

Load-shedding spinoff hits Sisonke water

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ADDED to the many other problems that it has caused across the Nation, Eskom's load-shedding has triggered a water shortage in Sisonke District Municipality. The citizens of Ixopho Town, Morning Side and Shayamoya location in Kokstad are the victims of this latest problem.

Sisonke inhabitants, who have been pondering the connection between water scarcity and electricity breakdowns in this region, have been enlightened by Sisonke District Municipality Public Relations Officer, Ndabezitha Ntenza, who explains that "Ixopho has three water pumps which function on electricity and that without electricity, there is no water."

Added to that, Ntenza revealed that even when electricity is available, two of the three water pumps have been damaged since December and the remaining water pump is only supplying 60% of Ixopho town. He says that as from December 2007, Sisonke Municipality has placed at least 9 Jojo tanks in Shayamoya

location, 4 in Ixopho and 1 in Morning Side, in order to combat the shortage of water. He added that water trucks are available from 6am-8pm in Shayamoya to assist citizens overcome this crisis.

Looking ahead, Ntenza predicted that the water scarcity is soon to be a thing of the past in those regions since the Umngeni Water project has leased a diesel generator to assist the surviving water pump. He highly commended the power of the generator and appreciated the help from Umngeni. He apologised to the community for any inconvenience caused, saying that "this is a national thing, We at Sisonke Municipality will work diligently for the betterment of Sisonke inhabitants. Henceforth, Ntenza appealed to the Sisonke neighborhood community to contact the Municipality on 086 010 3651 in time of need and pleaded to Sisonke dwellers not to attempt illegal connections, commenting that "two wrongs don't make a right".

