WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020: IMPROVEMENTS, BUT IMPORTANT PROBLEMS PERSIST.

Residents in all non-metros reported improved access to basic services, especially water, but Emalahleni and Msunduzi still fall short across all the services. Most concerning in these municipalities is the limited water access, the lack of municipal provided sanitation and lack of toilet cleaning where residents do have access to municipal toilets.

IN YOUR INFORMAL SETTLEMENT OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS...

...WAS THERE ENOUGH WATER FOR ALL RESIDENTS?
- EMALAHLENI
- KNYSNA
- MOSSEL BAY
- MSUNDUZI
- WITZENBERG

...WERE THE TOILETS CLEANED?
- EMALAHLENI
- KNYSNA
- MOSSEL BAY
- MSUNDUZI
- WITZENBERG

...WAS THE WASTE COLLECTED?
- EMALAHLENI
- KNYSNA
- MOSSEL BAY
- MSUNDUZI
- WITZENBERG

THIS WEEK WE ALSO ASKED RESIDENTS IF THEY HAD ACCESS TO HAND-SANITIZER/SOAP AND A MASK.

DO YOU HAVE A MASK FOR PERSONAL USE?
- EMALAHLENI
- KNYSNA
- MOSSEL BAY
- MSUNDUZI
- WITZENBERG

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH SOAP OR HAND-SANITIZER?
- EMALAHLENI
- KNYSNA
- MOSSEL BAY
- MSUNDUZI
- WITZENBERG

NATIONALLY, 86% OF RESIDENTS SAID YES
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HOTSPOTS
- Many non-metro residents report inadequate numbers of taps and poor maintenance resulting in many residents having to walk long distances to collect water.
- Despite the new Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) toilets, Emalahleni and Msunduzi residents report that the lack of municipal provided toilets presents a serious health risk. In Knysna some residents are also left to clean the communal toilets themselves without the equipment needed to do so safely.

GOOD NEWS!
- Msunduzi municipality is currently installing 90 VIP toilets in Ezinketheni informal settlement. This has been long-awaited and will improve living conditions.
- Witztenberg saw a significant improvement in toilet cleaning over the last few weeks.