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In the spirit of enhancing the lives of communities, the Senqu Local Municipality, in collaboration with various sector departments, has undertaken significant infrastructure projects, most notably the construction of several footbridges. Among these initiatives, two footbridges were built in Ward 5, Bebeza, along with a bridge in Transwiler. Additionally, in partnership with the South African National Defence Force

(SANDF), the National Department of Public Works, and the Eastern Cape Department of Transport, two more bridges have been constructed—one in Jozana, Ward 17, and another in Ndofela, Ward 2.

Over the years, persistent heavy rains in these rural villages have wreaked havoc, causing extensive damage to roads and bridges. This has made it increasingly difficult for residents to cross rivers, resulting in many individuals, particularly learners, being unable to attend school and halting vital economic activities. The construction of bridges in these rural areas is aimed at significantly improving

access for communities to essential services such as healthcare facilities, schools, and economic amenities. By providing reliable passage, these bridges not only facilitate daily commuting but also foster economic growth and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

As we reflect on 30 years of freedom in South Africa, it is essential to recognize the strides made toward improving infrastructure and access for all citizens, particularly in previously marginalized communities.



This progress signifies a commitment to building an inclusive society where every individual can thrive. The ongoing projects in the Senqu Local Municipality epitomize this transformation, exemplifying how infrastructure development can empower communities, promote social cohesion, and drive sustainable growth in the post-apartheid era. The legacy of freedom is not just about political rights but also about ensuring equitable access to the resources and opportunities essential for a dignified and prosperous life.

