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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS working hard for quality and safe water for Tekwane South residents

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is working around the clock to identify and resolve the reported cases of diarrhoea attributed to the state of water in Tekwane South and surrounding areas in the City of Mbombela Local Municipality.

As the water sector leader, DWS is committed to ensuring that communities have access to clean, safe potable water. Departmental inspections have thus been conducted in the affected areas and communities, while investigations are also continuing.

DWS, together with the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA), has collected samples to be analysed to ensure comparative analysis with the samples taken by the Department of Health and Sembcorp Silulumanzi.

As a precautionary measure, the Department would like to encourage members of the public to be cautious and boil the water if they notice any foreign objects or suspect contamination.

The Department will continue with its regulatory role and ensure that quality water is supplied to communities. The public is further urged to report any water quality challenges to the Department's toll free number 0800 200 200.

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