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COGTA RESPOND TO UNDER-SPENDING OF CAPITAL BUDGET IN MUNICIPALITIES

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga has noted the under spending of allocation for capital projects by some municipalities. The affected municipalities are Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme; Msukaligwa; Lekwa; Victor Khanye; Thembisile Hani; Bushbuckridge; Thaba Chweu and Mbombela.

The department has established a Task Team with the Department of Water and Sanitation, District Municipalities and Rand Water to accelerate the implementation of water projects in order to meet the provincial target of December 2015 for the delivery of water to all communities. Rand Water has been identified as a highly capacitated service provider to accelerate the implementation of the water projects.

Although few teething administration challenges were experienced at the beginning, such as project prioritization, approvals and registration, however, all these have been addressed and the department is already recording improvements in the expenditure of the Capital Budgets.

Further improvement is also expected in view of the intervention support provided by the Provincial Department of Finance and COGTA to deal with municipal financial management matters and expeditious delivery of basic services. This support is in line with the implementation of the financial management plan aimed at supporting all municipalities with prudent expenditure. The implementation of the IMSP is also aimed at improving service delivery and consequently expenditure of the capital projects allocation.

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