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Drought-stricken eDumbe gets a visit from the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mrs Pamela Tshwete

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On Tuesday 26 July 2016, the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation Mrs Pamela Tshwete led a public participation programme (PPP) at eDumbe Sports ground within eDumbe Local Municipality. This was part of the drought relief effort by the department in KwaZulu-Natal.

The aim of the visit by the Deputy Minister at eDumbe stemmed from the Zululand District Municipality (ZDM) being declared a drought disaster area in 2014 by the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Province. The ZDM is amongst the nine district municipalities most stricken by the current drought in the province of KZN.

“This donation of a water tanker and water wheel barrows is a symbol of just how the department is coming to the front when it comes to assisting communities to be able to deal with issues of water availability”, said the Deputy Minister.

“Individuals that struggle the most when there is no water in the house are women; without water they can’t do the any household duties. As a community with a large rural population which has been affected by the drought, the rural wards will benefit from the use of the water tanker,” the Deputy Minister continued.

The ZDM is a Water Services Authority (WSA) and also performs the water services provider function in all five of its local municipality’s areas, i.e. Nongoma, Abaqulusi, Phongolo, Ulundi and eDumbe.

In response to the persistent drought the DWS KZN office together with KZN Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs Department formed the ZDM Drought Joint Operation Committee (JOC) as one of initiatives implemented to manage and mitigate drought impact in the affected areas.

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