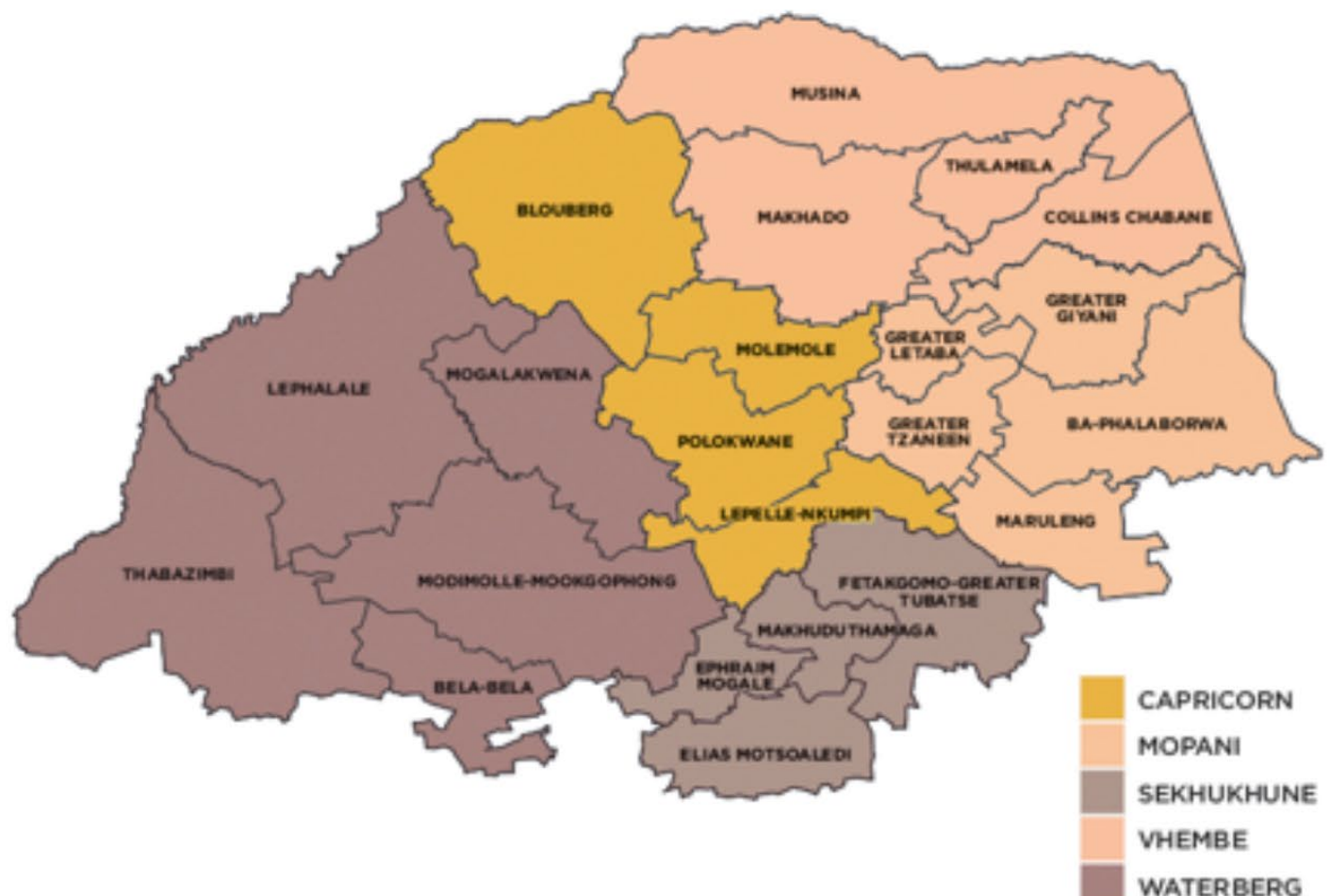


# WATER RIGHTS TRACKER

WATER SERVICES AUTHORITY

## VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



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## Map

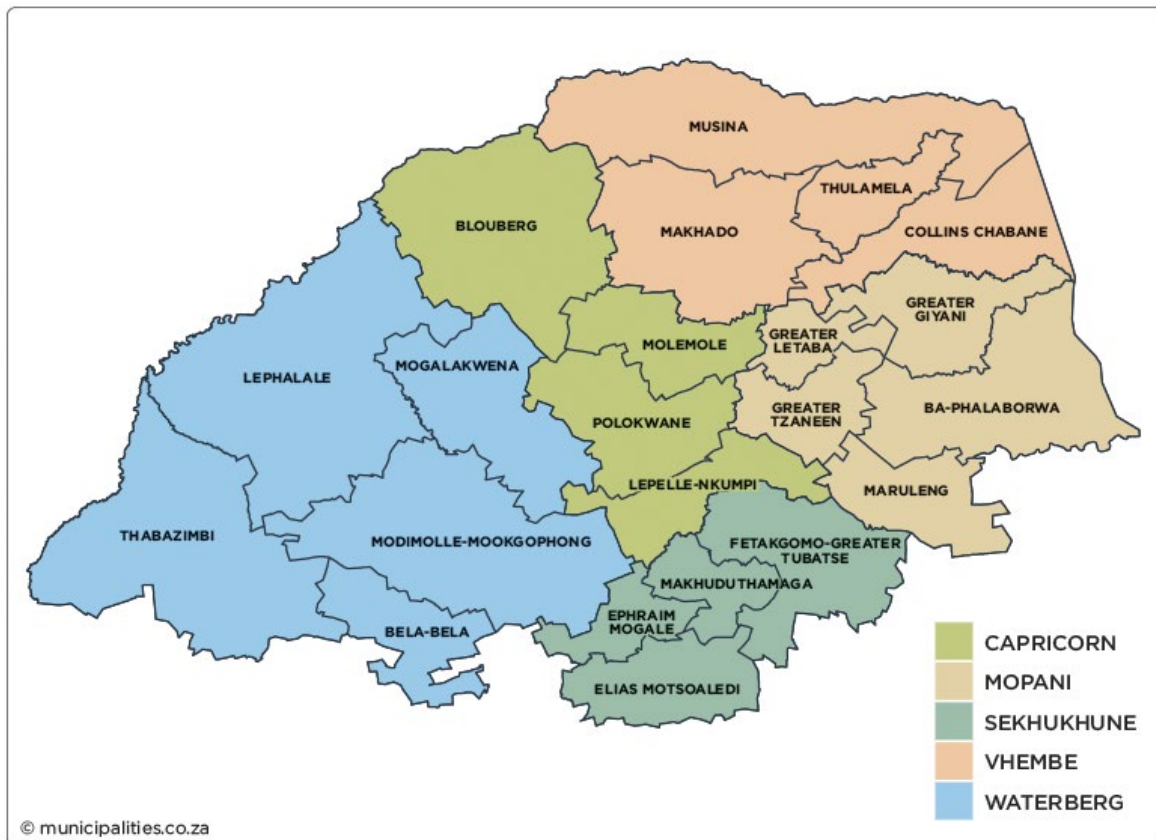


Figure 1: Geographical location of Vhembe District Municipality (source Municipalities of South Africa, <https://municipalities.co.za/Provinces/view/5/limpopo>)

The Vhembe District Municipality is situated in North Limpopo on the Zimbabwe and Botswana borders.

## Assessment: Progressive realization of the right to water in Vhembe District Municipality (VDM)

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| Demographics                                    | Current Population: Ranges from 1,160,798 ( <i>Blue Drop</i> ) to 1,653,022 (2022 Census)<br>Population growth rate: 2.37%<br>Sex Ratio: Moderate female majority<br>Dependency: 32.3% under 15; dependency ratio 63.5    |       |
| Unemployment                                    | 29%                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |
| KEY IMPLEMENTATION INDICATORS                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |
| Availability                                    | River water, dam, groundwater<br>90% of capacity is used                                                                                                                                                                  |       |
| Physical Access                                 | No communal source                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0     |
|                                                 | Communal source +200m                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10.5% |
|                                                 | Communal source – 200m                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 41.8% |
|                                                 | Water source in yard                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 47.8% |
|                                                 | Piped water in house                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 25.2% |
|                                                 | Service delivery point/household coverage ratio                                                                                                                                                                           | 0.62  |
| Economic Access                                 | Tariff variation: Residential, business + 10 other categories<br>Tariff structure: Increasing block tariff (3 blocks, R8.00-R11.00)<br>FBW: Indigent only<br>Indigency: 0.2% of service delivery points, increasing trend |       |
| Adequacy                                        | No official information but media reports on lack of water and water interruptions                                                                                                                                        |       |
| Quality                                         | Microbiological compliance                                                                                                                                                                                                | 98.8% |
|                                                 | Chemical (acute) compliance                                                                                                                                                                                               | 93.9% |
|                                                 | Chemical (chronic) compliance                                                                                                                                                                                             | 99.5% |
| Efficiency                                      | WUE Score: 181 l/p/d (Good)<br>Non-revenue water: 71%                                                                                                                                                                     |       |
| REASONABLE MEASURES                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |
| Policy Efforts                                  | By-law, Indigent Policy, WSDP under review                                                                                                                                                                                |       |
| Financial Resources (2024/25)                   | Budget sufficiency: 120%<br>Revenue coverage: 155%<br>Revenue collection rate: 87%<br>Renewal spending: 0%<br>Maintenance spending rate: 6%                                                                               |       |
