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Minister Mchunu says Limpopo residents deserve better

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Senzo Mchunu has committed to turn around the water situation in Limpopo and rallied departmental officials to make all means necessary ensure that all communities have access to water.

Minister Mchunu said this during his three-day visit to Limpopo where he met provincial government led by Premier Stanley Mathabatha, various municipalities, water boards and Departmental officials. During his visit, he was accompanied by his deputies, Mr David Mahlobo and Ms Dikeledi Magadzi.

During the engagement Minister Mchunu was unequivocal in stating that we need to deliver on our constitutional mandate.

"There are villages that have been promised water, but they have not received it, we need to work on that" said Minister Mchunu.

Minister Mchunu further expressed his discontentment with non-completion of water projects in the province and also talked tough about prolonged planning and urges everyone to focus on implementation.

Limpopo Premier Stanley Mathabathe indicated that they have had various interaction with the previous Ministers about water insecurity in the province. "I hope that through these meetings we will be able to develop solutions to the water challenges in the province" Premier Mathabathe said.

Limpopo provincial head Ms. Lucy Kobe outlined several challenges facing the province, including the controversial Giyani water project, some of those issues date back to 2014. The Provincial head also delved into projects that are under construction and anticipated to be completed in the next three years.

Similar engagement were undertaken on the 08 September 2021 when the Minister and his entourage travel to Giyani, where they met with Mayors from Mopani District, Vhembe and Greater Giyani Municipalities to find answers on water challenges they faced.

On the last day of the visit which was on the 9th of September Minister Mchunu linked up with Magalies Water Board, and Water Services Authorities such as Capricorn, Sekhukhune and Waterberg District in Polokwane.





During his visit in Giyani, the Minister didn't mince his words about making of those involved in wrongdoing to account for their transgressions, this is in relation to the R 3.3 million spent on Giyani Water Scheme which hasn't yielded any positive results and the R 66 million spent on Nsami Water Treatment plant which only operated for three months.

These visits accorded the Minister an opportunity to acquaint and introduce himself to different stakeholders in provinces since he is still new in the portfolio. It is also an indication of a political will and strategic leadership in the provincial water and sanitation services.

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