



Province of the
EASTERN CAPE
COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE
& TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

QUARTERLY *Review* APRIL-JUNE 2025

DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES ACHIEVED



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This report discusses the progress made in the implementation of the Departmental strategic documents and MEC policy speech. The report and progress made in the achievement of development priorities set out in the strategic plans will be presented on a year-to-date basis, cumulatively.

The report on achieved pre-determined objectives as per the Strategic Plan and the APP 2025/2026 was used as the basis against which the actual performance was measured, and the below write-up presents the results.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Services (MES) Directorate continuously monitors the implementation of all interventions in its programme planning documents, and the below performance report presents the performance on the year-to-date basis.

The performance report has been submitted to the Office of the Premier, Provincial Treasury and National based on the pre-determined objectives achieved, deviations experienced, and corrective measures implemented, for the same period. All the deviations are supported by appropriate, sufficient evidence and approved by the HOD.

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DEPARTMENTAL Performance Summary

The Department has achieved 98 percent of the targets set for the first Quarter of 2025/2026 FY; an achievement similar to the 98 percent achieved in the first quarter of the FY 2023/2024. It is encouraging to see the achievement of all the targets by programmes One, Two, Three and Five respectively.

The monthly monitoring of the performance indicators forms part of the Provincial 9-Point Pledge, coordinated by the Office of the Premier, to achieve not less than 90 percent of targets at the end of the financial year. The department has met this commitment by the 98 percent performance in this Quarter.

Importantly, the Performance Information is compiled in line with sections 40(1)(d) and 40(3)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act (1 of 1999), which requires the preparation and submission of

the Annual Report on the achievement of objectives against predetermined objectives.

Accordingly, the Department has reported on all 56 set targets of which 55 (98 percent) have been achieved. Also, all deviations (negative and positive on planned targets and reasons for both negative and positive deviations have been prepared and are disclosed in the QPR as per the DPME - QPR guidelines.

In line with the pronouncements as per the strategic planning documents, the department has adopted an improved strategy in monitoring its performance beyond the actual target achievement reporting, but also implements monitoring processes that report on whether the stated goals/outcomes have been achieved.

Table 1.1: Departmental performance summary

Programme	Quarter One			Year-to-Date		
	Number of targets	Number of achieved targets	% of actual targets	Number of targets	Number of actual targets	% of actual targets
One	6	6	100%	6	6	100%
Two	18	18	100%	18	18	100%
Three	19	19	100%	19	19	100%
Four	8	7	88%	8	7	88%
Five	5	5	100%	5	5	100%
TOTAL	56	55	98%	56	55	98%

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YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is your right to:

- Receive health education, good quality healthcare and counselling.
- Adequate supervision by an adult or care-giver you trust.
- An approved traditional surgeon/ healthcare practitioner to perform the circumcision.
- Clean hygienic equipment must be used.
- Demand the registration certificate of a prospective initiation school and traditional surgeon.

TRADITIONAL
MALE INITIATION

It is your responsibility to:

- Communicate any problems you may have to your parents, caregiver, healthcare worker, social workers, friends, etc.
- Report any illegal or unregistered initiation school to your nearest police station.
- Drink water.
- Use medication for your ailments.

HIGHLIGHTS Per Programme

PROGRAMME ONE: Administration

Programme	Quarter One			Year-to-Date		
	Number of targets	Number of achieved targets	% of actual targets	Number of targets	Number of actual targets	% of actual targets
One	6	6	100%	6	6	100%
TOTAL	6	6	100%	6	6	100%

The Programme has six performance indicators in the APP, and all the six targets were achieved in Quarter 1, which equals to a 100% achievement.

Gender and Diversity Management conducted monitoring and administrative support session for the youth focal persons at Alfred Nzo District and its local municipalities on the implementation of the National Youth Policy (NYP) 2020-2030 five priorities. The representative officials were encouraged to form Youth and Children's Advisory Councils in response to the Child and Youth Development Strategy as they pronounced their non-existence.

Additionally, the Human Resource Administration and Development facilitated the following short courses as below:

- Twenty-Two (22) officials attended training on Coaching and Mentoring and
- Thirty (30) officials attended the Customer Care training.

