


**WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020: CLEAN TAPS AND TOILETS WILL CURB THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 INFECTIONS.**

More than half of the Western Cape's Covid-19 infections are found in Cape Town neighbourhoods that contain informal settlements\*. Informal settlements are hotspots for infection because they don't have enough taps and toilets, and these communal facilities are not cleaned often enough. We don't have comparable statistics for other cities, but the conditions in informal settlements elsewhere in the country are similar. Ballooning infection rates in Gauteng, the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal could therefore also be reduced by cleaning and providing more taps and toilets. While all metros have responded to the immediate crisis, Asivikelane results point to longer term service challenges. Most metros have made progress with the provision of clean water. However, when we asked residents in the past week if there was enough water for all residents, the results revealed persistent problems. Cape Town and eThekweni are also still not doing enough to clean communal toilets. Broken toilets and taps also remain a problem in most metros.

\*Based on City of Cape Town Covid-19 cases as at 10 July 2020

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



**...WAS THERE ENOUGH WATER FOR ALL RESIDENTS?**

- BUFFALO CITY
- CAPE TOWN
- EKURHULENI
- ETHEKWINI
- JOHANNESBURG
- TSHWANE



**...WERE THE TOILETS CLEANED?**

- BUFFALO CITY
- CAPE TOWN
- EKURHULENI
- ETHEKWINI
- JOHANNESBURG
- TSHWANE



**...WAS THE WASTE COLLECTED?**

- BUFFALO CITY
- CAPE TOWN
- EKURHULENI
- ETHEKWINI
- JOHANNESBURG
- TSHWANE

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

In metros, 86% of residents said they have a mask, which has been identified as an important measure in preventing the spread of Covid-19. However, almost 80% of residents indicated that they do not have enough soap or hand-sanitiser. Combined with inadequate access to water in Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni and Cape Town, this means that many residents can't wash their hands regularly.



**DO YOU HAVE A MASK FOR PERSONAL USE?**

**86%** OF RESIDENTS IN METROS SAID YES

NATIONALLY, 86% OF RESIDENTS SAID YES



**DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH SOAP OR HAND-SANITIZER?**

**21%** OF RESIDENTS IN METROS SAID YES

NATIONALLY, 20% OF RESIDENTS SAID YES

**RED: 60% or fewer respondents said yes** **DARK ORANGE: Between 60% and 75% of respondents said yes** **LIGHT ORANGE: Between 75% and 90% of respondents said yes** **GREEN: 90% or more respondents said yes**  
581 residents from 200 settlements responded over the last week. Residents from the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro Municipality have also started to participate in Asivikelane. Detailed results and comments from residents themselves are available at: [www.internationalbudget.org/covid-monitoring/](http://www.internationalbudget.org/covid-monitoring/) For more information contact: [infos@internationalbudget.org](mailto:infos@internationalbudget.org) twitter: @ibp\_sa facebook: internationalbudgetpartnershipsouthafrica