

# **Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM): Maximising Opportunities on Women Empowerment**

**Women's Charter Review Session - Western Cape**

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### To indicate:

- **maximising opportunities on Women Empowerment** in the Cape Winelands District,
  - through the **forging of vibrant developmental partnerships with government, civil society and business**, and
  - how we sustainably add to the **continuous development and creating opportunities** for our women and youth
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# 1. Introduction to Topic

- **Gender-based violence (GBV) or violence against women and girls (VAWG)** - **global** pandemic affecting 1 in 3 **women** in their lifetime
- Numbers are staggering: 35% of **women worldwide** have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner **violence** or non-partner sexual **violence**
- Numbers concerning **similar** in Cape Winelands - reason to intervene purposefully
- GBV escalated during lockdown with COVID – 19 (frustration, lack of alcohol)

2021-skooljaar begin uiteindelik - 2

Jade se ma praat oor die tragedie - 3

Schools rugby get go ahead - 12

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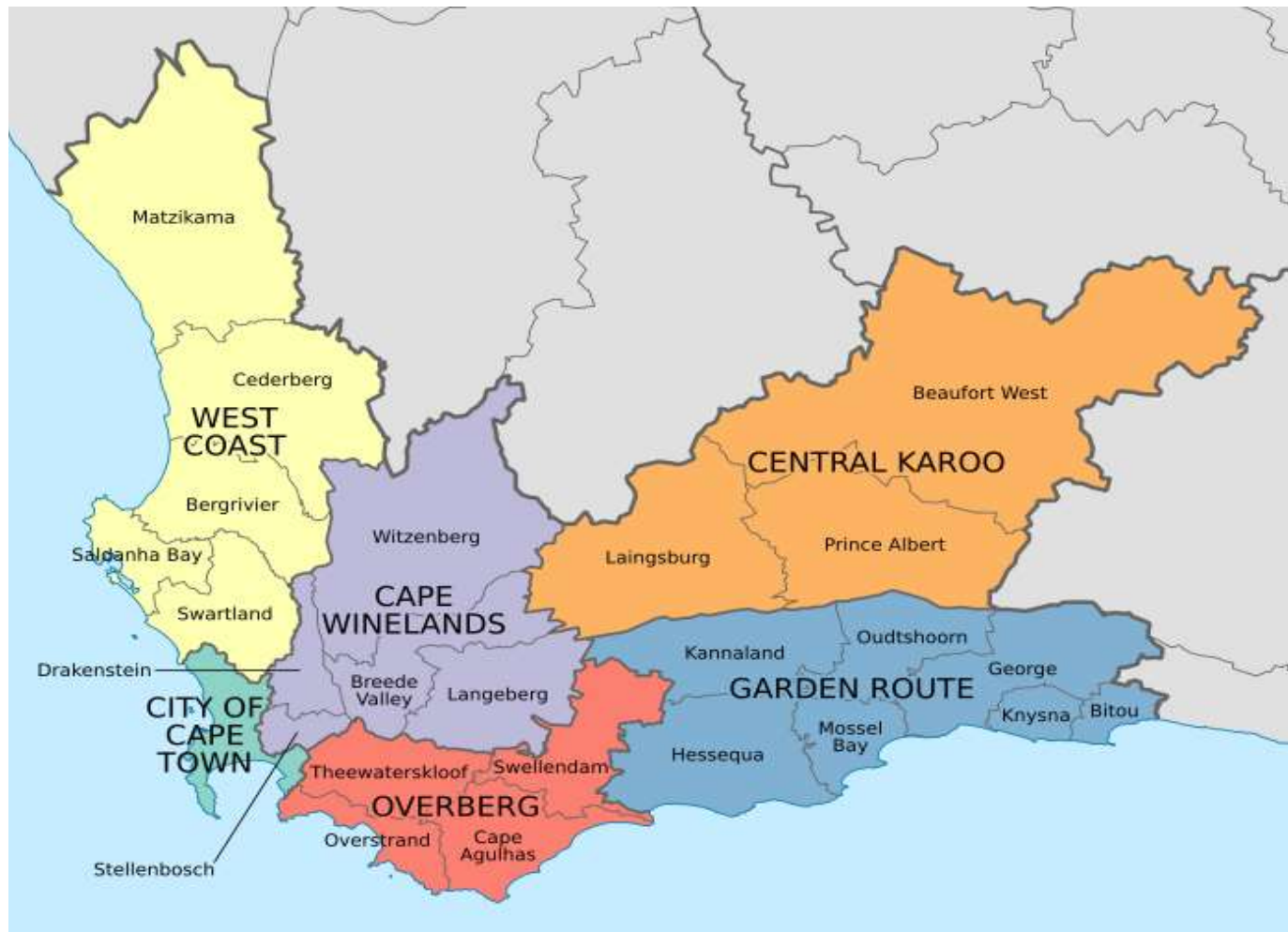
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## 2. BACKGROUND TO CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



