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#### **DROUGHT RELIEF TANKS FOR UMJINDI AND THEMBISILE HANI**

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The communities of Barberton in Umjindi Local Municipality and Kwaggafontein A in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality received 80 kl (80 000 litres) water tanks to assist in water supply. The tanks are provided by the Department of Water and Sanitation as part of drought relief interventions.

The water tanks will be used for storage to assist the local communities with water supply in times of water shortages as the country is experiencing its worst drought in many years. The water sources in both municipalities are running low and with the current drought meaning the possibility of good rain is limited, the water tanks will mitigate the negative impact of the drought on the communities.

The tanks are there to ensure that community members have access to water in reasonable distance so that they will not have to travel long distances to get water to perform basic activities in their households.

The communities are humbly requested and encouraged to take ownership and care for the tanks to ensure that the tanks kept in good conditions to ensure that the community have access to water.

South Africa is a water scarce country and the current drought is making the water challenge severe which calls for all of us to change our water use behavior and embrace water conservation in everything we do.

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