| Human Resources                                 | Blue Drop shortfall: 12 Process Controllers, 2 Supervisors, 1 Technician, 0 Qualified scientists                                                                                                                          |       |
| SYSTEMIC DRIVERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS NON-COMPLIANCE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |
| Leadership issues                               | Political instability, political infighting                                                                                                                                                                               |       |
| Water planning issues                           | -Unreliable statistics<br>-Lack of water meters                                                                                                                                                                           |       |

|                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Funding model                                        | -Limited funding<br>-Insufficient funding for maintenance and operation                                                                                                                         |
| Infrastructure issues                                | -Challenges with the construction of some of the newer water schemes<br>-Contractors struggle to finish the project on time, which leads to a backlog of infrastructure upgrades and extensions |
| Electricity issues                                   | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ecological drivers                                   | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Consumer issues                                      | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Water services intermediaries                        | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Third-party interference                             | - Illegal connections                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Intergovernmental coordination                       | -For the operation and maintenance of WTWs: Local Authorities claim royalties for WTWs                                                                                                          |
| Scale                                                | 25,597km <sup>2</sup><br>17 WSSs, 5 pump stations, 460 km of bulk water supply lines, 19,779 km of reticulation pipelines and 150 reservoirs                                                    |
| <b>UNIQUE DRIVERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS NON-COMPLIANCE</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Overlapping governance structures                    | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Low literacy and education levels                    | No Schooling: 15.8%, higher Education: 10.6%                                                                                                                                                    |
| Infrastructure backlogs                              | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Limited yellow fleet                                 | Not mentioned                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| High vacancy rate                                    | Not enough staff                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Narrative

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Population estimates for the Vhembe District Municipality range from 1 160 798 (Blue Drop) to 1 653 022 (2022 Census). The population growth rate of 2.37% is higher than the national average of 1.3%. There is a moderate male majority and 32.3% of the population are under the age of 15. The dependency ratio of 63.5 is higher than the reported national 2024 average of 48.4 and the global average of 58.4.<sup>1</sup> There is a high rate of unemployment (expanded definition) at 29%.

### KEY IMPLEMENTATION INDICATORS

The Vhembe District Municipality is authorised to provide water services and does so by operating 17 water treatment works. Raw water is abstracted from, amongst others the Mvuwe/Damani Dam (fed from Mbwedi River), Dzidi River, Mutshundudi River, Lupepe River, Albasini, Luvuvhu, Tshakhuma Dam, Mutshedzi River, Tshikhwikhi River, Phiphindi Dam and groundwater from various collieries.

In terms of physical access, 47.80% of consumers reportedly have a water connection in their yard, and 25.20% enjoy water piped into their dwellings. Another 10.50% of the population have access to a communal source within 200m of their dwellings, and 0% rely on communal sources further than 200m away. The service delivery point/household coverage ratio is 0.62 meaning that the current service delivery points cover 62% of the households counted in the 2022 Census.

