

Taps finally installed in Robert Sobukwe

The Robert Sobukwe informal settlement did not have adequate water services even during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. On 13 May 2021 1to1 Agency of Engagement, Planact and Asivikelane tweeted about the dire situation in Robert Sobukwe. Mayor Mzwandile Masina and the City of Ekurhuleni were tagged, this was in the hopes that an engagement will begin, and taps would be installed in Robert Sobukwe informal settlement.

Two weeks after the 13th of May the taps were installed and it is months later, and the community has been singing praises of the organisations and the City of Ekurhuleni, showing that collaborative work can result in better improved services.

Although a lot still needs to be done in the settlement a resident said: *"We used to rent water monthly from the nearest landlords with the little money we had, and some would go as far as collecting water from the river. Now it is convenient for us to have water in our households."*

1to1, Planact and Asivikelane would like to extend their gratitude to Mayor Masina, the City of Ekurhuleni, Mr Shabangu, Mr Maseko and all other officials involved in providing this essential service.

