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The NBI and BUSA COVID-19 Water Task Team has commenced with an emergency water response to combat the coronavirus.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has identified about 2 000 communities that have no water services to facilitate hand washing to reduce the risk of infection and has implemented a programme of action to fast track the provision of rudimentary water systems.

Aligning with DWS and partnering closely with local municipalities and communities, BUSA and the NBI will be providing hand washing facilities in prioritised informal settlements, hostels and social housing within the Gauteng Province, commencing in the City of Ekurhuleni.

This initiative is essential to reducing the overall rate of infection and protecting vulnerable groups.

Supporting this emergency water response

As part of the National Command Council's programme of action, the BUSA COVID-19 Water Task Team and NBI are appealing for companies to help make a difference now to South African communities during the COVID-19 outbreak.

All donations will be managed by the NBI under a separate water emergency fund and will be entitled to a Section 18A tax deduction.

To make a donation please contact **Gillian Hutchings** (GillianH@nbi.org.za) or **Alex McNamara** (AlexM@nbi.org.za).

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