## R10m Mpame Bridge project to undergo assessment

Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Minister Des van Rooyen will visit the communities of Mbashe Municipality in the Eastern Cape on 15 August to assess progress of the R10m Mpame Bridge project.

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Various villages in the municipality are forced to use dangerous makeshift means to cross the local river to access different community services such as schools, hospitals, clinics, churches and other public amenities. The new bridge aims to bring relief to villagers of Kwa Chezi, Manzibomvu, Mdikana, Mpame Mncwasawane, Ngileni, Mkhathazo and Manzamnyama.
"South African municipalities are faced with serious service delivery infrastructure backlog which has led to the establishment of the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency (MISA), under the Cogta Ministry, to accelerate the delivery and maintenance of infrastructure in municipalities.
"Since its establishment, the agency has implemented various projects as requested by various municipalities - the construction of Mpame Bridge is one of its latest project to improve municipal service delivery infrastructure," said the department.

