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#### **Mzimvubu Water Project to bring hope to residents**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Friday, 29 July 2016, held a stakeholder engagement meeting in Umtata, Eastern Cape, to update its stakeholders on the progress made to date regarding the Mzimvubu Water Project and to bring hope to the residents.

The multi-purpose water project – which is being built to supply water for domestic requirements, irrigation requirements and the generation of hydroelectric power – is nearing its design stage and is seen as a socio-economic development booster not only for the area but for the Eastern Cape in general.

The project which aims to maximise job opportunities and the use of local labour in the area, will empower the ordinary citizen and bring positive change to the current standard of living.

In a feasibility study conducted approximately 6700 employment opportunities will be created during the construction phase of the project. This not only brings hope to the residents but it promises bread on the table and a life of employment.

The project will see tourism opportunities increase and as a result more job opportunities for the people of Eastern Cape.

In a country experiencing a high rate of unemployment with tremendous social and economic costs to both the unemployed and society as a whole, it is through such projects that job opportunities will be created. These will bring real, tangible, direct and indirect social and economic benefits not only for the employed but for all members of each family affected as well as the community as a whole.

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