The Vhembe District Municipality does not provide a universal Free Basic Water Allowance, although in terms of law a municipality is not required to have one. Despite some unemployment, only about 0.2% (extremely low) of service delivery points are covered by the indigency policy. Since 2017, the number of households benefiting from the indigency policy has decreased. The tariff structure (2021/22) shows an increasing block tariff structure (least expensive block is R8.00, most expensive is R11.00). The municipality has 12 tariff categories.

There is no information on the number of water service interruptions that the community experience. However, there is a minor concern with water quality, with the Vhembe District Municipality reporting microbiological compliance at 98.80% and chemical acute compliance at 93.91% and chronic at 99.50%.

Water use efficiency is good. The *Blue Drop* score of >181 l/p/d is good. According to the 2021/22 Auditor-General report, 71% of all water produced is non-revenue water, which is of great concern.

### REASONABLE MEASURES

The Vhembe District Municipality has an Indigent Policy, WSDP, and a water services by-law.

The Vhembe District Municipality's financial indicators between 2021/22 and 2024/25 show that the municipality's own revenue is enough (120%) to cover its operational expenditure budget. The municipality's total income, which includes intergovernmental transfers, is enough (155%) to cover capital and operational expenditure. The capital budget allocated to renewal of assets ranged from 0% to 1% and maintenance ranged between 4% and 6%. The revenue collection rate has fluctuated between 87% and 96% according to MFMA Schedule C datasets.

There are 39 staff employed in water treatment, and no information on the number of people working for the water and sanitation department. According to the latest *Blue Drop* report, there is a staff shortfall of 12 process controllers, 2 supervisors, and 1 technician.

### SYSTEMIC DRIVERS OF RIGHTS NON-COMPLIANCE

The key systemic drivers of rights non-compliance in the Vhembe District Municipality are:

- **Leadership issues:** Political instability and infighting.
- **Water planning issues:** Unreliable statistics and a lack of water meters.
- **Funding model:** The municipality operates with limited funding that is not enough for its maintenance and operation needs.
- **Electricity issues:** None mentioned.
- **Infrastructure issues:** There are challenges with the construction of new water schemes. Contractors struggle to finish projects on time which increases the backlog of infrastructure upgrades and extensions.
- **Ecological drivers:** None mentioned.
- **Consumer issues:** None mentioned.
- **Third-party interference:** Challenges associated with illegal connections.
- **Scale:** Water services in the Vhembe District Municipality are spread out over 25 597 km<sup>2</sup>.

### OVERSIGHT

Based on its 2021 Inquiry into Access to Water and the Efficacy of Water Services Authorities within Limpopo Province, the SAHRC made specific findings and issued directives against the Bela-Bela Local Municipality (see Table: Oversight).

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## Expanded Table

| Indicator                                                                     | Measurement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sources                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Name of the WSA</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Geographical information about the WSA.                                       | North Limpopo, one of five districts and on the Zimbabwe and Botswana border.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Spatial extent                                                                | 25,597km <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/overview/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/overview/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a>                                                                           |
| Municipal wards                                                               | 151                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | IDP 2023/24, p. 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Traditional Authorities                                                       | 36                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | IDP 2023/24, p. 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Is the WSA authorized to provide water services?                              | yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Is the WSA currently providing water services?                                | water treatment and distribution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Method of service provision                                                   | self                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | IDP 2023/24, p 101                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Context indicators</b>                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Details of any water related stresses experienced within the past five years. | Floods and the impacts of cyclone Freddy in Oct 2022 and March 2023 caused damages estimated at R 340,5 million<br><a href="https://www.citizen.co.za/news/disaster-relief-provided-limpopo-following-floods-may-2023/">https://www.citizen.co.za/news/disaster-relief-provided-limpopo-following-floods-may-2023/</a><br>Extensive drought in 2016 led to the declaration of a provincial disaster. This was the worst drought recorded for the area since 1983.<br><a href="https://health-e.org.za/2016/09/07/limpopo-water-shortage-worsens-drought-conditions-continue/">https://health-e.org.za/2016/09/07/limpopo-water-shortage-worsens-drought-conditions-continue/</a> | WJT Verification                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Demographics</b>                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Population                                                                    | 1,160,798 ( <i>Blue Drop</i> )<br>1,653,022 (2022 Census)<br>1,393,948 (IDP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 262-263;<br><a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a><br>IDP 2023/24, p. 74 |
| Number of households (Census 2022)                                            | 436,959                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a>                                                                     |
| Number of domestic household service delivery points (2021/2022)              | 270,434                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/services/129/vhembe-">https://municipalities.co.za/services/129/vhembe-</a>                                                                                                                     |

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| <i>(Non-Financial Census of Municipalities)</i> |                                                | <a href="#">district-municipality</a>                                                                                                                             |
| Ratio service delivery points / households      | 0.62                                           |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Number of non-domestic consumers                | 5,441                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/services/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/services/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a>       |
| Males per 100 females                           | 88                                             | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |
| Gender Split                                    | 46.8% Male<br>53.2% Female                     |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Population growth rate per annum                | 2.37%                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |
| Education                                       | No Schooling: 15.8%<br>Higher Education: 10.6% | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |
| Financial capacity                              |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Economically active population (15-64)          | 61.2%                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |
| Unemployment rate                               | 29%                                            | IDP 2023/24, p. 17                                                                                                                                                |
| Dependency rate                                 | 63.5                                           | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |
| Population under 15                             | 32.3%                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |
| Universal FBW Allowance                         | no                                             | IDP 2023/24 p. 113                                                                                                                                                |

