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In general, GroundUp avoids issues which are covered in the mainstream media. Our brief is to go where mainstream reporters do not go, to cover communities and issues which they ignore.

But there are times when we break this rule because we think we can cover a story better, or differently. Cape Town's water crisis offers one of those times.

We started writing about the drought in June 2016: <https://www.groundup.org.za/article/cape-towns-precarious-struggle-water/>

In April 2017 we warned that Cape Town's taps could really run dry: <https://www.groundup.org.za/article/drought-cape-towns-taps-could-really-run-dry/>

Since then we have published dozens of drought stories, focusing on two areas: good science, and good on-the-ground reporting.

We have taken trouble to understand and meticulously explain rainfall data, dam levels, and the various models used to predict "Day Zero".

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/citys-model-shows-how-we-can-avoid-day-zero/>

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/how-severe-drought-detailed-look-data/>

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/facts-and-myths-about-cape-towns-water-crisis/>

We have also taken trouble to report from informal settlements, where it has always been "Day Zero"



<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/its-already-day-zero-siyahlala/>

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/no-water-no-business-say-khayelitsha-businesses/>

We have tried to hold all levels of government to account:

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/dam-project-speeded-tackle-cape-town-water-crisis/>

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/drought-silence-city-councillors/>

And we have tried to report from other areas which are also facing a water crisis:

<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/drought-eastern-cape-towns-facing-day-zero/>

