

West Coast District Municipality

WOMEN's CHARTER REVIEW SESSION

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West Coast District region

- West Coast District Municipality (hereafter WCDM) is a category C municipality which is classified as a medium capacity municipality in terms of the implementation of the MFMA
- The district is made up of five municipalities which are Matzikama (north), Cederberg in the centre and Bergrivier, Saldanha Bay and Swartland municipalities in the South.
- All the municipalities in this municipality have access to the Atlantic Ocean in the West.
- The N7 national road connects all the municipalities in this district except Saldanha Bay municipality.
- The district covers an area of 31 124 km²



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West Coast District: At a Glance

Demographics

Population Estimates, 2019; Actual households, 2014



Population

455 881



Households

129 862

Education

2018



Matric Pass Rate	82.0%
Learner Retention Rate	68.6%
Learner-Teacher Ratio	28.5

Poverty

2018



Gini Coefficient	0.595
Human Development Index	0.70

Health

2018



Primary Health
Care Facilities

62

Immunisation
Rate

59.1%

Maternal Mortality Ratio
(per 100 000 live births)

71

Teenage Pregnancies -
Delivery rate to women U/18

16.2%

Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2018/19



Residential Burglaries

2 813

DUI

659

Drug-related Crimes

5 819

Murder

127

Sexual Offences

152

Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2014



Water

96.5%

Refuse Removal

83.4%



Electricity

92.5%



Sanitation

94.1%



Housing

85.8%



Road Safety

2018

Road User Fatalities: 121

Labour

2018

Unemployment Rate
(narrow definition)

10.7%



Socio-economic Risks

- Risk 1: Slow economic growth
- Risk 2: Financial sustainability
- Risk 3: Low income/ unemployment

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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The WCDM have an absolute significant role to play in combating poverty and to enhance the well being of communities through programmes and projects that will attribute meaningfully to the lives of people
- ▶ Projects are the means by which organizations **change** and **adapt** to meet the needs of a changing society
- ▶ Such projects are implemented by the Development Division, a committed Division with its focus on building and maintaining social capital through access to programmes and services



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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The West Coast District Municipality has established a culture of supporting vulnerable groups (including women) and NGO's across the district that contribute to achieving the national, Provincial and District aspirations of the country by serving communities who are most in need
- ▶ Staff component: 1 Manager and 5 Community Development practitioners
- ▶ Functional location: Strategic Services in office of Municipal Manager



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LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The project activities of the Development Division are not govern by the primary functions of a Municipality, meaning it is an unfunded mandate. However, these activities can be linked to:

➤ ***The Constitution of RSA, Act 108 of 1996:***

- Enshrines the right of people to the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom.
- Chapter 7 of the Constitution calls upon LG to promote social and economic development of communities and community organizations to matters of LG
- Section 153 defines developmental duties for all categories of Municipalities, stating that a Municipality must:
 - (a) Structure and manage its administration, budgeting and planning processes to give priority to the basic needs of the community; and must
 - (b) Participate in national and provincial development programmes



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LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Constitutional Schedules 4B and 5B define the core functional services of local government, which need to be effectively planned, delivered and regulated, as the foundation for social & community development in our Municipal Integrated Development Plans and Perf
- **The White Paper on Local Government**: defines Developmental LG as LG committed to working within the community to find sustainable ways to meet their social, economic and material needs and improve their quality of life.
- **Municipal Systems Act**: Contains processes and elements that lay the foundation for a developmental LG as envisaged in the White Paper on LG. It calls upon Municipalities to facilitate such participation by simplifying the manner in which it does business with communities



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Policy Alignment

National Development Plan

- **Chapter 3:** Economy and Development
- **Chapter 6:** Inclusive Rural Economy
- **Chapter 9:** Improving education, training and innovation
- **Chapter 10:** Health care for all
- **Chapter 11:** Social Protection

Cape Vision 2040

- Enterprising Cape
- Connecting Cape
- Living Cape



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WCDM IDP 2017 - 2022

- 5 Objectives which are used as a basic strategic guide for projects and service delivery
- Objectives were set through a process of local consultation and alignment with provincial and national priorities
- Engagement with all local municipalities, through intergovernmental relations structures and structured public role player consultation
- National Development priorities and global priorities such as SDG's



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OBJECTIVE 3: Promoting the social wellbeing of the community

OBJECTIVE	SUB-OBJECTIVE	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
3. To promote the social well-being of residents, communities and targeted social groups in the district.	<p>3.1. Increase speed & efficiency of development programmes and investment (use of good practices).Improved quality of living environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To resource and strengthen targeted Social and Rural Development initiatives in the district with targeted support provided to vulnerable social groups like the youth, women, aged and others. • Sustainable development guidelines • Early childhood development • Better support to vulnerable children • Reduce school drop outs • Support youth to compete 	3.2. Quality of life is improved for people in the district



BUDGET LINKAGE

Promoting social well-being	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
CAPEX	-	-	-
OPEX	42,907,285.00	53,226,063.00	53,345,018.00
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Social Development Programmes

