

Municipalities can show they care by doing repairs!



Toilets recently repaired and cleaned in Asla Kamp, Tulbagh by Witzenberg Municipality

This 4th release for the **Asivikelane Western Cape** comes at very tumultuous time in South Africa – Covid-19's spread has necessitated a level 4 lockdown, civil unrest has destabilised parts of the country and taxi violence has gripped the Western Cape. Unequal access to resources and infrastructure are some of the drivers for this unrest. Many communities are disillusioned and frustrated by a government that does not seem to care about their right to basic services like water and sanitation. This is a ticking time bomb which government can no longer ignore.

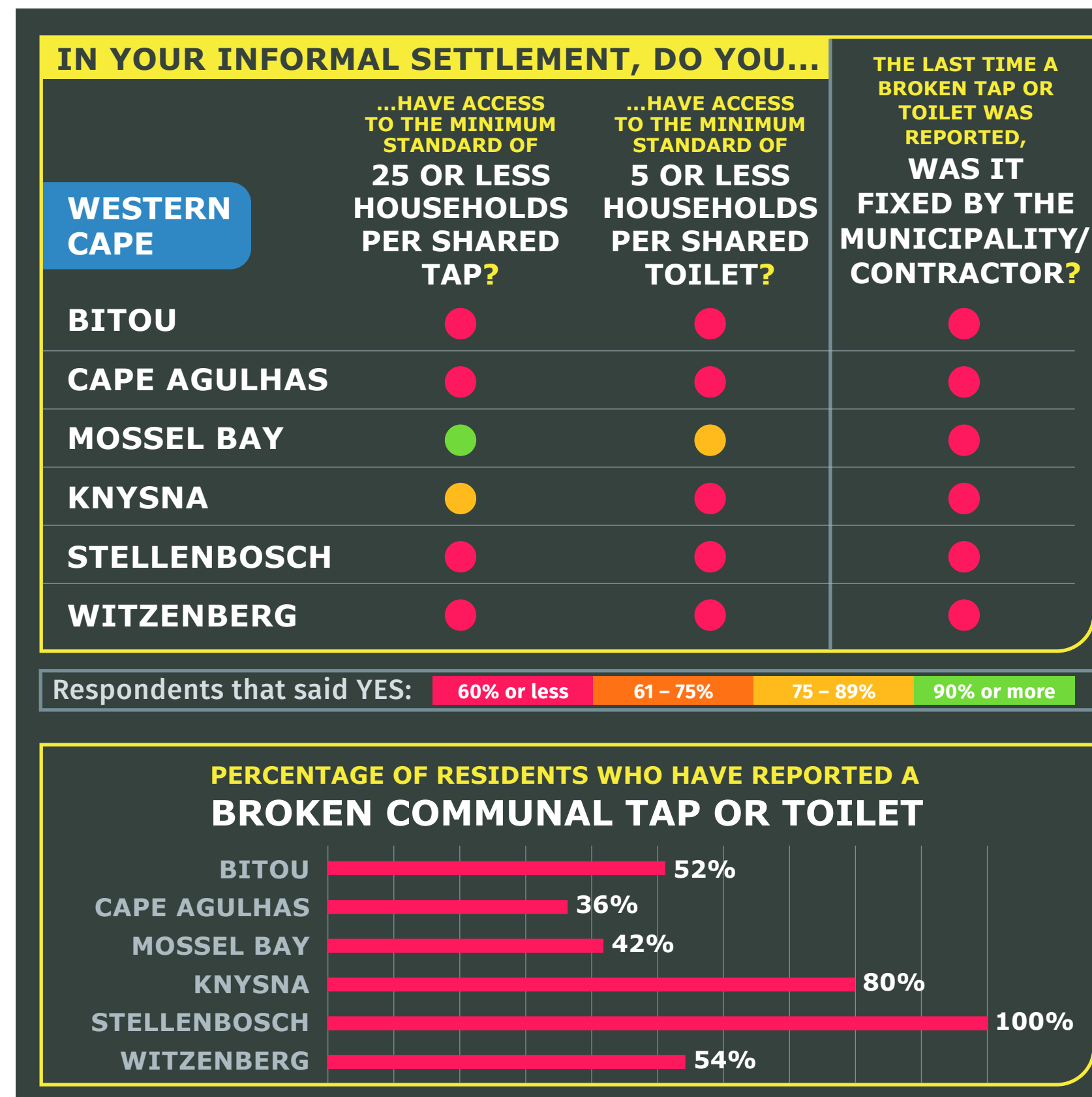
The data from this release shows how much progress is yet to be made in the Western Cape. Most municipalities fall far short of the minimum national standard for taps and toilets in informal settlements and they are failing to repair broken taps and toilets, even as communities actively report faults. *Fixing broken services is one small action that municipalities can take to restore trust and show they care.*

GOOD NEWS

- ✓ In **Mossel Bay**, 92% of residents who use a communal TAP indicated that **they share the tap with 25 or fewer households.**
- ✓ In **Knysna**, 60% of residents who use a communal TOILET indicated that **they share the toilet with 5 or fewer households.**
- ✓ In **Asla Kamp (Witzenberg)**, a resident reported that the municipality came to **fix all the broken toilets in the settlement for the first time in many months.**

HOT SPOTS

- ✗ **19% of residents in Bitou do not have toilets and use self-dug pits.**
- ✗ **64% of residents in Cape Agulhas do not have toilets.**
- ✗ For all residents in Stellenbosch who use a communal TAP, **they share the tap with more than 25 households.**
- ✗ For all residents in Stellenbosch and Witzenberg who use a communal TOILET, **they share the toilet with more than 5 households.**
- ✗ All residents in Stellenbosch indicated that the last time they reported a faulty tap or toilet, **the municipality failed to send someone to look at it and it was never fixed.**



DATA NOTES: A total of 89 residents across 6 municipal areas, 7 wards and 27 informal settlements responded over the last week. Detailed results and comments from residents themselves are available at www.asivikelane.org/western-cape-releases.

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