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Two Limpopo women faced with water challenges meet Minister Mchunu

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Two women from rural Giyani in Limpopo have met with Minister Senzo Mchunu during his ministerial visit in the province on Wednesday, 08 September 2021.

Khensani Mlamba and Portia Mkasi from the Mageva village met with Minister Mchunu after being featured on a news media coverage, reflecting their challenges of water unavailability in their village.

"I requested that we meet so that I can hear directly from you what are some of the challenges you are experiencing in your village relating to water," said Minister Mchunu.

He further said: "Through this meeting, we will convene solutions which will see improved water and sanitation services to you and all other residents in your area," Minister Mchunu remarked.

In conversation with the Minister, Mlamba expressed her appreciation for the invite, saying she hopes through meeting Minister Mchunu and other provincial government officials, the plight of their community would finally be heard.

"We often have to travel long distances to fetch water, of which we share with animals at our nearby river. The water is used for bathing and washing our clothes. It is so unhealthy Minister," said Mkasi.

Minister Mchunu lamented his disapproval for the poor delivery of water in Giyani, calling on mayors and councillors to do better.

"These women are our sisters. They are mothers in our communities and above all, they are human beings who should not be subjected to such leaving standards," said Minister Mchunu.

"We have to work. This cannot continue, it will not continue, not on my watch," he said sternly.

He further called on the Vhembe and Mopani Water Service Authorities (WSA's) to speedily implement measures which will see improved delivery of water and sanitation services in the province.

Affectionately addressing Mlamba and Mkasi, Minister Mchunu assured the two women that in the interim, the Mageva village will be provided with water tankers which will provide them with clean water.

"There will be water trucks which will be dedicated to your community to ensure you get clean water and you do not have to pay a cent for this. The officials will be from your local municipality and should not charge you for providing this service," he said.

Minister Mchunu also committed to follow up with the District Mayor in the area to ensure the women and the community at large have clean water provided to them.

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