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uMshwathi Bulk Water Supply Scheme brings relief to KZN residents

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In continuous efforts to roll out long-term measures to bring relief to water stressed areas in KwaZulu-Natal, the Department of Water and Sanitation has set wheels in motion to implement mega water projects.

This was evident during the official handover of the uMshwathi Secondary Bulk and Primary Reticulation Supply Scheme by Minister Lindiwe Sisulu and KZN Premier Sihle Zikalala on Sunday, 22 November 2020.

Addressing community members who are set to benefit from the water scheme, Minister Sisulu said over and above the uMshwathi Regional Bulk Water Supply Scheme which is being implemented by Umgeni Water, the Department is also funding various other regional bulk water supply projects to better the lives of KZN residents.

“Over the years there has been concerted effort to have a road map that guides the implementation of water supply solutions in the entire province of KwaZulu-Natal. The projects we are rolling out are funded through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and they span across the 7 District in the province,” Minister Sisulu said.

She also implored members of the community to safeguard water infrastructures as they are meant to help better their livelihoods.

“As we roll out water projects, our work and resources will be in vain if, as a nation, we do not deal with the challenges facing the water sector. These include infrastructure vandalism, loss of water through water leaks and illegal connections,” she said.

“These challenges cannot be resolved by government alone; we all have a role to play - from reporting a leaking tap or burst water pipeline to exposing those who destroy our infrastructure for ulterior motives,” Minister Sisulu added.

Some of the mega projects being implemented in different parts of KZN Districts and the status thereof are as follows:

- In Zululand District Municipality- the Nongoma Bulk Water Supply and Mandlakazi Bulk Water Supply Projects. The two projects will service close to 200 000 households.
- In King Cetshwayo- Greater Mthonjaneni Bulk Water Supply and Middledrift Bulk Water Supply Projects and will provide over 40 000 households with assured supply of potable water.





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- In Ilembe- The construction of Ngcebo Bulk Water Supply and Maphumulo Bulk Water Supply Projects. These two projects are expected to service over 700 000 households within Maphumulo and KwaDukuza Local Municipalities.
- In Umzinyathi- The construction of Greytown Bulk Water Supply Project for 27 824 households in the Umvoti Local Municipality.
- In Uthukela- The Driefontein Bulk Water Supply Project expected to service over 200 000 households
- In Umgungundlovu District, over and above the uMshwati Bulk Water Scheme, there is a construction of the Greater Mpofana Bulk Water Supply Project for over 30 000 households within the Mpofana Local Municipality.
- In Harry Gwala- The construction of the Greater Bulwer Water Supply Project which will benefit over 23 000 households.

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