



FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTEMENTS

RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**NCOP Briefing
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BACKGROUND

- ❑ Free State Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Priorities as far as COVID-19 interventions have been on:
 1. Access to water in priority informal settlements with water shortages;
 2. Fast-tracking of upgrading informal Settlements ;
 3. Provision of personal hygiene products to poor households;

- ❑ In the case of twenty-nine (**29**) densely populated informal settlements nation-wide, the FS focused on Caleb Motshabi in Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality with the focus on provision of water.

FSHS Response to Covid-19

- ❑ The Free State Department of Human Settlements is not de-densifying any of its informal settlements for purpose of COVID 19.
- ❑ For the purpose of COVID-19 the focus has been on the access to water (working in conjunction with Department of Water and Sanitation) and the provision of personal hygiene products to poor households
- ❑ In an effort to facilitate social distancing, the Department resolved to fast track the upgrading of informal settlements with an overflow of people to be relocated in another area. This overflow constituted households that would not be accommodated in an informal settlements post completion of Township Establishment. In this case, Silahlwe in Intabazwe, Maluti-a-Phofung was prioritized.

COVID 19: PROVINCIAL RESPONSE

#	FOCUS AREA	PROVINCIAL RESPONSE
1.	Access to water including areas with water shortages	<p>The distribution of the tanks has been made in high risk informal settlements with no access to potable water and those with limited access to augment their supplies</p> <p>To date, this has been provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2622 water tanks procured;• 1991 of these have been delivered across the province• Rand Water & Sedibeng Water are the appointed service providers• 134 water trucks have been procured and delivered.
2.	Resettlement to promote social distancing and fast tracking upgrading of informal settlements	<p>Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality Silahlwe and Linda Mkhondo informal settlements. As per below status report</p>

STATUS OF JOJO TANKS AND TANKERS PER MUNICIPALITY

Local Municipality (LM)	Delivered	Installed/In Use	Permanent Installation	Water Trucks Delivered
Xhariep District				
Mohokare	20	12	0	3
Kopanong	12	12	0	1
Letsemeng	15	15	15	3
Lejweleputswa District				
Masilonyana	22	20	0	
Tokologo	26	16	13	2
Matjhabeng	45	45	35	5
Nala	20	20	15	2
Tswelopele	13	13	0	2
Fezile Dabi District				
Ngwathe	111	101	101	9
Mafube	22	15	0	5
Moqhaka	12	12	0	4
Metsimaholo	22	22	22	1
Thabo-Mofutsanyana District				
Setsoto	34	34	9	2
Mantsopa	36	25	0	2
Dihlabeng	62	62	40	4
Nketoana	22	19	5	2
Phumelela	61	61	13	7
Maluti A Phofung	1311	675	511	76
Mangaung Metro				
Mangaung	87	87	23	4
Total	1953	1266	802	134

Mangaung – COVID19 Interventions

Municipality	Settlement	Planned Intervention	Timeframe	Progress	Outstanding Outputs
Mangaung	Caleb/ Maditlhabela/ Matlharantlheng/ Hlambaza/Khayelitsha/Bloemside7,8 &9	Provision of water tankers in addition to the communal taps-DWS	From April 2020 to date	Tankers are replenished as and when necessary	None
Mangaung	Botshabelo K; L; M; Thaba-Nchu Ratau X27; Caleb/Kgotsong/ MK Square;Matlharantlheng;Maditlhabela	Provision of 25 liters per of sanitizers and hand soaps per household-Free State Province	April & May 2020	Tankers are replenished as and when necessary	None

FSHS COVID19 INTERVENTIONS

Municipality	Settlement	Planned Intervention	Timeframe	Progress	Outstanding Outputs
MALUTI-A-PHOFUNG	Silahliwe	Resettlement of 638 households as follows:	30 June	540 Relocated to date	98
	Linda Mkhondo	Rearrangement of households in line with draft layout into 247 sites	22 May 2020	Completed	completed
		Construction of 880 ablution facilities	30 July 2020	784 ablution facilities constructed	96 ablution facilities still to be constructed
		Construction of 638 Temporary housing kits	30 July 2020	537 temporary shelters constructed	101 shelters still to be constructed

FSHS Response to Covid-19

- ❑ The Free State Department of Human Settlements procured 20 000 bars of soap to be distributed to households in informal settlements to encourage people to wash their hands regularly
- ❑ The soaps have been distributed to households in the informal settlements in all the four districts in the Province namely: Fezile Dabi, Thabo Mofutsanyana, Xhariep and Lejweleputswa
- ❑ The department also received 12 000 (20 x 600) litres of home based sanitizer from DESTEA and the same are being distributed to the households in the informal settlements as above.

THANK YOU