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### **Minister Mchunu instructs officials to fast track the implementation of water and sanitation projects**

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Minister of Water and Sanitation Senzo Mchunu implored Mhlathuze Water and uMkhanyakude Local Municipality to complete all outstanding projects to ensure water supply and sanitation services to the communities they serve.

Minister Mchunu was speaking at Ghost Mountain INN in Mkuze KwaZulu Natal during his meeting with senior management from the afore-mentioned organisations on 20 May 2022.

The gathering was aimed at assessing the progress made to the implementation of water and sanitation infrastructure projects with a view of unlocking challenges that hinder the supply of water and sanitation services to the people.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is also implementing section 63 of the Water Services Act, 108 of 1997, in uMkhanyakude District Municipality. This intervention focusses on the ongoing projects undertaken by the Municipality, this is due to the fact that Minister Mchunu expressed discontent with the progress made to date.

According to Minister Mchunu there is no effective performance on Water Services Authorities functions in uMkhanyakude where water supply has collapsed. The Minister further elaborated that the municipality is under administration and there is a lack of political and administration leadership.

“We have to correct performance deficit, it is for this reason that we have decided to appoint Mhlathuze Water as an implementing agent, this is done to ensure that reticulations projects amongst others are completed so that the people can get reliable water supply” Minister Mchunu said.

Minister Mchunu further expressed his desire to see all water and sanitation projects being completed so that the communities can benefit.

“We have consulted extensively, this is my fourth visit in this area, we can’t keep on talking and talking, we need to start seeing the results. If we continue failing to provide water to the people, they will never forgive us and God will never forgive us either”.



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In conclusion, Minister Mchunu indicated that he doesn't want to go down to the history books as the Minister who failed to provide water to the people.

"We will never come back to the area to speak, next time we come back, pipes will be laid and people should be starting to get water" Minister Mchunu concluded.

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