

Creating awareness: 5 facts about Air Pollution

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Air Pollution Is invisible

You can't always see it, but polluted air can carry tiny particles and gases that damage your lungs, heart, and brain over time

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Waste burning is a local contributor

In many communities, burning waste releases toxic smoke that pollutes the air and harms people nearby, especially children and elderly.

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South Africa has bad air quality

Over 60% of South African cities exceed safe pollution limits facing serious smog and industrial emissions

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Risks of Air Pollution

In 2019 alone, over 25,800 people in South Africa died early due to air pollution-related illnesses like asthma, heart disease, and stroke

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Coal Is South Africa's Biggest Air Polluter

Coal burning, especially in power stations and households, is the largest source of air pollution in South Africa, releasing gases like sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide,