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SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Branch	Total deliverables	Total Ongoing	Total Finalised	% Finalised
Administration	06	-	06	100%
DLG	40	04	36	90%
Traditional Affairs	12	-	12	100%
Department	58	04	54	93%

Programme

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The Special Programs Unit (SPU) visited various Districts and local municipalities to assess the implementation of GBVF responsive programs and identify challenges with the National Strategic Plan on GBVF and introduced the NSP Assessment Tool.



Effective monitoring of the implementation of risk appetite and risk tolerance framework quarterly through the risk management committee reports.



Capacitated municipalities on implementation of Local Government Anti-Corruption Strategy and Municipal Integrity Management Framework

COGTA signed MOU with NSG for capacity building and recruited of senior managers.

The department continues to monitor the implementation of Financial Recovery Plans for Amathole DM, Makana and Walter Sisulu LMs in terms of Section 139 (5) of the Constitution focussing on Good Governance.



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Programme



COGTA is currently monitoring municipalities on the Eskom Debt relief programme in line with MFMA Circular 124 to assist those with huge historic debt that has accumulated interest. Municipalities must pay their current accounts, as well as a favourable collection rate of 80% and continuous submission of Section 71 reports, amongst other things.

Conducted workshops on the development of ward operational plans and assessments tools in planned municipalities.

All municipalities were supported to align IDPs with DDM. IDP Benchmarks will be held with Provincial Treasury, COGTA and municipalities to present progress on implementation of IDPs.



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DCoG has since communicated a list of seven (7) dysfunctional municipalities based on the assessment conducted in 2023 and MSIPs for the Newly categorised municipalities will be developed and consulted in the 25/26 F/Y

Programme

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Numerous training programmes on Municipal Staff Regulations, in particular the Staff Establishment and Recruitment chapters, are being held in all municipalities, in the quest to ensure the professionalisation of LG targeting senior managers and councillors.

MPACs have been monitored to ensure their functionality on the areas of investigating UIF&WE, the monitoring of AIPs by MPAC and other key issues assigned to the Committee. The functionality of MPACs was assessed for municipalities and feedback was provided to ensure improvement in the functionality of the MPACs.



The IGR Implementation Protocol (IP) was signed by the local and provincial government to pledge a commitment to jointly implement government programmes. The Provincial Medium Term Development Plan (P-MTDP) introduced the Implementation Protocol and cross cutting programme for the Provincial Clusters as a measure to strengthen the integration and accelerate service delivery and development. Roll-out of the implementation protocol agreement will be monitored in 2025/26.

DDM continues to be institutionalised with the Organised Business Chambers, Civil Society (SANGOCO), Provincial and Local Houses of Traditional Leaders, Mayors and MECs where a Declaration of DDM Support and expressed intent to support DDM was signed.



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Programme



The PDMC coordinated municipalities to report on the allocated disaster recovery grants as well as conducted project verification meetings working with the COGTA, MIS as well as MISA engineers.



All five (05) WSA District Municipalities registered the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (IAMP) from the MIG, that shall allow municipalities in future to utilize MIG 10% for repairs and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure.

COGTA is part of the DWS bi-monthly Water Services War-Rooms, to monitor the functionality of Water Services Authorities (WSAs) and Providers (WSPs) on water quality standards (blue, green, and no-drop).



no drop
CERTIFICATION
water use efficiency
REGULATION



green drop
CERTIFICATION
waste water service
REGULATION



blue drop
CERTIFICATION
drinking water quality
REGULATION

Programme

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COGTA supported 12 targeted municipalities, to review and implement their LED strategies with the involvement of traditional leaders are part of the identified stakeholders that are being engaged before the finalisation of the LED Strategies. Through this process, traditional leaders are encouraged to contribute the development areas encapsulated in their Traditional Council Development Plans for coherent implementation.



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Programme

RAS Infrastructure Site Audits were conducted to 9 (nine) municipalities, through site verification and development of the Infrastructure Audit Improvement Plans.

Departmental Valuers have been appointed into the different Municipal Project Steering Committees for the general valuation rolls. All municipalities have valid and credible general valuation rolls, which is the basis to levying property rates.

The Department supported the development of Master and Precinct plans for Maluti-Cedarville and Tsolo-Qumbu and the master plans have been completed.



Programme

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2 x drones have been purchased, 6 pilots trained and now undergoing licensing and registration before operations. An MOU has been signed with SANSA for a period of 2 financial years from 2024/25 to 2025/26. The drone project, phases 4 & 5 for licensing are expected to be finalised by 30 June 2025.

Various training sessions have been conducted on phase 1 of USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) “be safe” over two days in collaboration with NDMC.

Draft Provincial FBS Indigent Policy Framework has been developed to ensure compliance by municipalities on credible Indigent Registers. COGTA working with SASSA, Statistics South Africa and ECSSEC to improve the level of coordination and management of Indigent Data by municipalities.



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Programme

A budget of 5,6M has been set aside for the operations of 7 Kingship and such support is continuously provided. Social Facilitators by DPW&I has been conducted produced preliminary designs and costs for the construction of aMaMpondomse Royal Palace which amounted to an estimated amount of R60m.

All 6 Local Houses have been supported in the quarterly sittings for their operations as required in the Act.



Genealogical research was conducted for 02 Royal Families of Nkosi Mcotama of Mcotama TC and Nkosi Kona of Ngqwara TC

Programme

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The following update refers to the construction of 5 Traditional Councils (TC) underway, viz;

- Mvumelwano T/C: Contractor busy with excavation on site and is in the process of appointing a Land Surveyor
- AmaZizi TC: Project went out on tender on 24/01/2025 and closed on 25/02/2025. On 28/03/2025 advertised for Professional services. (Civil/Structural and Mechanical and Electrical engineers)
- ImiNgcangathelo TC: Project went out on tender on 24/01/2025 and closed on 25/02/2025. On 28/03/2025 advertised for Professional services, (Civil/Structural and Mechanical and Electrical engineers)
- Mqhekezweni T/C: After letter of appointment. The contractor withdrew due to personal reasons
- AmaMpondomise Royal Palace: Budget allocated for the project was rescheduled to the next financial year as per the approval of the Acting Head of Department.

Furthermore, conditional assessment has been conducted for renovations of Dabi TC and materials delivered.

Final regulations were published, with the selection of 60% members and election of 40% members of TC's was concluded for all the regions except for two regions. Out of 218 TCs headed by Senior Traditional Leader (STL), 150 have been reconstituted with 43 mainly from Gcaleka & Emfoland not reconstituted and 25 without STL. All TCs will only have sittings as provided for in the act after being reconstituted.



5 Programme

COGTA, through the Provincial House of Traditional Koi-San Leader (HTKL) conducted awareness campaigns focusing on schools and community imbizo and churches, radio (SABC and community Radio Stations) to distribute customary male initiation safety messages, focusing on would be initiates and parents. Collaborations were conducted with Health, Social Development, Education and Safety and Security cluster departments to enhance intervention to the challenges facing customary male initiation.

Continued to provide support to the HTKL to put up programmes through advocacy and monitoring of initiation schools to ensure that the protocols are well understood and boys in danger are rescued.





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