



## water & sanitation

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#### **DWS ensures potable water is supplied to voting stations within Limpopo Province**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with the respective Water Service Authorities (WSAs) ensured that potable water was supplied to voting stations in Limpopo province during the local elections held yesterday, 3 August 2016.

These elections are held every five years to elect councillors who will be responsible for governing a municipality for the next five years. Municipal councils are responsible for services that impact on the daily lives of citizens in their areas, including water, electricity and sanitation.

The two organisations engaged and held consultation meetings with the province and other stakeholders including the Department of Energy, local IEC & municipal offices prior to the elections. This was done to assess which areas were hot spots and had water supply problems but also to ensure that all voting stations are supplied with potable water.

The hot spot areas were identified by the Independent Electoral Committee (IEC) after letters were written to all Municipal Managers requesting information on water availability at all voting stations.

Waterberg, Mopani, Vhembe, Capricorn and Sekhukhune district municipalities were identified as the hotspots areas that needed potable water and local municipal offices within these districts ensured that potable water was supplied to the voting stations.

The department together with the municipalities continues to work hard to ensure that although South Africa is in the grip of a debilitating drought and therefore water availability being a challenge, strides continue to be made in the provision of water services to the people.

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