



QUARTERLY *Review*

JANUARY-MARCH 2024



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MESSAGE BY THE ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (AHOD)

This is a review of progress made in the implementation of development priorities set out in the strategic documents on a year-to-date basis (cumulative). The report on achieved pre-determined objectives as per the Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan (APP) 2023/2024 was used as a basis against which the actual performance was measured and the below write up presents the results.

The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Directorate continuously monitors the implementation of all the interventions set out in its programme planning documents, and the below performance report has been compiled and presents the performance on a year-to-date basis (from first to fourth quarter).

The performance report has been submitted to the Office of the Premier, Provincial Treasury and National on the pre-determined objectives achieved and on deviations experienced and corrective measures implemented, for the same period. All the deviations are supported by the appropriate and approved documentation.

The Department recorded a positive improvement by an achievement of 96 percent of the targets set for the fourth Quarter of the current financial year, an improvement from the 90 percent achieved in the third quarter. The programmes that recorded negative deviations in quarter three achieved all their targets in the quarter under review.

The Performance Information will lay the basis for the preparation and submission of the Annual Report on the achievement of objectives against predetermined objectives.

The Department reported on all 51 set targets. Out of 51 indicators with planned targets in Q4, 48 indicators have been achieved which equals to 94%. One (1) indicator with unplanned target was achieved. Therefore, in addition to the achieved indicators (48) with target, the overall no. of achieved targets in Q4 is 49/51 = 96%.

About the Provincial 9-Point Pledge, coordinated by the Office of the Premier, the department met this commitment as it has achieved 96 percent performance thus exceeding the 90 percent target set.



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ADMINISTRATION

Out of six (6) indicators, five (5) were in Quarter 4 and the programme achieved three (3) indicators with targets, which equals to 60%. Despite this achievement, at an annual scale the programme achieved 100%.

Pertaining to challenges with Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in communities twelve (12) municipalities were monitored on the implementation of GBVF interventions, namely Chris Hanu, Inxuba Yethemba, Enoch Mgijima, Intsika Yethu, Sakhisizwe, Dr. AB. Xuma, O.R. Tambo, Nyandeni, KSD, Mhlontlo, PSJ and Ingquza Hill. GBVF awareness sessions inclusive of Youth and Disability focal groups were held at Elangeni and Ngxaza Hlubi Traditional Councils at Elundini.

To ensure compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), protective clothing was made available to office care cleaners in Bhisho and District Support Centre offices.

To improve the quality of decision making and manage the risk of non-compliance with applicable legislation, the department instituted a litigation matter for reversal of an irregular appointment. Furthermore eight (8) legal opinions, 34 written legal comments were generated and four contracts vetted.

On the fight against corruption and harnessing ethical conduct, Matatiele, Ingquza Hill, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Intsika Yethu, Ndlambe, Elundini, Blue Crane Route, Kouga, Buffalo City, Amathole, Makana, Senqu and Ngqushwa Municipalities were capacitated and monitored on implementation of Local Government Anti-Corruption Strategy and Municipal Integrity Management Framework. Furthermore, an advocacy session on the same framework, was conducted at Enoch Mgijima municipality inclusive of cybersecurity awareness sessions and ICT Systems Security Assessment. An investigation on Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure amounting to R18 122,30 was completed processed to ICU for further handling.

The IGR Directorate continues to promote linkages between District and Metro Municipalities through the sitting of the District and Metropolitan Municipal IGR Forums. All six districts and two metros convened their respective IGR forums.



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TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

Out of 11 indicators, 10 had targets and the programme achieved all its indicators which equals to 100%. Five research reports on genealogies of Royal families were conducted for Nkosi D. Mpangele of Imidange Traditional Council in Gcaleka, Nkosi T. Dike of Tyali Traditional Council in Gcaleka and Nkosi X. Sigcawu of Bashee Traditional Council in Gcaleka, Nkosi S.J. Mapasa of Tutura Traditional Council in Gcaleka and Nkosi S. Binase of Wezashe Traditional Council in Gcaleka. The following activities in respect of conducting and confirming the two genealogical research were performed:

- Conducted awareness session on Section 59 of Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act No.3 of 2019)
- Sourced relevant literature review on the origin of the two Royal Families.
- Conducted genealogical research with members of the affected Royal Families.
- Confirmed genealogical research.
- Compiled and submitted signed and confirmed genealogical reports.

Forty-two (42) awareness sessions with the affected stakeholders on the approved policies and legislation were conducted in identified Traditional Councils (TCs) including Maluti Region, Qaukeni Region, Dalindyebo Region and Gcaleka Region. These TC had challenges generating revenue, managing and reporting and accounting for funds they have collected.

Oversight was conducted on the consultation of the Joe Gqabi LHoTKL on draft regulations for the reconstitution of TC on 05 February 2024 in Aliwal North. This will ensure the participation of stakeholders in the policy making process, in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 of the Constitution of the Republic. Oversight was conducted on the meetings held at Hala TC that was responding to the written request by Tshatshu Development Forum (TDF). The Forum sought intervention and support of the department and meeting was held in the Guba TC which had continuous non-compliance on financial management reporting requirements. The meetings were aimed to ensure that proper guidance was provided on how TC should manage challenges and affairs of the community and provide an understanding on the role of the TC in its communities.

