended to by the municipality. Councillor Nqini plead with the community to refrain from vandalizing government infrastructure such as water tanks.

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