## Background



- CWDM consists of 5 local municipalities, Stellenbosch, Drakenstein, Witzenberg, Breede Valley and Langeberg
- Population of 900 000+ people – biggest population of districts outside the Metro
- 50.2% males and 49.8% females
- Biggest job creator within this municipality is the Agriculture sector
- Tourism and the hospitality industries are two of our selling points, and these are under huge threat and was the hardest hit by Covid -19
- Langeberg municipality - highest fall-out of high school learners, pre-Covid
- The unemployment number within CWDM is 17.2% and will be growing within the next two years due to economic situations across the globe

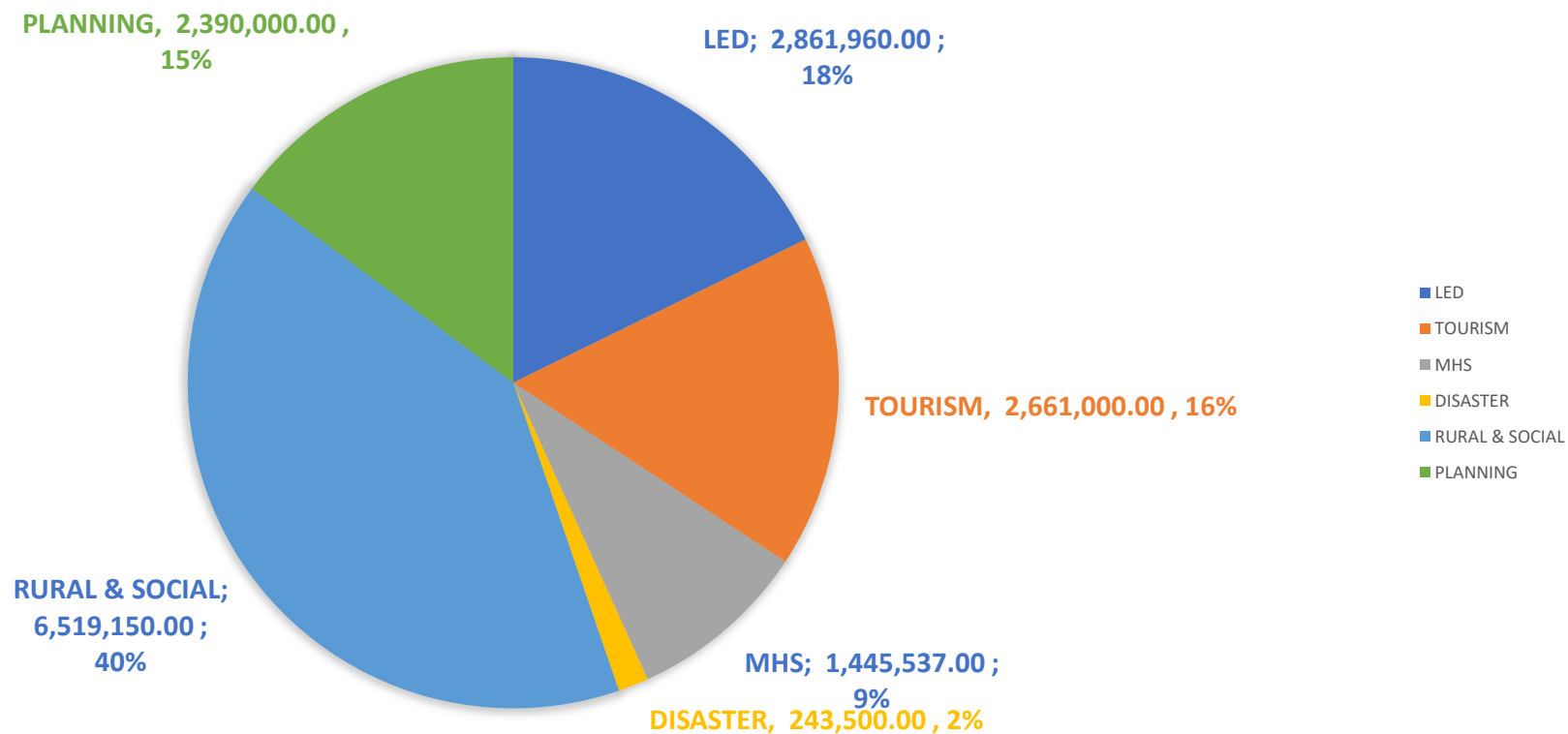
### 3. CWDM engendered policy



- No engendered policy with regard to service delivery – however, internally we comply with provincial targets for gender equality
- CWDM has a committed Division: Rural and Social Development (**not within our mandate and completely unfunded – we fund these projects ourselves, HOWEVER, LINKED TO** Section 153 of the *South African Constitution (Act 108 of 1996)*, *NDP and Cape Vision 2040*)
- Focus is on building and maintaining social capital through access to programmes and services.
- Aim of these programmes: to increase physical activity, enhance education, improve skills-levels, enhance employability, provide access to assistive devices, provide funding for community-based organisations and promote the rights of vulnerable groups such as **Youth, Women and Children, Disabled and Elderly**
- Cape Winelands District Municipality has established a culture of supporting Vulnerable Groups and NGO's across the District that contribute to achieving the National, Provincial and District aspirations of the country by serving communities and individuals who are most in need such as women, girl child's and gender victims
- The success of these programmes are based on the strong and **vibrant partnerships** with national and provincial government, B-municipalities, civil society organisations, communities across the Cape Winelands municipal district and training institutions

