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## Media Statement

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### **UTHUKELA DISTRICT ENGAGES VUMBU COMMUNITY ON WATER SUPPLY INTERVENTIONS**

UThukela District Municipality has today held a community engagement with residents of Vumbu and surrounding areas in Ward 20 of Inkosi Langalibalele Local Municipality. The main purpose of this engagement was to provide an update on ongoing interventions aimed at improving water supply in the area.

The meeting, held at Vumbu Primary School, was attended by community members, traditional leadership led by Induna Vilakazi, municipal officials, and Ward Councillor Cllr Mlele. During the engagement, residents sought clarity on the progress of the borehole production project that commenced last year and questioned why the work had stalled.

Responding to the concerns, municipal official PMU Manager, Mr Sanele Zikalala explained that the project experienced delays due to Eskom power connection challenges, which prevented the service provider from continuing with the installations. Additional delays were caused by administrative processes, paperwork and payments.

Mr Zikalala assured the community that the municipality has introduced alternative measures to ensure residents receive water without waiting for the Eskom connection. "We will utilise generators to power the boreholes while awaiting the permanent electricity supply. Water tanks will be installed from 20 July 2026, to enable the community to start receiving water. The borehole system is expected to be fully operational at the beginning of August 2026," he said.

He further confirmed that a service provider has been appointed to relocate and elevate the steel water tank as part of the project. Once completed, the upgraded infrastructure will improve water storage capacity and enhance the reliability of water supply to the community. The municipality also confirmed that the project includes three production boreholes, the installation of water storage tanks, and the 250,000-litre steel water tank.

All this is aimed at strengthening water security for Vumbu and surrounding communities. Residents were assured that the municipality will closely monitor the implementation of the remaining work to ensure the project is completed within the planned timeframe. UThukela District Municipality remains committed to accelerating water infrastructure projects and providing sustainable access to clean drinking water for all communities

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**Ward 20 Councillor, Cllr Mlele**



**Community members in attendance**



**PMU Mnanger, Sanele Zikalala and officials**