The Department has also awarded Fourteen (14) bursary holders in 2025, which makes Eighteen (18) bursary holders with those that are continuing from 2024. Three Senior posts were filled and the GICTM unit provided support to the e-PMDS and the e-Leave across the department.

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PROGRAMME TWO: Local Governance

Programme	Quarter One			Year-to-Date		
	Number of targets	Number of achieved targets	% of actual targets	Number of targets	Number of actual targets	% of actual targets
Two	18	18	100%	18	18	100%
TOTAL	18	18	100%	18	18	100%

Programme 2 had 18 indicators to implement during the quarter under review and achieved all indicators, which equals to 100%. The programme exceeded targets in three indicators and reasons for deviation are due to the additional requests of support by municipalities in some of their programmes.

The communication of the District Development Model as a government-wide delivery vehicle by all strategic partners is ongoing through a Communication Strategy focused on educating, raising awareness and mobilising communities by engaging Districts' and Metros to continue convening IGR Forum meetings as per council approved schedules. The Department facilitated the submission of the Human Rights Commission and Public Protector reports to office of the HoD by O.R. Tambo District as well as the Echwebeni and Enyobeni reports. Also, the Centane land dispute with Traditional Leaders, OR Tambo/KSD municipality as well as DRLLD finalisation was supported, led by OTP. Support to the Municipal Demarcation Board Consultation Programme on delimitation of ward boundaries in SBDM, ADM, OR TAMBO and the JGDM was effected.

Among other interventions the Districts/Metros were supported with the development/reviewal and implementation of the council approved IGR strategy / policy and / ToRs.

To provide support services and monitor the effective municipal administration matters within regulatory frameworks, the department conducted an assessment on the functionality of councils and their structures as well as the implementation of the administration systems.

The department, in collaboration with Provincial Treasury, further conducted MEC engagements, monitored Audit Action Plans, submitted the MFMA Section 131 report to the legislature, and held AFS Readiness sessions. These interventions aimed to assist municipalities in addressing AG findings and improving financial accountability.

The MPAC functionality was monitored in the Alfred Nzo District, where both Ntabankulu and Umzimvubu Local Municipalities were found to have functional MPACs operating as expected. Ntabankulu successfully reduced its UIF&W expenditure to zero whilst Umzimvubu LM reported no UIF&W expenditure.

Between April and June 2025, the department actively supported numerous audit and risk committee meetings and facilitated strategic risk assessments across

multiple municipalities, these including Ntabankulu, Great Kei, Amahlathi, Emalahleni, Inxuba Yethemba, Enoch Mgijima, Joe Gqabi District, Senqu, Ingquza Hill, O.R. Tambo District, Kumkani Mhlontlo, Kouga, Port St. Johns, Mbhashe, Dr AB Xuma, Amahlathi, Elundini, and also the Joe Gqabi Development Agency.

The Department supported Winnie Madikizela LM, Umzimvubu LM, Ntabankulu LM and Alfred Nzo DM with proactive strategies and structures to address urgent issues and service delivery breakdowns. Support on petition management and on the petition framework discussions was facilitated. In line with effort to institutionalise local government by ensuring that municipalities appoint qualified and competent senior managers, the department supported the filling of 06 Senior Managers' positions as follows:

- Senior manager: Development Planning -Mbashe LM
- Senior manager: Technical and Community Services- Great Kei LM
- Chief Financial Officer- Koukamma LM
- Senior Manager: Corporate Services – Blue Crane LM
- Senior Manager: Infrastructure Planning and Development: Matatiele LM
- Senior Manager: Corporate Services – Nyandeni LM

In addition, the Department had only targeted the Makana LM to support the review of the organogram to comply with the underlying municipal staff regulations linking with powers and functions as identified in the IDP, however due to the demand and requests, Sarah Baartman DM and Koukamma LM were also supported. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela was supported in strengthening the capacity of local labour forums, mitigating individual labour disputes and on investigations of unfair labour practices.

Capacity building sessions were rolled out on the new regulations on Municipal Staff issued by National CoGTA specifically on Performance Management & Development System (PMDS), analysis of PMDS policy framework, whilst OR Tambo participated in the District-wide IDP/PMS Forums.

