

## **DROUGHT RELIEF ALLOCATIONS 2003/04**

The 2003 Adjustment Budget provided for R375,1 million for the drought relief including an amount of R185 million in savings on the Agriculture vote.. Due to the intensification of the drought, a further amount of R250 million was approved by Cabinet in early 2004.

The additional funds have been allocated as follows, subject to the approval of a sound business and implementation plan by the National Treasury and the Department of Provincial and Local Government:

- An allocation of R35 million to the Department of Health towards curbing the spread of diseases such as malaria and cholera.
- An allocation of R60 million to the Department of Social Development towards ensuring that vulnerable rural households have access to food; and
- An allocation of R30 million to the Department of Agriculture for the provision of fodder to developing and established livestock farmers;
- An allocation of R125 million to enable the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) to meet the needs of the affected communities through the provision of water and to secure boreholes.

The departments listed above will be responsible for appropriate interventions in their respective areas, including the determination of funds that need to be transferred to other spheres of government according to the Division of Revenue Act. A special Adjustments Appropriation Bill for the R250 million will be tabled before the end of the financial year.

Moreover, the contingency reserve has been increased by R500 million for the 2004/05 financial year to accommodate any further drought relief measures that may be required. In addition, the Department of Social Development has an amount of R400 million in its baseline to support food security in vulnerable households. This amount should also benefit households affected by the drought.

## **SUMMARY OF DROUGHT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2003/04**

### **Supplement to 2003 Budget**

Special supplementary allocation in Feb 2004	R250m
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### **Adjusted Estimates 2003**

#### Water Affairs and Forestry:

Emergency water supply	R170,1m
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#### Agriculture

Fodder assistance to farmers in the Limpopo	R20m
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Budget savings approved for drought relief	R185m
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<b>Total for drought mitigation in 2003/04</b>	<b>R 625,1 m</b>
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