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Minister Nkwinti met with Elangeni Traditional Council and the communities to discuss the Mzimvubu Water Project

14 January 2019

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Gugile Nkwinti met with Elangeni Traditional Council and communities that will be affected by the construction of the Mzimvubu Water Project at Esiqhungqwini Junior Secondary School in Tsolo on Monday, 14 January 2019 to give an update on the project and address their concerns.

To bridge communication gaps that might arise around the project, a Project Oversight Committee was established on the day and the committee will comprise of the Executive Mayor of Joe Gqabi District Municipality, Mayor of Elundini Local Municipality, Local Chiefs, Councillors, Department of Water and Sanitation and community representatives. It will also monitor the progress of the project and ensure decisions taken and agreed upon are implemented.

A total of 24 households will have to be relocated from different villages around the dam site so that they are not affected once construction commences.

Minister Nkwinti requested the Local Chiefs to assist by identifying alternative land where the families will be moved to. He assured them that they will certainly be compensated for their loss due to relocation but that is yet to be discussed with the relevant stakeholders. 9 roads will be reworked and or constructed. Access roads construction will not really affect households to a point where they have to be relocated.

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