

**Northern Cape: Presentation To The  
Honourable Portfolio Committee Members**

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# Northern Cape Province Profile

- **Location**

bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the west; Namibia on the North-West; Botswana on the North; South fringed by Swartberg Mountain Range; Western Cape in the South-West; North East and East bordered by North West and Free State Provinces respectively.

- **Geographical Makeup**

Northern Cape has the largest land mass [covers 29.9 % of RSA land surface – thus 417 345 square kilometers (Stats SA-2005) in comparison to the remaining eight (8) provinces that makeup the Republic of South Africa , “more than ten times the size of Gauteng Province” (CSIR Report-2005). The topography, of arid and semi desert, is contributory factor to settlement patterns.

- **Administrative Makeup**

Five Districts:	Pixley Ka Seme	:Capital in De Aar
	Frances Baard	:Capital in Kimberley
	Siyanda	:Capital in Upington
	Namaqua Region	:Capital in Springbok
	Kgalagadi	:Capital in Kuruman



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# Population Profile

## Size

- 822 726 [1.8 %] of the 45 million total population of RSA, housed in the Northern Cape, comparatively, which has largest land mass of 29, 9 %:  
therefore:
  - extremely sparse settlement
  - low-density population
- 2006 Demarcations: Population increase – estimated over 1 million**

## • Classification

- 12, 4% Whites
- 35, 7% Blacks [2006 Demarcations: Population increase – Blacks number increased]
- 51.5% Coloureds
- 0.2% Asians
- Minor Communities Nama; San; Khoi; Xu! and Khwe in scattered settlements

## • Settlement Patterns

- from rural settlements characterised:
- low population density due to [2.3 p/sq km compared to national average 34]
- vast distance amongst settlements and between settlements and services facilities



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# Economics

- **Economic Sectors**

- Primary sector makes up 31% of GDP with:  
Mining as largest which declined by 2.1% [1996 – 2002]  
Agriculture increased its contribution (supported by migratory labour including cross border movement – recent **NIB Inspectorate Kgalagadi Operation**.)
- Economic growth at 1.4% [1996 – 2002] Farming
- Unemployment increased 28% to 33.4%
- Poverty is key challenge
- Key societal challenges  
Increase access to:
  - health
  - education
  - social services [Home Affairs included]
  - employment opportunitiesDecrease prevalence of HIV/Aids (CSIR-2005)



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# Population Profile (continued)

- increased population density found in:  
Kimberley; Gordonia; Postmasburg ; Namaqualand (Upington and Springbok); Pampierstad and Kuruman  
*the last two are densely populated as a result of pre-1994 homeland systems*
- Migratory populace in rural settlements due to:  
seasonal work in the farms

- **Language**

- The languages spoken in Northern Cape are English, Afrikaans, IsiXhosa, Setswana, Xu! and Khwe. Corresponding staff members come from communities that speak the languages except for Xu! and Khwe whose community members speak Afrikaans which is commonly spoken language spoken in greater Northern Cape

- **Demarcations**

- Effects: Pampierstad and Greater Phokwane Municipality under Northern Cape
- Outstanding financial and budgetary transfers: Pampierstad under North West
- Added number of communities from North West to Northern Cape



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# Status of Facilities / Offices

- **Accessibility**

- Key factors:
  - geographic vastness
  - traveling and ancillary costs
  - the distances amongst the existing Home Affairs facilities
  - prime transport
- Effect of the foregoing increases:
  - inaccessibility of services facilities in general
- **Existing** DHA facilities in sub-regions:
  - Kimberley
  - Springbok
  - Upington
  - Kuruman
- Five Year Plan for **new** DHA facilities in sub-regions to increase accessibility:
  - Kimberley
  - Springbok
  - Upington
  - corresponding restructuring
- Part of increasing accessibility is **service frequency, proximity and extended operational times and days**: Mon – Fri 07H30 to 16H00 and Sat 08H00 – 13H00



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# Offices Status / Access to Services

(continued)

- **Offices / Facilities Types and Location**

Definitions of office: Point of contact where service is provided

- **Location**

Location of service facilities aimed at increasing accessibility are largely influenced by:

- geographic vastness
- the distances amongst the existing Home Affairs facilities
- travel time
- prime transport
- travel costs

- As per CSIR 2005 Report mandate and recommendation to increase accessibility, and due to geographic vastness, a 60 minute travel time is applied to service points save for mobile points

- **Types**

- Regional Offices
- District Offices
- Service Points
- Multipurpose Community Centres – MPCCs
- Mobile Units [trucks]
- House and / or Hospital Visits

*Scarcity of land and buildings makes Office accommodation prime which has given rise to Accommodation Forum with DPW & DHA*



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## Office Automation / Equipment: De Aar Office

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	CONDITION	TIME FRAME
COMPUTERS	13	GOOD	2 YEARS
LAZER PRINTERS	7	GOOD	1 YEAR
OKI PRINTERS	2	GOOD	1 YEAR
FAX MACHINES	1	GOOD	2 YEARS
LAPTOP	1	GOOD	1 YEAR
PLASMA SCREEN	1	GOOD	5 MONTHS
RECORDING MACHINES	0		
PHOTOCOPY MACHINE	2	GOOD	2 YEARS
ID CAMERAS	2	GOOD	1 YEAR
CASH REGISTERS	1	GOOD	5 YEARS
SAFE	1	GOOD	8 YEARS
FRANKING MACHINE	1	GOOD	9 YEARS



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# Mobile Units / Access To Services (continued)

## • Mobile Units

- The province received Mobile Unit [trucks] seven (7) , one per office
- [additional four (4) were received on the 08/03/2007 into the province],
- used where service facilities do not exist and schools visits form integral part of programme
- increase service access thereto
- mobiles form permanent feature of Service Delivery infrastructure / facilities [programme]

## • Deployment

- the first time, at 2006 February Platfontein Project
- register Xhu and Khwe communities
- in March 2006 [week long] National Council of Provinces (“NCOP”) “Taking Parliament To The People” in Kgalagadi.
- 2006 November “Batho Pele Week” Carnarvon
- “16 Days of Activism” Colesburg
- Identity Document Campaigns

## • Challenges / Solutions

- Mobile Unit [truck] qualified drivers [code 10 with valid PDP]
- mitigated with recent recruitment, selection and appointments
- distribution of qualified drivers to various Northern Cape offices
- dedicated teams for mobile services will be consolidated to increase mobile service frequency
- Municipality premises strategic places for services announcements; negotiate ancillary support from HO to elevate and improve on service announcement / advertisement



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# ID CAMPAIGN

[7 Mobile units deployment in the province]

Office	Number of mobile units	Number of areas serviced	Officials involved
Kimberley	1	39	4
Upington	1	39	4
Kuruman	1	54 (including the newly adopted North West Villages)	3
De Aar	2	17	3
Springbok	1	64	3
Pampierstad	1	23	2



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