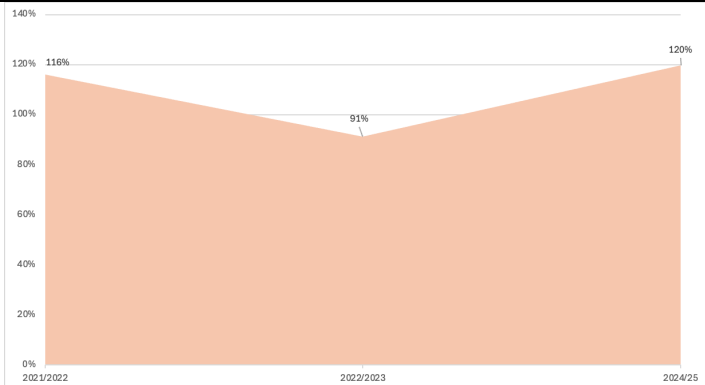
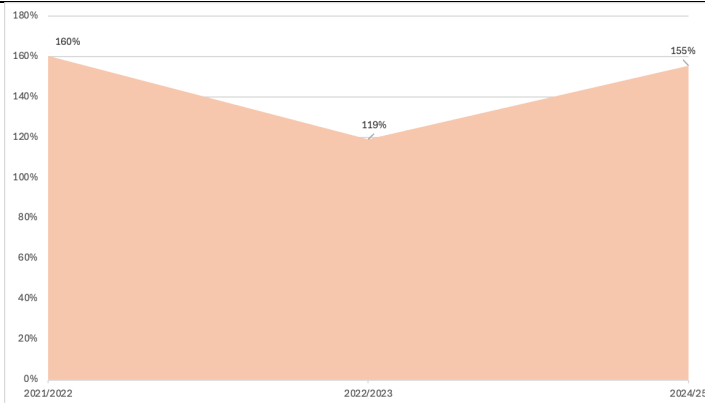
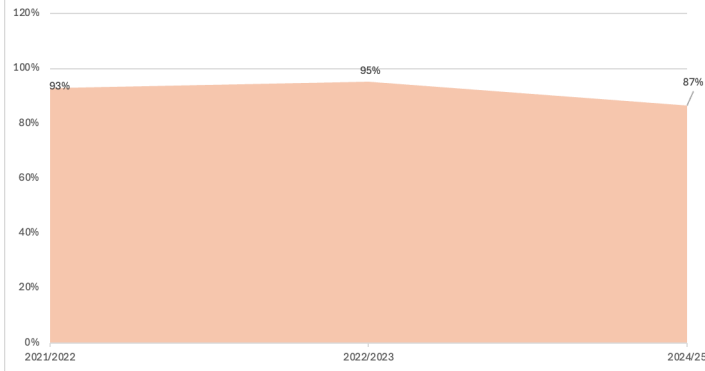
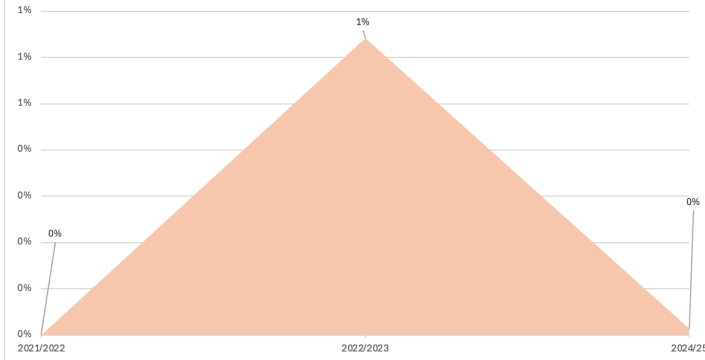
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| Number of service delivery points receiving FBW: 2021/22                                                               | 47,142                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/services/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/services/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a>     |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
| Percentage of FBW service delivery points                                                                              | 0.2%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
| Increase/decrease of FBW 2017/2018 – 2021/2022                                                                         | 30,644 to 47,142<br>Increase                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/services/1157/emalahleni-local-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/services/1157/emalahleni-local-municipality</a> |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
| Is the WSA currently experiencing financial problems? (As at 2022/23 Third Quarter)                                    | S 140: 1 trigger and s 138: 2 triggers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | NT Municipalities Meeting Criteria, item 148                                                                                                                    |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
| Details of the triggers present.                                                                                       | <table><tr><td>Failure to make payments as and when due for longer than 90 days that amount to more than R 1 million.</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Operating at a deficit of more than 5% of the total direct revenue.</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Negative OR outstanding audit.</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Negative cash position for two or more consecutive years.</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Failure to make any payment to Eskom when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure.</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Failure to make any payment to the Water Board when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure.</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Failure to make any payment to any other creditor when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure.</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Failure to make any payment to Eskom when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure.</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Failure to make any payment to the Water Board when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure.</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Failure to make any payment to any other creditor when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure.</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table> | Failure to make payments as and when due for longer than 90 days that amount to more than R 1 million.                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Operating at a deficit of more than 5% of the total direct revenue. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Negative OR outstanding audit. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Negative cash position for two or more consecutive years. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Failure to make any payment to Eskom when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Failure to make any payment to the Water Board when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Failure to make any payment to any other creditor when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Failure to make any payment to Eskom when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Failure to make any payment to the Water Board when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Failure to make any payment to any other creditor when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
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| Negative cash position for two or more consecutive years.                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
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| Failure to make any payment to the Water Board when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure.     | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
| Failure to make any payment to any other creditor when due that amounts to more than 2% of the operating expenditure.  | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
| Failure to make any payment to Eskom when due that amounts to more than 40% of the operating expenditure.              | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |
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| Is municipality considered to be in financial distress?                                                                | Yes<br>Since 2019/2020 financial year the municipality has been receiving Qualified Audit opinions having improved from numerous years of Disclaimer. It should be emphasized that in all successive years of Qualifications the municipality has been reducing its paragraphs to a point where the current                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | NT Municipalities Meeting Criteria, item 148; WJT Verification                                                                                                  |                                     |                                                                     |                                     |                                |                                     |                                                           |                          |                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                           |                          |                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                        |                                     |  |