Currently, the MSIP's are under review in all the seven (7) targeted municipalities as identified by National DCOG.



L-R: Morena PBM Molefe, MEC of Cogta Zolile Williams and Kgosi Thabo Seatlholo -Chairperson of the National House of Traditional and Khoisan Leaders

PROGRAMME THREE: Development and Planning

Programme	Quarter One			Year-to-Date		
	Number of targets	Number of achieved targets	% of actual targets	Number of targets	Number of actual targets	% of actual targets
Two	18	18	100%	18	18	100%
TOTAL	18	18	100%	18	18	100%

The Programme is comprised of 19 indicators in the APP and achieved all 19 indicators which equals to a 100% achievement.

In terms of Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) implementation, Cogta supported Great Kei, Sarah Baartman, Port St Johns and Umzimvubu in establishment of municipal planning tribunals and municipal officials training on SPLUMA. The dept further provided technical support on land use administration, town planning on municipal processes of reviewing / drafting of SDF's that are compliant with.

Municipalities were guided in ensuring compliance with the Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 (MPRA). This intervention further contributes to dealing with inadequate revenue collection by the municipalities. Joe Gqabi, Amathole and Sarah Baartman DM were supported to conduct cadastral surveys for access to land rights and by extension as per their challenges and needs.

Twelve municipalities namely, Ntabankulu, O.R Tambo, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Amahlathi, Raymond Mhlaba, Senqu, Walter Sisulu, Sakhisizwe, Sundays River Valley, Dr. A. B Xuma and King Sabata Dalindyebo were supported, and their local economic development plans were monitored. Port St Johns, Kumkani Mhlontlo, Elundini, Dr. A. B Xuma, Amahlathi, Ndlambe, and Matatiele municipalities were supported in the beautification projects wherein four municipalities namely Stutterheim, Port Alfred, Qumbu/Tsolo and Cedarville/Maluti were supported in small-town development.

During this quarter, the Department created and maintained thirty-nine thousand three hundred and sixty-six (39 366) CWP job opportunities. Eight (8) CWP Local Reference Committee meetings were convened for quarter one targeted CWP sites namely: Walter Sisulu, Umzimvubu, Kumkani Mhlontlo, Mbhashe, Buffalo City Metro, Dr Beyers Naude, Intsika Yethu and Ngqushwa Local Municipalities.

The directorate supported Intsika Yethu LM (Cofimvaba and Tsomo) and Buffalo City Metro Municipality (Dimbaza) through the deployment of one hundred and seventy (170) EPWP participants. Dimbaza EPWP site enrolled ninety-six (96) EPWP participants while Intsika Yethu EPWP enrolled seventy-four (74) EPWP participants.

Municipal Infrastructure Services Directorate uses the Back-to-Basics Provincial Municipal Infrastructure Service Delivery (B2B - PMISD) reporting framework which assist in the collation of information and analysis of the performances of municipalities. Thirty-six (36) quarterly municipal B2B-PMISD reports have been received from all the 36 MIG receiving municipalities

In terms of the 2024 DORA MIG Framework, municipalities are required to submit to National COGTA (N-COGTA) on 30th April 2025 the final Project Implementation Plans (PIPs) for implementation in 2025/26.

Based on the above, in line with the DORA framework and PMIG-RAS framework, municipalities were cordially invited to the “2025/26 PIP and SP3 Analysis Sessions”. to determine progress with respect to the implementation of the 2025/26 SP3 for all grants to ensure that procurement is concluded by end June 2025, contractor appointment letters are issues beginning July 2025, and construction starts in July 2025

All 36 MIG receiving municipalities were monitored and assessed for compliance with ISD principles. Reports were generated based on site audits and non-financial reports submitted by municipalities. The Q1 Provincial ISD Reporting session was held from 26 June 2025 and attended by municipal ISD managers, technical teams, and PMU managers to discuss infrastructure-related matters.

Nine municipalities were monitored to implement indigent policies in ensuring that there is increased access of municipal services by all, notwithstanding its socio-economic status. The Department has also monitored the progress of municipalities in implementing Indigent Policies, and on the maintenance of credible Indigent Registers.

