



DWAF SUPPORT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Roles and Responsibilities

Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) role and responsibility stipulated in the Constitution, Water Services Act, National Water Act

Key Functions:

- Policy Development for WS and WR to ensure good governance, oversight on policy impact, development of norms and standards
- Regulation- Monitoring of sector performance and ensuring compliance
- Support as provided for in the Constitution within IGR framework. Strong collaboration with DPLG critical
- Shareholder Role- Sole shareholder and primary regulator of water boards



Roles and Responsibilities

- Information Management for support, regulation and planning
- Operation of Water Resources Infrastructure e.g. dams and some bulk supply schemes

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To oversee the functions of Local Government



Introduction

- DWAF support to local government has been undertaken inline with broader government initiatives to support local government to deliver basic services
- Should be looked at in the context of DWAF as a supporter, regulator and leader of the sector
- Government has set up a five year local government plan
- The plan articulate the roles of sector departments nationally and provincially and other organisations in supporting local government
- Project consolidate framework



DWAF's Approach

- Creating enabling environment through policy refinement and institutional reform
- Regional Offices have Province specific support programmes
- DWAF in the process to finalize sector wide support strategy that goes beyond LG
- Developed checklist
- DWAF developed project consolidate strategy



Main Focus

- The main focus of DWAF support is on supporting municipalities to deliver basic infrastructure
- Supporting water and sanitation delivery- meeting the targets
- Free basic services
- Water quality management
- Eradicate bucket toilets in established formal settlements by 2007
- Ensure the establishment of functional capable and effective water services institutions



Mechanism

- Hands on support (on bucket eradication) through secondment of our officials to LG, funding for post & service provides at LG, SALGA and DPLG in certain Provinces and
- Supporting municipalities to attain universal access to water services through promoting the culture of planning
- Planning and Design of projects
- Project management
- Responding to issues raised during Presidential Imbigo's
- Development of sector support strategy and institutional reform strategy
- Advisory services




Process

- Collation & assessment of available information (e.g imbizos, WSA checklist, Municipal profiles .etc)
- Engagement with Dwaf regions to ascertain priority areas requiring water services support
- Engagement with municipal officials to confirm challenges and support needs
- Formalizing support action plans (including alignment with other support programmes
- Mobilize resources to be deployed to municipalities
- Prepare regular progress reports on support (national & regional) provided to municipalities
- Assist regions to develop provincial support strategy in consultation with provinces and key stakeholders



Support to bucket eradication

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- 21 engineers contracted to assist identified municipalities to provide **hands-on support** on:
 - Technical reports and/or feasibility studies
 - Project registration
 - Designs
 - Project Management Engineers are seconded on a full time basis to:
 - 7 of the most needy municipalities in the Free State (Phumelela, Kopanong, Masilonyana, Nketoane, Tokologo, Mohokare and Letsemeng),
 - Sol Plaatjie municipality in the Northern Cape
 - DBSA INITIATIVE DPLG TO EXPAND



Support Municipalities to Attain Universal Access to Basic Services



- Promote the culture of planning through supporting the WSDP and IDP process
- Support municipalities in conducting feasibility studies
- Support municipalities in developing technical reports
- Support municipalities in designing water services projects
- Assist municipality with project management
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Information management



Free Basic Services

- Tariff analysis, policy development and alignment
- Free basic water data verification and backlog studies
- Cost recovery systems to move from free water to FBW
- Support and guidance in providing services on private land



Drinking Water Quality

- Support to municipality on monitoring Drinking water quality, Free State province a leader in this regard
- Support by Water Boards and DWAF officials in conducting water quality compliance audits
- Development of water quality information management systems
- Water quality monitoring in hospitals



Challenges

- Capacity constraints at municipalities level- inability to receive support
- Competing targets- water and sanitation, roads, electricity etc
- Lack of coordination and Duplication of support initiatives
- Unclarified role of Sector Departments
- Lack of cooperation from certain municipalities
- Tensions resulting from powers and functions





Recommendations

- Better co-ordination of support initiatives, DPLG to play a key role in co-ordination
- More active involvement of political leadership at all spheres of government
- Use of project consolidate framework to avoid piece meal support initiatives
- Recommendation on the strategy to accelerate delivery of infrastructure be implemented (In Cabinet Memo – Scenario 3)
- Need for more innovative thinking and flexibility



Conclusion

To reach the targets set by government, support to Local Government should be doubled or even tripled in some cases

Support to Local Government is very close to our heart, our success as a Department and a Nation depends on success of Local Government



Thank You