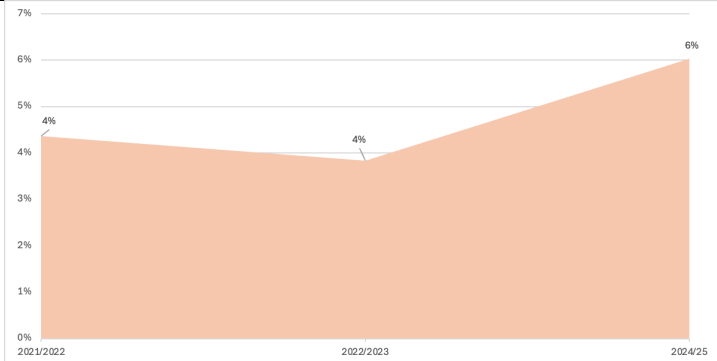
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|                                                                                                                               | Audit (2022/2023) the municipality was left with one paragraph which is completeness of revenue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Is the municipality currently subject to a provincial intervention?                                                           | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   | AGSA Website Based Report 2023/24                                                                                                                               |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Water management                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Is the rainfall within the WSA area (July 2022 to January 2023) above or below the average rainfall (464mm) for South Africa? | 300mm – 500mm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | WeatherSA, Historical Rain map                                                                                                                                  |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Water abstraction authorized?                                                                                                 | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> p. 261                                                                                                                             |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Volume of authorized/ (unauthorized) water abstraction?                                                                       | 99,976 kl/d                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> p. 261                                                                                                                             |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| How many water treatment plants are in the WSA’s water services network?                                                      | Vhembe WSA manages 17 WSSs, 5 pump stations, 460 km of bulk water supply lines, 19,779 km of reticulation pipelines and 150 reservoirs.<br>Total design capacity is 179.3 ML per day.<br>175.8 ML of capacity is available.<br>Average production: 158.8 ML per day<br>90% of capacity is used<br>2023 <i>Blue Drop</i> critical risk: 0 |                   | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p.250, 259-260, 287-289                                                                                                          |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| How many biophysical water sources does this WSA have access to?                                                              | <table><tr><td>River</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Dam</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Saltwater</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Groundwater</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>                                                 | River             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                             | Dam          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Saltwater           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Groundwater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 287-289 |
| River                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Dam                                                                                                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Saltwater                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Groundwater                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Names of rivers and dams                                                                                                      | Mvuwe/Damani Dam (fed from Mbwedi River), Dzidi River, Mutshundudi River, Lupepe River, Albasini, Luvuvhu, Tshakhuma Dam, Mutshedzi River, Tshikhwikhwi River, Phiphindi Dam, ground water                                                                                                                                               |                   | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 287-289                                                                                                                       |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| How many infrastructure water sources does this WSA have?                                                                     | <table><tr><td>Water reclamation</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Desalination</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>From natural source</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>                                                                                                      | Water reclamation | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                        | Desalination | <input type="checkbox"/>            | From natural source | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |             | IDP 2023/24, p 69                   |  |                                           |
| Water reclamation                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Desalination                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| From natural source                                                                                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Political Stability                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |
| Is there a coalition government?                                                                                              | No<br>ANC 20, EFF 2, DA 1, PAC 1 (40% PR Seats)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   | <a href="https://municipalities.co.za/management/129/vhembe-district-municipality">https://municipalities.co.za/management/129/vhembe-district-municipality</a> |              |                                     |                     |                                     |             |                                     |  |                                           |

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| <p>Has there been mayoral instability in the last 5 years?</p> | <p>Prior to 2022, leadership in this WSA appears to have been stable with few reported conflicts. The results of 2021 November Local Government elections saw the ANC winning absolute majority thereby electing Cllr Nenguda D.A as the Executive Mayor. This WSA authority has experienced some problems. Around March 2023 a councillor was accused of having an illegal water connection. In 2018 the then mayor resigned (some say got fired) for alleged involvement in the VBS. In Nov 2021, Limpopo ANC members already started to dispute the selected mayoral candidates. According to media reports, during Dec 2021, following a week of infighting Cllr Dowelani Nenguda was re-elected as mayor. It appears (during Feb 2022) that there was significant fighting within the ANC on who could be a mayoral candidate for this WSA. The dispute reached the court but was resolved by ANC internal ADR. The Limpopo ANC recalled Mayor Dowelani Nenguda around Nov 2023 and is to be replaced with Freddah Nkondo. Cllr Nenguda became The Speaker. After May 2024 General elections, Cllr. Nenguda resigned as a Speaker following his election as a Member of Provincial Legislature in Limpopo. Notwithstanding negative media reports, according to officials, the whole transition progress smoothly without affecting day to day business of the municipality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://www.zoutnet.co.za/articles/news/57623/2023-03-24/vdm-councillor-accused-ofhttps://www.zoutnet.co.za/articles/news/57623/2023-03-24/vdm-councillor-accused-of-illegal-water-connectionillegal-water-connection">https://www.zoutnet.co.za/articles/news/57623/2023-03-24/vdm-councillor-accused-ofhttps://www.zoutnet.co.za/articles/news/57623/2023-03-24/vdm-councillor-accused-of-illegal-water-connectionillegal-water-connection</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://zoutnet.co.za/articles/newsflash/55316/2021-12-03/nenguda-re-elected-ashttps://zoutnet.co.za/articles/newsflash/55316/2021-12-03/nenguda-re-elected-as-vhembe-district-mayorvhembe-district-mayor">https://zoutnet.co.za/articles/newsflash/55316/2021-12-03/nenguda-re-elected-ashttps://zoutnet.co.za/articles/newsflash/55316/2021-12-03/nenguda-re-elected-as-vhembe-district-mayorvhembe-district-mayor</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/southhttps://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-12-11-vhembe-mayor-florence-radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-to-follow/africa/2018-12-11-vhembe-mayor-florence-radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-to-follow/radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-tohttps://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-12-11-vhembe-mayor-florence-radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-to-follow/follow/#google_vignette">https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/southhttps://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-12-11-vhembe-mayor-florence-radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-to-follow/africa/2018-12-11-vhembe-mayor-florence-radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-to-follow/radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-tohttps://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-12-11-vhembe-mayor-florence-radzilani-resigns-over-vbs-others-to-follow/follow/#google_vignette</a></li> </ul> | <p>Media reports and WJT Verification</p> |
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| MM/CFO Vacancy Snapshot  | AGSA Website Based Report 2022/23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | AGSA Web Based Report 2021/22 |
|                          | Is the council established?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes |                               |
|                          | Council instability the previous year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No  |                               |
|                          | MM vacancy at the end of the year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No  |                               |
|                          | Number of months the MM has been in position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 31  |                               |
|                          | CFO vacancy at the end of the year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No  |                               |
|                          | Number of months the CFO has been in position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 28  |                               |
| <b>Policy Efforts</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |                               |
| Water By-law             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |                               |
| Is there a water by-law? | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     | By-law                        |
| Citation of by-law       | MN 149 adopted in 2014                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     | By-law                        |

