

**MINISTER**

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr S Ngcobo (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

Whether her department has put any measures in place to assist the Harry Gwala District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal to resolve its water supply issues; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of the measures? NW1819E

**REPLY:**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is providing financial support to the Harry Gwala District Municipality in order to address water supply challenges. The support provided through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) is as indicated below:

1. The DWS is funding the implementation of the Greater Bulwer Bulk Water Project through RBIG. The project will supply water potable water to 23 729 households living within the Doctor Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipalities. The project is being implemented by the Harry Gwala District Municipality. The estimated project cost is R556 363 974. To date, the Department has transferred R352 973 445 to the municipality for implementation of the project.
2. Since the introduction of the WSIG in the 2016/17 financial year up to the 2020/21 financial year, the Department has transferred R384 518 000 to the municipality for implementation of various water and sanitation projects. The municipality has implemented the following projects funded through WSIG:

| **Name of project** | **Local municipality** | **Villages benefitting** | **Project status** |
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| Hlokozi Water Supply Phase 4 | Ubuhlebezwe | Kwa-Bhengu, Nhlangwini, Sigcakini and Ngcikica | Completed |
| Nokweja/Mashumi Water Supply Scheme Upgrade Phases 1 and 2 | Ubuhlebezwe | Nokweja, Mashumi, Webbstown, St Allois, Plainhill, Kwa Dladla, Nkoneni, Ngongoneni, Mazabekweni, Madungeni, Ntambama, Mdabu, Magaba and Bovini | Completed |
| KwaSpheni Water Supply Scheme | Ingwe | KwaSpheni, Maxhini, Maphempeni and Sokhela | Completed |
| Mqatsheni Stepmore Water Supply | Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma | Mqatsheni and Stepmore | Completed |
| Ndawana Water Resource Upgrade | Umzimkhulu | Ndawana | Completed |
| Water Supply for Identified Villages under Umzimkhulu Jurisdiction | Umzimkhulu | Ngujini, Sdadeni/Nguse, Gujendlini, KwaSenti 02, Chancele, Pholanyoni, Thonjeni, Tsaule/Mbomvini, Ngwagwane and Gaybrook | Completed |
| Umzimkhulu Sanitation | Umzimkhulu | Ndawana, Nyanisweni, Bonvini, Nsikeni, Dumanomoeh, Nazareth, Ngwinjini, Chancele, KwaJames, Rhauka, Mfundweni, KwaTshaka, Bombo, KwaDay, St Barnabas, Madakeni, Gijima and Mahobe | Completed |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment/Updgrade in Kokstad: (Kokstad CRU Development) | Kokstad | CRU Developments | Completed |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment Upgrade in Kokstad: Upgrade of CBD Pipeline | Kokstad | CBD Upgrade | Completed |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment Upgrade in Kokstad: Upgrade of Mamiesa Developments | Kokstad | Mamiesa Developments | Completed |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment Upgrade | Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma | Bulwer, Donnybrook, Kwezela, Nkumba | Completed |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment Upgrade in Ubuhlebezwe: Upgrade of Jolivet Water Supply | Ubuhlebezwe | Jolivet | Completed |
| Mariathal, Mandilini and Esperance Water Supply Project Phase 4 | Ubuhlebezwe | Mariathal, Mandilini and Esperance | Under construction |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment Upgrade | Umzimkhulu | Riverside | Under construction |
| Capital Infrastructure Refurbishment Upgrade - Upgrade of Mhlabashana Water Supply | Ubuhlebezwe | Mhlabashana | Under construction |
| Universal Rural Sanitation coverage | Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Kokstad and Ubuhlebezwe | Construction of 1000 VIP toilets scattered in the following wards for Kokstad (6,2,3 & 4) & 1000 VIP toilets scattered in the following wards for Dr Nkosazane Dlamini-Zuma (1,4,6,12&14) | Under construction |
| Nokweja-Mashumi Water Supply scheme Phase 3 | Ubuhlebezwe | Mbambalala and Mgodi | Under construction |
| Water Supply to Masimini Mbuzweni Villages Intervention Schemes | Umzimkhulu | Ndawana, Masameni, Mnyembe, Gudlintaba | Under construction |
| Water Supply to Masimini and Mbuzweni | Umzimkhulu | Ndawana, Masameni, Mnyembe, Gudlintaba | Under construction |
| **Villages Intervention Schemes** | | | |
| Marriaskop Water Supply Intervention Schemes | Greater Kokstad | Marriaskop | Under construction |
| Refurbishment/ Augmentation of water supply schemes | Dr Nkosazane Dlamini Zuma | Mabedlane, Tarr's Valley, Goxhill, Kwa-Bhobhi, Sandanezwe | Under construction |
| Refurbishment/ Augmentation of Springvale water supply | Ubuhlebezwe | Springvale | Under construction |
| Refurbishment/ Augmentation of Ebhayi/ Gudlucingo Water Supply | Ubuhlebezwe | Ntapha, Gudlucingo, Chibini, Ngomakazi, Bhethani, Ebhayi, Thathani | Tender stage |

The 2021 WSIG Medium Term Expenditure Framework allocations to the Harry Gwala Municipality for the completion of projects under planning and implementation respectively are as follows:

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| --- | --- |
| **Financial Year** | **Amount** |
| 2021/22 | R 90 700 000 |
| 2022/23 | R 95 000 000 |
| 2023/24 | R100 000 000 |
| **TOTAL** | **R285 700 000** |

1. A Directive has been issued to the Umgeni Water Board to commence with the planning and implementation of the Stephen Dlamini Dam to provide a long term sustainable water source for the Greater Bulwer Project.