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM PROGRAMMES

- Various programmes across the West Coast District are supported as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against the Abuse of Women and Children
- These programmes also include International Day for Persons with Disabilities and World Aids Day



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TRAINING OF VEP VOLUNTEERS

- Training of VEP volunteers in partnership with DSD, SAPS, Department of Health and Department of Justice
- Training focused on :
 - ☐ Self awareness and self care
 - ☐ Role of volunteers, referral protocol
 - ☐ Medical treatment
 - ☐ Listening and communication
 - ☐ Grief and trauma
 - ☐ Police procedures
 - ☐ Victims rights and support



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UPGRADING OF VICTIM SUPPORT ROOMS

- Partnership between WCDM, Local Municipalities, SAPS & Community Policing Forums
- Victim support rooms that were upgraded were those in Elandsbay, Darling and Laaiplek
- The objective was to provide resources for the care and support of victims of gender-based violence
- The impact of this programme was:
 - ☐ Creating a safe and secure environment for abused women and children;
 - ☐ Giving shelter to those who need it the most;
 - ☐ Giving back the dignity of women;
 - ☐ Making the work done by volunteers easier by improving the conditions for their clients



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Opening of victim support room in Elandsbay



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CONFERENCE FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS

- Conference on how churches and faith communities can address domestic violence. The theme of the conference was: “Unpacking the Faith Issues of Domestic Violence – Making our Places of Worship Sanctuaries of Hope and Healing”.
- The purposes of the conference were:
 - ❑ To make church and faith leaders aware of the impact of domestic violence on the lives of families and communities;
 - ❑ To clarify the pivotal role church and faith leaders can play in addressing domestic violence;
 - ❑ To identify the gaps currently experienced in dealing with domestic violence.
- The workshop was concluded with religious leaders signing a pledge in which they committed themselves to render more support to victims and families of gender based violence.



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SIGNING OF PLEDGE BY STAFF AND COUNCIL

- Staff and Council members of WCDM signed a pledge whereby they commit to never commit any act of violence against women and children



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Providing sanitary products to girls in school

- Across South Africa and around the world, girls miss out on school every month because of a natural phenomenon: their period.
- This doesn't just affect their education, causing millions of girls to drop out of school once they begin menstruating — it also impacts their health. Girls are further affected by the stigma that's often attached to periods, because those around them often don't know much about menstruation either.



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Women

- Women's month and International women's day programmes are implemented annually in partnership with various stakeholders. These programmes focussed on creating opportunities for the empowerment and upliftment of women.
- During a Women's Conference focuses were on conversations that actively helped delegates affect change in their lives and workplaces, and highlights the extensive women's leadership potential that exists



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Providing gas bottles and stoves to vulnerable women

- WCDM partnered with Sunrise Energy as part of their social responsibility mandate to distribute gas bottles and stoves to disadvantaged families
- The objective was to provide gas bottles and stoves to poor families with a specific focus on unemployed and persons with disabilities in rural areas



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Sports, Recreation & Culture

- **WEST COAST POETRY COLLECTION:**

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- Contains 33 poems of 23 poets
- To up-skill West Coast writers by the hosting of editing workshops in poetry writing
- To afford W-Coast writers the opportunity to express themselves through poetry and addressing important community issues
- To afford prospective writers the opportunity to become published writers
- To release an anthology of W-Coast poems as an act of social cohesion and nation building
- To encourage WC writers to do solo publications
- To produce a unique West Coast product for tourists
- Partnership with North – West University

This project provided participants with opportunities to learn from and be guided by professionals in the field



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Skills Development

- Unemployed youth and women on farms were trained on Code B and C-1 Driver's license



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Approach to service delivery

- The Provincial Whole-of-Society Approach (WOSA) and Joint District Approach are increasingly finding resonance in the way in which provincial departments are going about their business, and this extends to the collaborative efforts with local government. WCDM play a specific and critical role in promoting these approaches, through our oversight, coordination and resource distributive role.
- WCDM, DSD, together with the local Municipalities on the West Coast has embarked on a process to formulate a sector-specific coordinating structure/forum to look at specific projects/programmes within B-Municipalities with the support and coordination from WCDM.



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Approach to service delivery

- The purpose of the Social Development Coordinating Structure / Forum is to:
 - ☐ Develop appropriate strategies that can assist B Municipalities with the implementation of social development initiatives;
 - ☐ Establish and maintain viable strategic partnerships with relevant stakeholders;
 - ☐ Promote participation of communities in IDP and Budget Processes; Monitor the compliance of the municipality on the above;
 - ☐ Provide the district with a platform to coordinate overall social development services;
 - ☐ Provide a platform that will facilitate synergy between civil society, government departments and municipalities
 - ☐ To mitigate against duplication of services within the boundaries of the District



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THANK YOU

“I wanna be there when the people start to turn it around
When they triumph over poverty
I wanna be there when the people win the battle against
AIDS
I wanna lend a hand
I wanna be there for the alcoholic
I wanna be there for the drug addict
I wanna be there for the victims of violence and abuse
I wanna lend a hand
Send me”- Hugh Masekela



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