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| Mark with “yes” if the by-law makes provision for the following: | Matters incidental to providing water services to residents,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | yes                                    | By-law                  |
|                                                                  | including communal sources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | Protecting water supply systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | Prohibiting wasting water                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | Prohibiting illegal connections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No                                     |                         |
|                                                                  | Sets out standards for water installations and maintaining water infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | The installation and upkeep of fire extinguishing systems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No                                     |                         |
|                                                                  | How service charges are calculated and levied                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | Measures to ensure the quality of potable water                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | Preventing water pollution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | yes                                    |                         |
|                                                                  | Anything else?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Water audit                            |                         |
|                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Temporary supply through fire hydrants |                         |
| Water Services Development Plan                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                        |                         |
| Is there a water services development plan?                      | Referred to in IDP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                        | IDP 2023/24, p 50       |
| The validity duration of the plan (which years)                  | Under review                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        | IDP 2023/24, p 50       |
| General Policy Framework                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                        |                         |
| Is there an Indigent Policy?                                     | yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                        | Indigent Policy 2021/22 |
| IDP                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                        |                         |
| Water services issues identified in the IDP                      | Limited funding of the WSA<br>Challenges with the construction of some of the newer water schemes<br>Contractors struggle to finish the project on time, which leads to a backlog of infrastructure upgrades and extensions<br>Illegal connections<br>Lack of water meters<br>Not enough staff<br>For the operation and maintenance of WTWs: Local Authorities claim royalties for WTWs |                                        | IDP 2023/24, p 180      |

|                                                                                                             | Insufficient funding for maintenance and operation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
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| Resource Efforts                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
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| 2021/2022                                                                                                   | 116%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2022/2023                                                                                                   | 91%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2024/25                                                                                                     | 120%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
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| Period                                                                                                      | Revenue Coverage %                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2021/2022                                                                                                   | 160%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2022/2023                                                                                                   | 119%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2024/25                                                                                                     | 155%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
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| 2021/2022                                                                                                   | 93%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2022/2023                                                                                                   | 95%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2024/25                                                                                                     | 87%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| Capital budget allocated to renewal of existing assets (amount allocated to renewable/total capital budget) |  <table><thead><tr><th>Period</th><th>Capital Budget Allocation (%)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2021/2022</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>2022/2023</td><td>1%</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25</td><td>0%</td></tr></tbody></table> | Period | Capital Budget Allocation (%) | 2021/2022 | 0%   | 2022/2023 | 1%   | 2024/25 | 0%   | MFMA Section 71 Schedule C 2021 to 2025 Reports-with 2023/24 data missing |
| Period                                                                                                      | Capital Budget Allocation (%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2021/2022                                                                                                   | 0%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2022/2023                                                                                                   | 1%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |
| 2024/25                                                                                                     | 0%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |                               |           |      |           |      |         |      |                                                                           |

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| Maintenance spending rate %<br>(Total maintenance expenditure/total revenue collected) x100          |  |                                     |       | MFMA Section 71<br>Schedule C 2021 to<br>2025 Reports-with<br>2023/24 data<br>missing |
| Infrastructure Resources                                                                             |                                                                                    |                                     |       |                                                                                       |
| Current infrastructure value                                                                         | 2,365,049,000                                                                      |                                     |       | Budget, Sheet A9,<br>Item 138, Audited<br>Outcome 19/20                               |
| Human and Skills Resources                                                                           |                                                                                    |                                     |       |                                                                                       |
| Total number of staff employed<br>in the water services provision<br>department.                     | No information                                                                     |                                     |       | WJT Verification                                                                      |
| Total number of staff employed<br>in water treatment                                                 | 39 (36 supervisory, 3 technical)                                                   |                                     |       | 2023 Blue Drop<br>Report; p. 257                                                      |
| Supervisor Staff/WTW Ratio                                                                           | 4.5                                                                                |                                     |       | 2023 Blue Drop<br>Report, p. 255                                                      |
| Technical Staff/WTW Ratio                                                                            | 0.2                                                                                |                                     |       | 2023 Blue Drop<br>Report, p. 257                                                      |
| Staff Shortfall                                                                                      | 12 Process Controllers<br>2 Supervisors<br>1 Technician<br>0 Qualified scientists  |                                     |       | 2023 Blue Drop<br>Report, p. 255, 257                                                 |
| Vacancies as a percentage of the<br>total staff (municipality-wide)                                  | No information                                                                     |                                     |       |                                                                                       |
| Implementation                                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                     |       |                                                                                       |
| Physical Access                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                                     |       |                                                                                       |
| Physical access to water, number<br>of consumers, and percentage of<br>total consumers. [households] | Communal source +200m                                                              | 28,287                              | 10.5% | Vhembe District<br>Municipality -<br>Services                                         |
|                                                                                                      | Communal source – 200m                                                             | 112,949                             | 41.8% |                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                      | Water source in yard                                                               | 129,198                             | 47.8  |                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                      |                                                                                    | 270,434                             |       |                                                                                       |
| Piped water inside dwelling                                                                          | 25.2%                                                                              |                                     |       | Vhembe District<br>Municipality -<br>Demographic                                      |
| Economic Access                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                                     |       |                                                                                       |
| Economic access to water.                                                                            | Free basic water for all                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |       | Tariffs 2020/21                                                                       |
|                                                                                                      | Free basic water for Indigent                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |       |                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                      | Cross subsidy                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |       |                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                      | Prepaid                                                                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |       |                                                                                       |

