



**water & sanitation**

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# **The Delivery of Water & Sanitation – Capacity and Capability in Mpumalanga Province**

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- Fellow engineers and other stakeholders here present.

# MOTTO OF THE DWS

- “Water is life. Sanitation is dignity”
- clearly emphasizes the fundamental importance of the basic human rights of access to clean water and sanitation for every citizen of this country
- -Department strives to achieve its mission & vision and ensure citizens have access to clean water and sanitation, however, there are challenges bedeviling the delivery of these essential services

# CHALLENGES IN DELIVERING WATER & SANITATION SERVICES

- Lack of resources
- Ageing infrastructure
- Vandalism
- Lack of maintenance

# RESULTS OF THESE CHALLENGES

- Residents face daily water shortages,
- Broken boreholes
- Dysfunctional water & sanitation systems
- Maybe inadequate or nonexistent

# WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES?

- Investment in Infrastructure
- Supporting Municipalities
- Budget allocation
- Maintenance culture
- Reforming the water sector -legislative and regulatory frameworks eg Water Services Amendment Bill which seeks to license water provision

# CAPACITY ALONE NOT ENOUGH! WHAT THEN.....?

- Skills development
  - Community involvement in projects
  - Innovation and use of advanced technology
  - Accountability
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- Department encourages collaboration across various sectors including the private sector, NGOs, traditional leaders



# CONCLUSION

- Water and sanitation are basic human rights
- By delivering water, we deliver health.  
Delivering sanitation means delivering dignity

**Thank you**