The PDMC fire services facilitated the compilation and submission of Municipal Fire Services Quarterly activities and stats reports for the last quarter for all 8 municipalities namely Amathole, Alfred Nzo, Buffalo City, Chris Hani, Joe Gqabi, O.R Tambo, Nelson Mandela Bay Metro and Sarah Baartman DM.. Over and above, the PDMC fire services facilitated the development and circulation of the annual Provincial Veld fire prohibition notice for 2025/2026, facilitated the compilation and consolidation of the Provincial veld fire season readiness plans from all 8 Municipalities, for state of readiness and coordination in case of major mountain and veld fires.

- Due to the disaster incidents that affected the province the following were hosted:
- A Provincial Disaster Operation Committee was held with the disaster management stakeholders
 - A monthly Project Steering Committee Meeting monitoring MDRG (Response and Recovery) allocation in response storm surges.
 - A monthly Project Steering Committee Meetings to monitor the MDRG (Response) allocation in response to February 2023 floods.

Thirty-nine municipalities were supported through the Municipal Systems Act on the assessment and tabling of draft IDPs. All municipalities responded to the non-compliance letters and pledged to address those MEC findings in the currently adopted IDP.



L-R: Mr Zipho Xokozela and Mr Walaza during the Eastern Seaboard Workshop at Wild Coast Sun



Presenting Mr. Fabian Higgins – Western Cape EMS , on the right Mr Lamantambo Ndandana – Pilot , Sitting on the left: Mr Siyabonga Mguzulwa – PDMC Assistant Director and pilot, Mr John Alexander – PDMC Deputy Director and a pilot .

PROGRAMME FOUR:

Traditional Leadership Institutional Support

Programme	Quarter One			Year-to-Date		
	Number of targets	Number of achieved targets	% of actual targets	Number of targets	Number of actual targets	% of actual targets
Two	8	7	88%	8	7	88%
TOTAL	8	7	88%	8	7	88%

Programme four has 8 indicators out of those, 7 were achieved which equals to 88%.

In line with Department strategic objective, Traditional leadership policies were reviewed for improved governance through the Policy Guide on the Identification, Recognition, and Appointment of Traditional Leaders, and Guidelines on the Conducting of Inkeiyo.

The department conducted awareness sessions about the recently approved departmental policies impacting on traditional leadership institutions which include, among others, Policy on Financial Management for TCs, Guidelines on the Administration Justice by Traditional Leaders, Logistical Arrangements towards Installations and Funerals for Traditional Leaders at the Headmen and Headwomen level. The awareness sessions were also conducted with the following stakeholders: Kings & Members of Royal Councils, Traditional Leaders, Officials at regional offices under Traditional Affairs and Members of Local Houses of Traditional & Khoi-San Leaders.

In an effort to improve traditional councils with valid financial reports, the department Conducted Financial Oversight for 241 Traditional Councils, which

includes Regional Authorities in 10 Regions. The Dept further supported Senior Admin Clerks of TCs and support staff on financial management reporting on how financial transactions are recorded in the books of accounts, compiling quarterly and annual financial reports, closing of all accounts in the general ledger review and verification of the recorded information in the financial books and financial reports.

Furthermore, the Department conducted a financial management workshop for Rharhabe Region, and reviewed the Financial Management Policy for TCs to improve the compilation of financial reports.

Traditional Councils were supported on formulation of development plans. The impact derived from the above interventions is the awareness on development plans and profiling conducted in all TCs.

The department also monitored TCs on implementation of completed Development Plans and also assisted to partner with stakeholders for the implementation of the Development Plan.

The Department facilitated the awarding of bursaries to 8 Traditional Leaders, processed payment for registration and arranged Logistics in the form of accommodation towards attendance of lectures.



Ms Dumza Vuba: Chief Director - Traditional Institutional Support, handing over tools of trade to Traditional Leaders

PROGRAMME FIVE:

House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders

Programme	Quarter One			Year-to-Date		
	Number of targets	Number of achieved targets	% of actual targets	Number of targets	Number of actual targets	% of actual targets
Two	5	5	100%	5	5	100%
TOTAL	5	5	100%	5	5	100%

Programme 5 (House of Traditional & Khoi-San leaders) has 5 targets in Quarter under review and all 5 targets have been achieved which is a 100% achievement.

