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Minister Sisulu calls for enhanced water saving measures

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Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Minister Lindiwe Sisulu has called on residents to find ways to use water sparingly even as some parts of the country has experienced heavy rains recently, filling some dam to 100% full capacity.

Minister Sisulu was speaking during the President's State of the Nation Address (SONA) debate in Parliament last week.

"Despite the recent heavy rains, which we are grateful for, our country remains a very dry country and we take every opportunity to remind all to do everything to save water," she urged the public.

Adding to this, Minister Sisulu said the Department was working on innovative measures to help argument water scarcity concerns in different parts of the country. She said some of those measures included desalination and cloud harvesting to create a secure water mix reserve.

"We aim to achieve maximum water security. Despite the recent heavy rains and overflowing dams, we remain a very dry country. We will investigate innovative ways of using ground water. We are working with the farming community to ensure that the water we have is indeed water for all," said Minister Sisulu.

She also sent a stern warning against the vandalism of water infrastructure, saying this is a setback for government's intervention to provide clean running water to communities in need.

"Each one of us belongs to a community, serviced by a municipality and we need to teach our people to look after our infrastructure. Vandalism is a major cause for the dysfunctionality of our waste water treatment plants. This must stop," she said.

Minister Sisulu also called for Members of Parliament (MPs) to advocate for active citizenry.

She said MPs must ensure that the message against infrastructure vandalism is communicated to communities. "We regularly find that sewerage is running down our streets because someone has stolen or damaged an essential part of the waste water treatment plants. Responsible citizenship means looking after the assets that government installs to provide essential services," she expressed.

"Save water – it's the patriotic thing to do," Minister Sisulu concluded.

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