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DWS to handover water tanks

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with Sunlight will hand over water tanks to the residents of Eluxolweni Village in Ward 7 and Ebongweni B Village in Ward 3 in the Ngqushwa Local Municipality. The Amathole District Municipality is one of the municipalities that were declared drought disaster areas. Some water sources have dried up due to a lack of rain and as such both the farming and domestic communities were negatively affected. This is one of the intervention mechanisms to mitigate the impact of the drought.

Sunlight initiated support to communities which are most affected by the impact of drought. They then consulted the department to identify needy communities in the Eastern Cape to form part of water distribution process in the province. Sunlight indicated that they will provide 8000 liter water tanks to the needy communities. The department will also hand over 20 liter buckets to the communities.

The department's Sanitation Unit will also educate communities on health and hygiene by demonstrating washing of hands as part of creating awareness during the event.

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