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Joy and excitement as trucks full of water take off from Gauteng for the drought stricken areas

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There was uproar and screams of joy and satisfaction as the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, today joined '**Operation Hydrate**' in a send-off ceremony of water collected over the last week for the benefit of drought stricken communities in our country.

Over 41 super-link trucks departed from Johannesburg headed to various areas in the North-West, Kwazulu-Natal and Free-State to deliver over 1,5 million litres of water this weekend. This come after a total of 6, 1 million litres of water had been collected during the past weekend's water drive.

Trucks hooted and headed for the N1 road as people cheered on as they witnessed one of the biggest water drive (Operation Hydrate) on the move and their efforts bear such fruits. Minister Mokonyane believes that such work can only be achieved through unity and dedication by all South Africans.

"As government we commend the work done by operation hydrate and other organisations that joined hands with government to assist people living in drought affected areas. It is again a reflection of the people we are in South Africa, an affirmation that 'Ubuntu' remains a value espoused by many of our people. Water is life and knows no politics. The drought itself is a natural phenomenon that requires government, civil-society, business and citizens to join hands in order to mitigate its effects"

'Operation Hydrate' is a civil society based initiative that has mobilised the support of citizens, business and other civil society organization in support of a water collection drive for the benefit of people and animals in areas affected by the drought.

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