

The War on Leaks programme launched in **August 2018** sought to address the massive impact that water leaks and burst pipes have on the economy and South Africa's dwindling water resources.

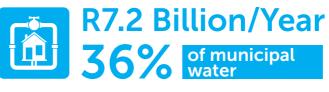
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In addition to the job opportunities for unemployed youth in the country, the programme was established to train water agents equipped to visit communities where water leaks could be investigated and to educate community members on the importance of saving water.

At a special joint MinMec (Ministers and MECs) meeting held on 17 January 2020, co-chaired by the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu, and her COGTA counterpart, Dr Nkosasana Dlamini-Zuma, a decision was taken to give renewed impetus to the programme.

The ability of young people to enter the workplace with a sound understanding of business principles and the skills required in the fight to protect the country's water resources are critical to these young people taking their rightful place in the economy, which in itself is a major milestone for the project.

WATER LOSS IN SA:





Burst Water Pipe 400l/hour (2 full baths)



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SA Faces a 17% Deficit between supply and demand by 2030

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The Water Agent Programme	On this programme, learners are trained to complete the Water and Waste Water Reticulation Services qualification over a one-year period. A period of six months is allocated to institutional training during which the learners undergo classroom training and practical work at Water Boards and Municipalities. A further six months are allocated to workplace training.			
The Artisan Programme	The War on Leaks programme trains learners for the electrical, fitter and turner, welding, instrumentation and plumbing trades. The curricula differ according to the trades. The duration of the institutional training for Artisans is six months and the workplace training takes 18-24 months, depending on the requirements of the trade that the learner has enrolled in. Once the learners have completed workplace training, a period of four to six weeks is used to prepare the learners for the trade test. Successful completion of the			







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