On the EC Customary Male Initiation Practice Act, 2016 (Act No. 5 of 2016), the department conducted consultation sessions with Legal Services for the refinement of the Amendment Bill based on the comments and inputs made by State Law Advisors. A consultation session was held with the State Law Advisors for the consideration of the final version of the Amendment Bill, alignment of the translated Xhosa version with final document of the English version of the Amendment Bill and submission of the document to Legal Service for quality assurance.

In conjunction with the Department of Agriculture to improve livelihoods within traditional communities, Cogta invite the submission of project proposals from members of the House for potential support. The proposals were in commercial maize production, Hydroponic (Greenhouse / tunnel farming), Grade C Feedlot & Meat Processing Facility and Soya Bean production was done on 22 May 2025. The Department of Agriculture has initiated engagements with the respective TCs collecting data in relation to the requested support. As part of Partnerships forged with private or public sector to ensure socio-economic transformation in rural Communities, the department entered in an MOU between the EC HTKL and Ndibize Foundation which has been drafted and approved by Legal & Advisory Services Unit. The signed MOU entails the following:

- Address challenges faced by children, youth, unemployed, and unskilled individuals in South African communities. The foundation focuses on providing educational, emotional, and spiritual support.
- Focus on fatherless children, offering support, education, and empowerment to help them overcome the challenges of absent fathers and thereby creating a positive, sustainable environment through education, healthcare, and economic access.
- Developmental activities and opportunities in Community Development.
- Furthermore, the department entered he MOU between the EC HTKL and Banzo type technologies has been drafted and approved by Legal & Advisory Services Unit.

The Department together with WIPHOLD convened an all-encompassing stakeholder meeting with the Executive of the House (EXCO), Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Local Houses, Chairpersons of House Committees. The said engagement resulted in submission of project proposal seeking assistance with project such as commercial maize production, Hydroponic (Greenhouse / tunnel farming), Grade C Feedlot & Meat Processing Facility and Soya Bean production. WIPHOLD is expected to consider the proposals and develop an action plan in support of the project. The said proposals were submitted by the following TCs, Khonjwayo, Mncuncuzo, Bhaziya, Ketani, Imidushane Yaselwandle.

Mr Andile Kanti: Executive Director-
Banzo Type Technologies

Nkosi Mpumalanga Gwadiso





OUR VISION

A capable, inclusive, and sustainable cooperative governance system that promotes Developmental Local Government and Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Institutions.

OUR MISSION

To promote cooperative governance by empowering Municipalities, Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Institutions through capacity building, collaboration, and sustainable practices, ensuring responsive, inclusive and accountable service delivery that meets the needs of our communities.



	VALUES	DEFINITION
	We value our staff	We believe our employees are integral to the success of the organisation and we will at all times endeavor to ensure that their organisational needs are satisfied.
	Inclusivity	Prioritizing participation from diverse communities in governance processes.
	Collaboration	Fostering partnerships between various levels of government, Traditional and Khoi-San leadership institutions and civil society.
	Transparency	Ensuring that decision-making processes are open and accessible to the public.
	Accountability	Holding officials responsible for their actions and decisions to build trust with citizens.
	Empowerment	Strengthening municipalities, Traditional and Khoi-San leadership institutions and communities to make decisions that affect their lives.
	Sustainability	Promoting policies that ensure long-term environmental, economic, and social well-being.
	Innovation	Encouraging new approaches to governance that address contemporary challenges.
	Respect for Diversity	Valuing the unique cultures and traditions of all communities, ensuring their voices are heard in governance and delivery of services.
	Integrity	Perform our responsibility with honesty, truthful, ethical and moral principles.
	Diligence	We execute our mandate carefully and thoroughly.
	Equality	We shall give equal access to our services to all, with special emphasis on targeted groups.
	Ethical Standards	We shall always maintain ethical conduct, zero tolerance towards fraud and corruption.