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DWS and the KZN Government stakeholders intensify the battle against drought

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Provincial Government are determined to combat the effects of the drought that has engulfed a greater part of the province.

As they met on Tuesday 14 July 2015 with the KZN Premier Senzo Mchunu, MEC's, Mayors and officials to discuss various interventions as a response to this natural catastrophe, DWS' Minister Nomvula Mokonyane expressed her satisfaction with the way various stakeholders and community members are working together to ensure that there is distribution of water in the areas that are hit the hardest.

"I'm very pleased with the progress so far, water is a shared resource and cooperation in working against water related challenges is all always crucial and goes a long way", she said.

Minister said this after listening to presentations by various water sector stakeholders as they explained several solutions currently being implemented. These include water distribution through water tankers, repair of non-operational boreholes and raising awareness on water conservation across the province.

After the meeting the entourage went to check out the Nonoti Dam in the Ilembe District Municipality to assess the impact the drought has had on the dam's level.

Yesterday, 15th July, Minister Mokonyane, the MEC of CoGTA in KZN, and a delegation that included some of the affected areas' Mayors, DWS and KZN



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government officials conducted visits to engage community members affected by water rationing in the Ballito and Tongaat areas as part of the drought awareness campaign. This was followed by a prayer session for rain held at the Hazelmere Dam, this being one of the major water resources in the province that has taken a knock as a result of the drought.

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