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| Step tariff for households in rand excl VAT. For 2021/22       | 0 < 6kl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | R 8  | Tariffs 2020/21                                                                                                         |
|                                                                | 7kl < 30kl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R 10 |                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                | 31kl <                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | R 11 |                                                                                                                         |
| Categories of water use:                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Domestic conventional</li> <li>- Domestic prepaid</li> <li>- Businesses conventional</li> <li>- Businesses prepaid</li> <li>- Universities, FET, Colleges, schools, clinics, hospitals, parks, health center, churches, creche</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |      | Tariffs 2020/21                                                                                                         |
| Tariffs for schools.                                           | Flat rate of R 22 p/kl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      | Tariffs 2020/21                                                                                                         |
| Tariffs for clinics                                            | Flat rate of R 22 p/kl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      | Tariffs 2020/21                                                                                                         |
| Do schools and clinics have access to water on their premises. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 87 Educational facilities with inadequate access to water services.</li> <li>- 53 Health facilities with access to inadequate services.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |      | DWS Website, WSDP Audit, Service Delivery Overview, Service Levels Profile, 2.1.1 Education Plan and 2.1.2 Health Plan. |
| Adequacy                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |      |                                                                                                                         |
| Number of planned interruptions in 2023.                       | No official information but media reports on lack of water and water interruptions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |      | IDP 2023/24, p. 73                                                                                                      |
| Number of unplanned interruptions in 2022/2023                 | Sudden breakdowns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |      | Section 80 reports, WJT Verification                                                                                    |
|                                                                | Average duration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |      |                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                | Emergencies, not due to poor maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |      |                                                                                                                         |
| Media reports on outages:                                      | <p>Many water challenges include protecting water quality. More a general lack in water than water interruptions/ Media reports that Vhembe relies heavily on groundwater (boreholes), however it should be kept in mind that other WSA are also dependent on boreholes. A scientific study shows that surface water is contaminated. In 2019 it was already reported that the WSA is struggling to provide water. During Sept 2022, Vhembe made news again for poor water service delivery. Around March 2023 an article shows that communities still struggle to access water – this is a year after major protests about poor water service delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://www.zoutnet.co.za/articles/news/59378/2023-11-17/danger-lurks-in-vyebooms-borehole-water">https://www.zoutnet.co.za/articles/news/59378/2023-11-17/danger-lurks-in-vyebooms-borehole-water</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.parliament.gov.za/news/musina-residents-depend-borehole-water-their-livelihood-limpopos-ncop-delegates-and-members-legislature-heard">https://www.parliament.gov.za/news/musina-residents-depend-borehole-water-their-livelihood-limpopos-ncop-delegates-and-members-legislature-heard</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-023-33551-y">https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-023-33551-y</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.groundup.org.za/article/a-year-after-protests-and-promises-the-water-supply-in-musina-is-still-dodgy/">https://www.groundup.org.za/article/a-year-after-protests-and-promises-the-water-supply-in-musina-is-still-dodgy/</a></li> </ul> |      | WJT Verification                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://www.news24.com/citypress/news/limpopos-sorry-state-millions-spent-on-consultants-residents-still-face-dire-water-shortages-20190630">https://www.news24.com/citypress/news/limpopos-sorry-state-millions-spent-on-consultants-residents-still-face-dire-water-shortages-20190630</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.citizen.co.za/news/vhembe-working-round-the-clock-to-improve-water-provision-in-venda/">https://www.citizen.co.za/news/vhembe-working-round-the-clock-to-improve-water-provision-in-venda/</a></li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Quality                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |
| What is the WSA's blue drop score?                               | 2023: 63.8%<br>2011: 45.1%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 287                                                                                                               |
| Blue Drop Score Improved/Deteriorated (2011-2023)                | Improved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Blue Drop microbiological compliance score                       | 98.8% (13 Excellent WTWs; 1 Unacceptable WTWs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 264                                                                                                               |
| Blue Drop chemical (acute) compliance score                      | 93.9% (14 Excellent WTWs; 2 Unacceptable WTWs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 265                                                                                                               |
| Blue Drop chemical (chronic health) compliance score             | 99.5% (17 Excellent WTWs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 265                                                                                                               |
| Does the WSA have a contract with the lab to test water samples? | The municipality signs a contract annually with SABS proficiency testing schemes which monitors compliance by the municipality's laboratory. The municipality further appoints consultants for a three year period to test water samples through accredited laboratories annually.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | WJT Verification                                                                                                                                    |
| Green Drop Risk Rating                                           | High Risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2023 <i>Green Drop Report</i> , p. 307                                                                                                              |
| Efficiency                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Blue Drop Water Use Efficiency Score                             | 181 l/p/d (Good)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 262-263                                                                                                           |
| No Drop Score 2021/22                                            | 0%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2023 <i>No Drop Report</i> , p. 187                                                                                                                 |
| Amount of non-revenue water in liters and in rands value.        | R632.46 million in water losses<br>Equivalent to 71% of all water flowing through municipal pipelines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="https://mfma-2024.agsareports.co.za/municipality/5-vhembe-district">https://mfma-2024.agsareports.co.za/municipality/5-vhembe-district</a> |
| Main reasons for water losses.                                   | None recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2023 <i>No Drop Report</i> , p. 187                                                                                                                 |
| Oversight                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Department of Water and Sanitation                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Blue Drop actions                                                | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2023 <i>Blue Drop Report</i> , p. 289                                                                                                               |
| Green Drop actions                                               | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2023 <i>Green Drop Report</i> , p. 311                                                                                                              |

