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### Minister Mchunu kicks off his visit to Free State

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"We need to clean our house and get rid of the clutter that hampers service delivery so that we get to work and delivery services to the people that they so need".

This statement was made by Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Senzo Mchunu when he opened day one of his maiden provincial visit to Free State to tackle water and sanitation issues.

In this three-day visit to Free State, Minister Mchunu will meet with the Premiers, Department's provincial leadership of Free State and Northern Cape as well as the two entities serving the two provinces, Bloem and Sedibeng Water to assess water and sanitation projects in the two provinces.

Minister Mchunu is accompanied by his two deputies, David Mahlobo and Dikeledi Magadzi and the Acting Director-General, Deborah Mochotlhi.

In his opening remarks, Minister Mchunu said the President Cyril Ramaphosa's decision to separate the Ministry of Water and Sanitation from the Ministry of Human Settlements was to ensure a dedicated focus on the provision of water and sanitation services in the country – highlighting the importance of water as a precious resource.

"The expectation placed on us by the citizens is great. We are tasked with providing the constitutionally entrenched rights to water and a healthy environment – linked to two of the most fundamental rights – the right to life and dignity, as contained in our mantra: *Water is life. Sanitation is dignity*," Mchunu said.

He further said, that during his and Deputy Magadzi's orientation, a lot has been presented, dissected and discussed in great detail.

He emphasised the need to not fail in carrying the mandate.

"After all is said and done, we need to deliver water and sanitation services to the citizens of South Africa. We need to maximise in our efforts and deliver. Let us engage honestly and openly," Mchunu concluded.

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