

MAYOR'S FORWARD

We reflect on our performance over the past year and we also share our service delivery priorities and plans for the coming Financial Year. Direct involvement of our stakeholders in the affairs of the district is crucial for effective planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of service delivery and development programmes.

We have therefore made it our prerogative to involve the end-beneficiaries of projected development and service delivery in the governance and administration of the affairs of the district and allow them to exercise their constitutional right and space to deliberate on the development priorities of this institution for the coming Financial Year.

In the past 20 years we have pursued a development agenda based on the delivery of basic services to uplift our people from the bondage of under-development and poverty. Within the district, we are proud to report that, in the past 20 years we have addressed the following service delivery issues:

We have eradicated the bucket system in Dodrecht, Indwe, Lusaka, Lady Frere and Sada. We are also on track to eliminate the remaining buckets in Tarkastad. In the last 20 years we have reduced sanitation backlogs from 85% to 25%. We have also reduced water backlog from 65% to 24%. We also resolved the water challenges in Middleburg through drilling of additional deep boreholes. We have improved drinking water quality from 53% to 78%, and these results have been independently verified through the assessments conducted under the National Blue Drop programme.

Our water supply programme to Cala, Cofimvaba and Lady Frere have been improved significantly. In addition, we have improved the waste water treatment works at Sterkstroom and Cofimvaba. We are also refurbishing bulk sewer pipes across the district. In the current financial year, our district has intensified its service delivery focus on basic services to improve the livelihoods of our people. This was our unconditional resolve, when we **assumed** office in 2011. Therefore, the following service delivery programmes are being implemented by the district in the current financial year.

The district is implementing a bulk water supply project at Xonxa Dam to improve water supply provision in Queenstown and Ilinge, under the Lukhanji Local Municipality. This project is being implemented at a cost of R153 million over the next 3 years, and in this financial year, an amount of R55 million is being spent. The district has also completed the upgrading of water filters at Sada Water Treatment Works in Lukhanji Local Municipality at a cost of R8 million.

At Emalahleni, we will be spending R31 million to provide water supply to Jiputa, Makhikhi, Noluthando, Eimagefaeneni and Lukhavana; while at Sakhisizwe, we will be spending R37 million in the provision of water supply to Lower Langanci, Upper Inkwanca and Upper Mnxe; While at Gesni Kwamzola, Mlika Matlanyile A and B, Ngqara, Mtskabe Mdeni T, Mhlahlane F, Ezantsi C, Jerusalem A and Mgingqini A.

In Intsika Yethu, we are implementing a R162 million water treatment works project to boost the capacity for feeding the areas of Ncora. Construction has commenced and in the current year, we are already spending R20 million on the project. We are going to spend R31 million

over the next three years in providing Water and Sanitation to villages of Qamata. In addition, we will also be spending R34 million in providing water supply to East Bank, Daza, Ntenza, Vrystad and Zolo. We will also be spending R31 million in the provision of water to rural communities.

In Sterkstroom, Inkwanca Local Municipality, we are upgrading Waste Water Treatment Works. In the current year an amount of R3 million is being spent on this project.

At Engcobo Local Municipality, we are implementing the Gqara Water Treatment Works at a cost of R98 million over the next 3 years. In the current year, we are spending R30 million on the project. We are going to be spending R14.7 million to provide water supply to Mnyolo, Zabura, Ndluknkulu B, Sandil A and Kusandile. In addition, we will also be spending R9.5 million to supply water to Nquthura, Chaba E and D, Nxamagele A and B and Emqonci Ndlunkulu A. We will also be spending R10.5 million to provide water supply to Elhuweni-Vetyu; Nkwenkwana A, Malanganzana, Qoloweni E Mbilini, Eqoloweni A and Mqanda B and C.

At Sakhisizwe Local Municipality, we are building yard connections at Polar Park in Elliot. This project is being implemented at a cost of R35.5 million. We are spending R14 million to upgrade the Elliot Waste Water Treatment Works.

We have a responsibility to restore the dignity of our people by providing a healthy and safe environment. We are spending R223 million to eradicate rural sanitation backlogs in four regions, Engcobo, Intsika Yethu, Lukhanji, Tsolwana, Sakhisizwe and Emalahleni. This financial year, we are already spending R109 million on this programme.

In the next three years we will continue to pursue an aggressive water and sanitation programme geared towards creating decent living conditions for our people.

The Chris Hani District Municipality is responsible for ensuring that the water provided to communities is safe for human consumption and adequate for domestic use as well as recreational, industrial, food production and all other human and animal use.

Since the beginning of this financial year, 1 715 drinking water samples were tested for compliance, and of these only 24 failed to meet the standards due to heavy seasonal rains that affected some of our purification systems, and this impacted on the water quality

In relation to waste water monitoring, 115 waste water samples were tested during the period under review. Of these, only 4 failed compliance with General and Special Standards Regulation 991 due to infrastructural problems in our waste water treatment works

It is our responsibility to raise public awareness through campaigns on health and hygiene, environmental awareness as well as through training programmes. In the current year, 49 campaigns have been conducted at different schools and communities within the district. These programmes are ongoing and their implementation shall continue during the next financial year.

