TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2020: Women are scared to use shared taps and toilets at night. Two thirds of Asivikelane participants are women and most of them say that there is not enough public lighting in their informal settlements. On the bright side, most metros now have green traffic lights for water however sanitation is still at critical levels. We hope that metros will use their share of the R11 billion of additional equitable share funding announced by Minister Mboweni, as well as reprioritised conditional grant funding, to address this problem.

METRO MUNICIPALITIES: IN YOUR INFORMAL SETTLEMENT OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS...

- Residents in all metros, except in parts of Buffalo City, reported inadequate public lighting. The problem is worst in Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni with 90% of residents saying that public lighting is inadequate.
- Sanitation continues to be a serious problem:
  - Some residents in Johannesburg, eThekwini and Cape Town still report that they do not have access to sanitation.
  - In eThekwini and to a lesser extent in Johannesburg and Cape Town, dirty toilets remain a problem.
  - In Cape Town and eThekwini residents continue to report that broken and blocked toilets are not being fixed.

HOTSPOTS

- The Minister of Finance announced an increase of R11 billion in equitable share funding for local governments to provide basic services.
- Toilet cleaning improved significantly in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Both metros are getting closer to green.
- Most metros are continuing to provide some soap and hand sanitiser, with Buffalo City and eThekwini leading the way.
- Ekurhuleni is the only metro where refuse removal has improved, and their traffic light is very close to green.