A visit was undertaken to the Cape Town National Archives on 04-05 April 2024 to verify genealogies for Nkosi Mditshwa, Nkosi S.J. Mapasa and Nkosi S. Binase targeted for Quarter 4 of 2023/24 FY for credible genealogical database that will be used as a future source of reference. Support was provided to TC to performance their functions through coordinated TC meetings and stakeholder engagements in all 50 TCs.

With respect to the construction and renovation of Traditional Leadership Councils, construction projects in Mqhekezweni, Mvumelwano, AmaGqunukhwebe and AmaMpondomise were monitored towards completion and one renovation in aMaMpondo Kings residence in Lusikisiki has been rescheduled for 2024/2025.

The department also partnered with South African Police Service, NPA, Department of Social Development, Department of Correctional Services, Legal Aid, Mnquma LM and Pakamisanani NGO to create awareness on the impact of crime and GBVF in communities and how it manifests itself. Communities were provided with information on where to go when they experience GBV.

Women were cautioned against the withdrawal of GBV cases as this exposes them to more abuse that can also lead to loss of life. The awareness sessions were conducted in Mhala and Ngqwara TC and Thornhill in the Ntabethemba area in Western Thembuland under Chris Hani District Municipality. The areas were selected due to the high incidents of GBVF related matters as contained in the SAPS and Community Safety reports. The target audience included Traditional Leaders, Councilors and members of the community, social partners. About 60 people attended the sessions.

Ten (10) bursaries were awarded to qualifying traditional leaders to study Public Management, Business Management, B. Comm in Law, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Paralegal Studies.

A five (5) days induction session of newly 30 recognized Traditional Leaders was conducted on Legislation and policies with a special focus on their roles and responsibilities.

TRADITIONAL MALE INITIATION

DID YOU KNOW? YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is your right to:

- ▲ Receive health education, good quality healthcare and counselling.
- ▲ Adequate supervision by an adult or care-giver you trust.
- ▲ An approved traditional surgeon/ healthcare practitioner to perform the circumcision.
- ▲ Clean hygienic equipment must be used.
- ▲ Demand the registration certificate of a prospective initiation school and traditional surgeon.

It is your responsibility to:

- ▲ Communicate any problems you may have to your parents, caregiver, healthcare worker, social workers, friends, etc.
- ▲ Report any illegal or unregistered initiation school to your nearest police station.
- ▲ Drink water.
- ▲ Use medication for your ailments.



Mr Andile Sidinile

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LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Out of 18 indicators, 14 had targets and all were achieved which equals to 100%. However, apart from the indicators with planned targets, the programme achieved 1 unplanned indicator with valid reasons for the positive deviation.

On revenue collection for municipal services from government departments, four municipal debt collection intervention sessions were convened to encourage departments to timeously pay money owed to municipalities. This intervention is particularly aimed at municipalities to collect revenues due to them to be able services their debts including ESKOM. New mechanisms are being explored to resolve the issue of nonpayment, which include a dispute ombud mechanism and re-assigning the license of persistent defaulters. Therefore, ESKOM is encouraged to implement pre-paid meters in Eskom supplied areas to improve revenue collection. Municipalities are additionally encouraged to adopt pre-paid meters.

All 39 municipalities were supported and monitored to guarantee the functionality of Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPACs) to promote good governance. The MPACs are functional with meetings convened regularly according to the adopted Schedule.

Regarding Operation Masiphathisane, eight municipalities were supported to respond promptly to community concerns thus improve customer satisfaction levels in communities which ultimately may lead to reduced service delivery protests. Thirty-three municipalities were supported on the functionality of Ward Committees for effective community participation.

Thirty-six municipalities were supported to comply with the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) (MSA) Regulations on the appointment of senior managers. This intervention seeks to realise that only suitable qualified officials get appointed to the management positions in municipalities for effective service provision. Secondly, it ensures proper performance management and ultimate service delivery to the communities. We also supported municipalities to align their organograms with the IDPs as well as the development of HR Plans.



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HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL AND KHOISAN LEADERS

Out of three indicators, 2 indicators had targets and the programme achieved all its indicators which equals to 100%.

The functionality of District Initiation Fora (DIF) was monitored in all six districts and two Metros to comply with the Eastern Cape Customary Male Initiation Act. This compliance contributes to a broader outcome that involves the prevention and reduction of initiates deaths where they are initiated into manhood. Also, a Provincial Initiation Summit (PIS) was convened to discuss challenges affecting customary male initiation and charting a way forward that will serve as a blueprint for initiation related interventions in the Eastern Cape.

All 8 District Initiation Fora tabled their 2023 Summer Initiation Season reports to craft an Integrated Provincial Initiation Summer Season Reports for submission to the Executive Committee, MEC, Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC) and finally to the National Initiation Oversight Committee (NIOC).

As part of this programme, a post initiation program on Uyalo lwamakwala was spearheaded in conjunction with the initiation fora in all districts and the two metropolitan municipalities. A presentation was made to the House on the challenges of illegal immigrants in rural areas. To deal with this a discussion also ensued regarding the capacitation of Traditional and Khoisan Leaders in dealing with the identification of illegal foreign nationals in rural areas.