Through our partnership with the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), Youth Jobs in Waste Programmes are being implemented at Ngcobo and Lukhanji municipalities. This program is now being rolled out to the other 6 local municipalities within the district.

Funding has also been received for the licensing of the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality landfill site in Cradock. There has also been a major funding injection of R30 million from Department of Economic Affairs that will see Lukhanji operating multi-recycling buy back centers, and entrepreneurship programmes in waste.

A budget of R7 million has been allocated to Intsika Yethu Municipality for upgrading the existing materials recovery facility.

Sakhisizwe Local Municipality has also received an EPWP funding of R12 million from the Department of Economic Development for implementation of waste recapitalization projects.

Awareness programs are conducted on a quarterly basis on environmental quality management, land care and sustainable development in relation to climate change.

The Council has since allocated **R4.9 million** for the intensification of the Wattle Eradication Programmes in the areas of Ngcobo and Intsika Yethu municipalities. This programme has also been extended to Sakhisizwe municipality with a funding of **R2.4 million**.

Funding of about **R3 million** has been allocation to Sakhisizwe, Intsika Yethu, Lukhanji and Emalahleni municipalities for the implementation of Landcare Management projects.

In addition, the greening and environmental rehabilitation programs have also been expanded to include research and a management program for *Satansbos* at Inxuba Yethemba municipality with a budget allocation of R1 million.

Through these programmes, 691 jobs were realized within the framework of the Expanded Public Works Programme.

At Emalahleni Local Municipality, we are constructing a bridge linking villages of Dubeni. We have a budget allocation of R11 million in the current financial year for this project.

In Inkwanca, we are developing the Molteno Sports Complex. In the current financial year, we have an allocation of R4.2 million for this much awaited project that will enable our communities to engage in sports and health programmes in a well-equipped facility.

Hala has 42 Households benefiting in Food Gardens and back yard Poultry and Sustainable Livelihood budgeted for an amount of R455 000 while Qebe and Silidini also implement a Pre-school and food gardens development for a budget of R1.6 million from the Department of Social Development.

In the current year, we are spending R800 000 on destitute programme, and the next financial year, we will spend R2 million.

An amount of R32 million has been allocated for the construction of permanent structure for beneficiaries that were affected by natural disasters across the 8 local municipalities in the district.

The municipality recognises the impact of HIV & AIDS on productivity and service delivery.

In the current year, we are spending **R1.1 million** on the Tree Nursery project, and in the mid-term, we will be spending **R3.1 million** on this project.

In the current year, we are spending R850 000 on the charcoal production project, and in the mid-term, we will be spending about R2 million on the project.

A budget of R600 000 was made available for Sabalele Development Centre in Intsika Yethu Local Municipality this financial year. In the current, we have just completed the mounting of Chris Hani statue at Sabalele - Intsika Yethu Local Municipality at a cost of R600 000.

We have also refurbished the tombstones of two icons of struggle heritage at Emalahleni-Qoqodala, on the graves of Qonda Hoho and Luvuyo Lerumo at a cost of R100 000.

In addition, at Engcobo Local Municipality, we have spent R100 000 for the reburial of Ntomentome Gigi and Mthingwevu Mcholwa, our liberation icons. Apart from that, we have effected repairs to the graves of Cradock Four in Inxuba Yethemba at a cost of R100 000. Continuing with our heritage programmes in Elliot – Sakhisizwe Local Municipality, we have completed the construction of the Elliot Four Memorial at a cost of R500 000. Whilst, in Engcobo Local Municipality we are in the process of developing Heroes Park.

We are spending R11.5 million in the current year in supplying the farming communities with production inputs and mechanical services for the production of grain crops and the organizing of markets under the Dryland Crop Production programme. Various municipalities in the district are benefiting from this programme, and 1450 individuals have benefited from this initiative.

We are also revitalising Irrigation Schemes in the district. In the mid-term we intend to spend R36 million in crop production and minimum infrastructure revitalization at Ncorha, Qamata, Bilatye and Shiloh, McBride, Mitford, Tentergate, Xonxa/Tshatshu Irrigation Schemes.

The District approved a pro-poor budget of R1 795 618 billion for the 14/15 Financial Year and this budget is directly focused on improving the lives of the communities of the Chris Hani District Municipality. More than R 66 million of the total budget is dedicated to infrastructure provisioning in the District, R82 million on Local Economic Development and R30 Community Services.

For the 2014/15 Financial Year, the district municipality will be rolling out performance Management to all staff. All staff members will now be able to be monitored accordingly for the purpose of enhancing service delivery.

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR

