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### Minister Sisulu prioritises water infrastructure projects in 2021/22 priorities

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Minister Lindiwe Sisulu has announced that water infrastructure projects remain on her priority list of measures to implement as a means to ensure water for all.

She was speaking during a virtual Budget Vote sitting on 2021/22 priority area in the current financial year held in National Assembly on Tuesday, 25 May 2021

“Chairperson, I need to indicate that for this financial year, we have prioritised a number of water infrastructure projects which include the Mzimvubu Water Project, Raising of Tzaneen Dam and Nwamitwa Dam, Raising of Hazelmere Dam and the Olifants-Doorn River Water Resources Project: Raising of Clanwilliam Dam, amongst others.

She further added that the implementation of Phase 2 of the Lesotho Highlands Water project would also get underway.

“I am happy to announce that we are now on Phase 2 of the Lesotho Highlands Water Scheme, which we launched in Lesotho at Polihadi on 13 November 2019. Cabinet has recently endorsed the appointment of a Chief Delegate and Alternate to the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission and these will be in place by end June 2021,” said Minister Sisulu.

The Lesotho Highlands Water Project is a multi-phased joint water resource development project and is crucial for both Lesotho and South Africa's social and economic wellbeing.

Minister Sisulu also gave feedback on some of the projects which the Department undertook and implemented successfully in the previous financial year.

She named the ongoing implementation of the Integrated Vaal River Intervention as one of those projects, including 10 regional bulk infrastructure project, the successful evaluation of 25 dam across the country and unscheduled maintenance projects and expressed that a proportion of planned maintenance projects was kept at 26%.

Minister Sisulu further called for efficient water use as the Department works tirelessly to implement long-term measures to ensure water for all.

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