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DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Out of 20 indicators, 19 had targets and all were achieved which equals to 95%.

In line with the implementation of Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA), the department supported sixteen (16) municipalities, namely, Walter Sisulu, Ndlambe, Makana, Enoch Mgijima, Sarah Baartman, Inxuba Yethemba, Matatiele, Ngqushwa, Mbhashe, Umzimvubu, Elundini, Dr Beyers Naude, Great Kei, Kouga, Mhlontlo and Amahlathi to establish Municipal Planning Tribunals (MPT) and training of its members. This was done to achieve hands on support by capacitating municipalities through the training sessions for MPT members, municipal officials, municipal councillors and (traditional leaders) to understand their role in the roll out of SPLUMA. Also, Sundays River Valley, Matatiele, Amahlathi, Sarah Baartman, Amathole, Chris Hani, Mquma, Ingquza Hill, Dr Beyers Naude, Raymond Mhlaba, Ntabankulu, OR Tambo, Sakhisizwe, Inxuba Yethemba, Nyandeni and KSD municipalities received support on the development of a functional Integrated Geographic Information Systems-GIS-. Kouga and Dr Beyers Naude municipalities were also monitored and supported to administer land use management in the implementation of SPLUMA.

Twelve municipalities (12) were guided to ensure compliance with the Municipal Property Rates Act, which are Senqu, Enoch Mgijima, Ngqushwa, Buffalo City, Nyandeni, Kouga, Sakhisizwe, Elundini, Nelson Mandela, Emalahleni, Matatiele and Sundays River Valley. This intervention helps municipalities to deal with the underlying challenges associated with inadequate revenue collection by the municipalities.

Thirty-eight (38) municipalities were supported to implement Indigent Policies (IP) so that people who are not economically effective are not left out in the service provision. In this regard, those people who are disadvantaged are not deprived of the much-needed municipal services such as water, electricity, sanitation, refuse removal and other subsidies owing to their socio-economic status. The support contributes to the macro-economic policy imperative of the country towards the equality and equitable distribution of services regardless of one's socio-economic status in communities.

The department has also monitored progress in the implementation of IP by municipalities with respect to adopted policy by the Council, existence of FBS coordinating structures, availability of Free Basic Services budget and personnel, alignment of IP with other municipal policies and availability of a credible IR.

To strengthen controls around who qualifies for indigent support and prevent abuse of the system, the department handed over (38) Indigent Registers to the Regional Office of South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) for cross referencing on their data bases (SOCPEN social grant beneficiaries). The project to verify Indigent Data between SASSA and COGTA has been finalized.

COGTA is now rolling out feedback to municipalities on findings made by SASSA through the verification of personal information provided by applicants for social assistance and claims for indigent support. Consent forms were also collected from municipalities for the verification of income levels through the partnership with SARS.

On the area of municipal infrastructure spending, four municipalities were supported under the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), Cost Reimbursement Support Model, and they are, Walter Sisulu, Senqu, Enoch Mgijima and Raymond Mhlaba. Their performance on MIG has significantly improved after the intense intervention. Out 36 (thirty-six) MIG receiving municipalities, twenty-seven (27) spent above 70%, which is commendable, five (5) spent between 60% and 70% which is progressive, and four (4) spent below 60% by end February 2024 and that is seriously in contravention of the RAS imperatives.

On disaster management conducted functionality assessments of the disaster management centre and the fire services based on the Disaster Management Act and Fire Brigade Services Act, for Nelson Mandela and Sarah Baartman Disaster Management Centres.

Twelve (12) municipalities received support to develop and implement Local Economic Development (LED) strategies, which are Ntabankulu, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Amahlathi, Mbhashe, Makana, Sundays River Valley, Senqu, Walter Sisulu, Sakhisizwe, Intsika Yethu, Ingquza Hilla and OR Tambo. Subsequently to that 180 work opportunities were created through the Community Works Programme (CWP) in areas such as cleaning, maintenance, and beautification of towns in their selected municipal areas to contribute to poverty eradication strategy. Participants become economically effective members of the society after its implementation. Seven municipalities were supported to promote the small towns' revitalisation programme to ensure town development, accessibility of government services and beautification. Senqu municipality in collaboration with COGTA reviewed its LED Strategy wherein potential catalytic projects were identified and packaged. The municipality has been encouraged to finance the LED initiatives in the reviewed LED Strategy, and as such municipality provided seed for funding value add proposals from local entrepreneurs.

Also, the department supported the construction of the Ntabankulu Internal Streets which is a flagship programme under the Small Towns Revitalisation Programme. Thus 51 job opportunities were facilitated to support livelihoods in line with the LED strategy.

Alfred Nzo District Municipality was also supported in its Gravel Roads Rehabilitation and Construction in various Wards thus rehabilitate gravel roads for local economic development and job creation opportunities in the district. Forty-six thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (46 499) CWP job opportunities have been created in the Eastern Cape Province.

Source: Monitoring And Evaluation Directorate

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