



Prince Mshiyeni Hospital: Patients and staff forced to fetch water

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Prince Mshiyeni Hospital: Patients and staff forced to fetch water Patients and staff at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital in Umlazi have to fetch water in JoJo tanks outside, they also can't use toilets. by Nokwanda Ncwane 03-05-2022 12:14 in KwaZulu-Natal Theatre operations have been suspended at the Prince Mshiyeni hospital due to the lack of water. Photo: Matthew Hampshire / Flickr Patients in one of the biggest hospitals in Durban, the Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital in Umlazi can't use toilets and are forced to fetch water in JoJo tanks outside the hospital. Prince Mshiyeni Hospital was amongst the health facilities damaged by the floods in KZN. Water supply was also disrupted. TAPS RUN DRY AT PRINCE MSHIYENI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Patients are reportedly forced to fetch water from the JoJo tanks placed outside the hospital and are unable to wash their hands. Some have taken to social media to complain about the horrifying smell in the toilets which are also placed outside. Speaking to eNCA, Mlungisi Ndlovu from the Public Servants Association (PSA) called upon the eThekweni Municipality to speed up the process of connecting water to the Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital again. Ndlovu said they have been doing a walkabout to assess the situation which he says is under control for now. Weeks after the devastating floods hit KwaZulu-Natal, the Prince Mshiyeni Hospital in Umlazi still doesn't have clean, running tap water. The hospital has had to rely on water tankers. #eNCA's @LethiweMdlulii has more. #DStv403 pic.twitter.com/OSbrteh0Zv — eNCA (@eNCA) May 2, 2022 "As PSA, we appreciate the staff who have worked so hard. We are appealing to the eThekweni Municipality to conclude the process so that service delivery is not compromised. If staff and patients are expected

to fetch water, that movement disturbs the healing process.” Mlungisis Ndlovu
Last month, the hospital suspended theatre operations due to lack of clean
running water. The KZN Department of Health said it will cost as much as
R185 million to rebuild and repair clinics and hospitals that have been
damaged by the floods. During his visit to KZN, Health Minister, Joe Phaahla
said that water in hospital storage tanks at Prince Mshiyeni has run out.
Healthcare staff were unable to use machines and clean or sterilise
equipment. Phaahla shared that the water shortage at the facility is a major
concern due to the amount of patients seen daily “The main supply from the
municipality to the hospital’s emergency water reservoir has dried up. That’s a
huge concern because it’s a busy hospital that attends to almost 2,000
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