



## MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION

**For Immediate Release**

### **KALULUSHI WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES DUE TO LOW WATER LEVELS**

**LUSAKA, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024-** The Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, together with Nkana Water Supply and Sanitation Company (NWSC), acknowledges the current erratic water supply being experienced in Kalulushi, Copperbelt Province. This shortage is due to critically low water levels at the Mwambashi Raw Water Intake on the Chati Stream, which is the main water source for the area. The drop, in water levels has significantly impacted the Company's capacity to meet the regular water demand for Kalulushi residents.

To manage this shortfall, water rationing has been implemented to ensure equitable distribution among customers. Earlier this month, the Utility deployed a dredger to clear vegetation blocking water flow in the Chati Stream. The equipment was also used to construct a sump for the submersible pump. This effort increased production from an average of 2,500 cubic meters per day to 6,500 cubic meters. However, persistent drought conditions have further reduced upstream water flow, causing the current production levels to reduce to 2,800 cubic meters daily.

In response, a structured water supply schedule has been created with local stakeholders to promote equal access to water supply. A water bowser will also support the supply schedule, prioritizing essential services such as health facilities and schools.

The water supply timetable will be periodically adjusted to align with ZESCO's load management schedule. Residents are encouraged to conserve water during this period by taking the following steps:

- Limiting water use for non-essential activities.
- Promptly fixing household leaks.
- Reporting leaks or bursts to Nkana Water toll-free line using MTN 2021
- Using water-saving fixtures where possible.

The Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation has provided K5 million to Nkana Water and Sanitation Company to resolve some of the problems in its area of jurisdiction and is intensifying its support to all drought-stricken districts.

Regular updates will be provided as the situation develops. Nkana Water's customer support team is available to assist residents with any concerns.

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