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| Judicial Oversight                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |
| Where any judgements delivered that involved water services delivery?   | yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |
| Full citation of judgement.                                             | Mazibuko and Others v City of Johannesburg and Others [2009] ZACC 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |
| Summary of judgement and the impact for future water services delivery. | The state has a duty not to interfere with the enjoyment of socio-economic rights. The state does not have a duty to immediately realise the right to water for everyone; instead, the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures to progressively realise the right within available state resources. It is not the place of the court to determine or quantify what is sufficient water. To assess the reasonableness of the legislative and policy measures used: State must be able to show what information it considered and the process it followed to determine its policy. If the process followed is flawed or the information gathered is inadequate or incomplete, appropriate relief may be sought. The Court's evaluation of the City's Free Basic Water Policy: (1) it has different levels of water provision; (2) the city uses pre-paid and credit meters; (3) provision to register as an indigent; (4) it is reasonable to afford basic water to all, rich and poor; (5) it is acceptable to afford basic water on a per household basis and not per person; (6) water policy was revised regularly; (7) communities too have duties, one such duty is to apply to be registered as an indigent if they wish to claim these benefits. Moving from a deemed consumption system to a pre-paid metered system with a free allocation of basic water is not a retrogressive step. Discontinuation of water for not reloading the meter with credits is not a discontinuation of service as per the Water Services Act and the municipality do not need to follow the giving notice and other related procedures. | Paras 47, 48, 50, 71, 78-102, 142 |
| Full citation of judgement.                                             | Government of the Republic of South Africa v Grootboom [2000] ZACC 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |
| Summary of judgement and the impact for future water services delivery. | Access to a right, in this case the water right, would include removing barriers to access the right, empowerment measures, and special measures for vulnerable groups. Measures must ensure access over time to a greater number of people that must be guided by targets. This requires legislation, policies, programmes and plans that ensure the implementation of legislation. All vulnerable groups must at least have access to basic service delivery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |
| Full citation of the judgement.                                         | Capricorn District Municipality v SANCO [2014] ZASCA 39                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                   |
| Summary of judgement and the impact for future water services delivery. | Appeal from the High Court, Limpopo Division.<br>Legal Question: Is the interdict given by the HC a competent order? The interdict mandated Capricorn District to repair and replace all leaking pipes and all defective meters within 12 months. In addition, the HC ordered that the WSA may                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Paras 25 and 21                   |

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|                                                                                 | <p>only recover a flat rate of about R 70 for water services delivered from affected households.</p> <p>Judgement: The appeal succeeded.</p> <p>The SCA found that the HC cannot order the WSA to replace and repair the leaky pipes because water leakages do not adversely affect consumers. This is because water leakages are not captured by any water meter reflecting what is payable to any consumer. (Bear in mind that the community alleged they were liable to pay for the wasted water.)</p> <p>A court may also not determine the rates as which water services are charged as this is in contravention of the separation of powers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| SAHRC Reports                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| Where any reports received and investigated on the right to water by the SAHRC? | yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| Reference details of the report.                                                | Inquiry into Access to Water and the Efficacy of Water Services Authorities within Limpopo Province (SAHRC Oct 2021)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| Summary of the report and the impact for future water services delivery.        | <p><b>Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs</b></p> <p><b><i>Finding:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission finds that the Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) is not effectively playing its role as an oversight body in terms of ensuring that access to water is a reality within the Limpopo Province.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Recommendation:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission recommends that the CoGHSTA identifies municipalities that (i) apply for grants and fail to spend such grants, (ii) do not apply for grants at all; and (iii) receive the grants and use them inappropriately. The CoGHSTA should come up with an action plan on how this will be mitigated. This action plan is to be submitted to the Commission within three (3) months after the receipt of this report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of Water and Sanitation</b></p> <p><b><i>Findings:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission finds that the Limpopo Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is failing to play its oversight role.</li> </ul> |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DWS does not assist or intervene when the Municipalities fail to provide sufficient water to their communities in terms of sections 62 and 63 of the Water Services Act, respectively.</li> <li>• The DWS has failed to take action when a municipality has failed or is unable to apply/ access municipality grants while communities are not provided with water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission recommends that the DWS must submit to the Commission, a detailed plan, with timeframes on how it will provide support to the municipalities in order to resolve the water crisis in Limpopo.</li> <li>• The DWS must submit to the Commission a list of municipalities that applied for water grant/s, the list must also provide the outcome of the grant/s or progress made in processing the grant/s.</li> <li>• If the application had been declined, the DWS must provide the reason/s as to why the application was declined.</li> <li>• The DWS must also provide details of the assistance provided to the municipality after declining the application.</li> <li>• The above requested information must be submitted to the Commission within three (3) months after the receipt of this report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Office of the Premier of Limpopo Province</b></p> <p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission has found that it is not clear as to how the Office of the Premier for the Limpopo Province plays its oversight role over municipalities that are failing to provide water.</li> <li>• The Office of the Premier for the Limpopo Province is therefore failing to monitor the provision of water by the municipalities in Limpopo.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission recommends that the Office of the Premier for the Limpopo Province must conduct an assessment and evaluation of the provision of water in the Limpopo Province, develop and submit measures to effectively support the municipalities to ensure adherence to the Water Services Act and Compulsory</li> </ul> |  |
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|                                                                                               | Standards. This information must be submitted to the Commission within three (3) months of the receipt of this report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                      |
| Specific findings for the WSA                                                                 | <p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission has found that the Vhembe District Municipality has many projects that were supposed to be completed years ago such as Botsoleni reservoir, Mhinga Water Treatment plant and Ka-Josepha reservoir. The Vhembe District Municipality failed to submit a clear plan on when these projects will be completed. The Municipality further acknowledged that it has not been continuously providing water to areas in Musina, Malamulele, Makhado, Ka-Josefa, Ka-Mhinga to name just a few.</li> <li>• <i>The Commission finds that the Municipality does not comply with the Water Services Act and Compulsory Standards. The Vhembe District Municipality is in violation of section 27 of the Constitution that provides for the right to have access to sufficient water.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the Inquiry Vhembe District Municipality submitted a plan to the Commission, however, during a follow-up it was found that the Municipality was not implementing the said plan. The Commission recommends that within three (3) months after the receipt of this report, the Municipality resubmits a detailed plan with timeframes.</li> <li>• The Commission further recommends that the plan above must contain detailed plans with timeframes as to when Botsoleni and Ka-Josepha reservoirs will be fully completed and operational.</li> </ul> | Inquiry into Access to Water and the Efficacy of Water Services Authorities within Limpopo Province (SAHRC Oct 2021) |
| Legislature Oversight                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                      |
| Any oversight actions taken in the duration of the current (5 <sup>th</sup> ) administration. | No information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                      |
| Other Oversight Institutions                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                      |
| Details of any oversight action taken.                                                        | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                      |

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