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THE eThekweni Water and Sanitation Unit (EWS) has completed upgrading water infrastructure in the Overport and Essenwood areas.

They replaced antiquated asbestos cement pipes with MPVC pipes. The project's goal is to prolong subterranean water storage and prevent burst pipes which cause water outages. The project started in October 2021 and was completed late last year. EWS Project Manager Sibusiso Mncwango said the

project experienced some delays.

EWS provided internal funding for the project, totalling R1.869 million. Eighteen people worked on the project, of which five were internal staff members and 13 were community members employed as general workers from the Expanded Public Works Programme.

To fix the roads and sidewalks that were dug up during the pipe installation process, EWS and the Roads and Stormwater Department collaborated closely.