**Asivikelane** is an initiative of IBP South Africa, Planact, the SASDI Alliance and Afesis-corplan. It gives voice to informal settlement residents in South Africa’s major cities who are faced with severe basic service shortages during the Covid-19 crisis. By responding weekly to 3 questions about their access to water, clean toilets and waste removal, individual residents offer us a window into their daily experiences. They answer the 3 questions based on their individual experience of these basic services and do not move around their settlements to answer for the whole settlement.

### Hotspots

- Metros are not cleaning communal toilets regularly, particularly in eThekwini. Communal toilets are high risk for spreading Covid-19.
- Metros are not collecting refuse regularly. This seems to be a particular challenge in Johannesburg.
- Clean water seems to be particularly problematic in certain parts of Cape Town and Ekurhuleni.

### Good News!

- Buffalo City installed new taps in Eskom informal settlement in Scenery Park.
- National government has procured 41 000 water tanks for informal settlements and drought stricken areas.
- Tshwane’s Department of Water and Sanitation committed to providing more chemical toilets to Kameeldrift informal settlement.

### Note on the Data

198 informal settlement residents from 65 informal settlements submitted responses over the last week. Detailed results will be available every Wednesday at: [www.internationalbudget.org/covid-monitoring/](http://www.internationalbudget.org/covid-monitoring/)

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