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\*DPWI Minister Mr Sihle Zikalala - MP with Emakhabeleni Inkosi Dlomo



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## "DPWI IS A RAY OF SUNSHINE TO OUR COMMUNITY," SAYS A RESIDENT

Article By Andile Xulu  
Pictures By Andile Xulu and Sobatini Mahlasela

Community Residents from Emakhabeleni which is about 60km from Greytown in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands were on cloud nine on 12 March 2024 when Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Sihle Zikalala handed over four Welisizwe bridges to communities under Umvoti Local Municipality. The Welisizwe Bridges are a government intervention programme aimed at giving access to health, education and economic amenities to rural communities that are cut off from these services when there are heavy rains.

A resident from Emakhabeleni, Thabiso Ngema said a dream has finally come true after so many years of struggling. He emphasized that they were using boats and donkeys to cross over rivers. "We had even lost hope as residents but the Department has now made things very easy for us as a community, this is really a huge improvement. Thank you for your effort Public Works," added Ngema.

In his keynote address to the residents, Minister Zikalala stated that Government would continue to bring services to other rural communities.



Emakhabeleni resident Thabiso Ngema

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**INVITATION**  
The Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon Bernice Swarts will embark on an Imbizo to accelerate service delivery in Upington, Northern Cape  
Details of the event is as follows:  
Date: Friday, 15 March 2024  
Time: 10:00  
Venue: Progress Community Hall, Upington, Northern Cape  
RSVP: Dorothy Steenkamp, email: [Dorothy.steenkamp@dpw.gov.za](mailto:Dorothy.steenkamp@dpw.gov.za)