## 4. CWDM Gender Budget

APPROVED DIVISIONAL BUDGET





## Process to access financial assistance from CWDM



- Apply annually when projects are advertised
- CWDM do not render social services per se
- CWDM partners with NGO's and other community- based institutions
- Sign MOU and receive reports on the expenditure and to assess if objectives were met
- Strategic objective 1 and predetermined objective 1.5 speaks to creating a safe and healthy environment for the development and economic empowerment of amongst other, the vulnerable groups. (farm dwellers and rural communities – mostly women and youth)
- Projects include awareness campaigns such as education regarding gender- based violence

## 5. Structure in place to advance gender equality agenda

### POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND WOMEN PORTFOLIO HOLDERS



Deputy Executive Mayor Cllr Dirk Swart  
Executive Mayor Ald (Dr) Helena von Schlicht  
Speaker Ald Clara Meyer



Cllr Palesa Ramokhabi  
Member of Mayoral Committee:  
Portfolio: Rural and Social  
Development and Corporate  
Matters



Cllr Linda Landu  
Member of Mayoral Committee:  
Portfolio: Advisor for the  
Executive Mayor on Women  
Matters

# Senior Management

Mr Henry Prins  
Municipal Manager



Mrs Fiona du Raan Groenewald  
Chief Financial Officer  
Financial & Strategic Support Services



Mr Francois van Eck  
Executive Director: Technical Services



Mr Pietie Williams  
Executive Director: Community  
Development & Planning Services



## 6. Implementation of Women's Charter articles



- I will indicate by means of pictures how CWDM implements the various articles of the women's charter.
  - Equality
  - Law and the Administration of Justice
  - Economy
  - Education and Training
  - Development, Infrastructure and the Environment
  - Social Services
  - Political and Civic Life
  - Family life and Partnership
  - Custom, Culture and Religion
  - Violence Against Women
  - Health
  - Media
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## RURAL & SOCIAL DEV : GENDER BUDGETING 2016-2020



### SOCIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT BUDGET AND PROGRAMME

<b>Elderly</b>	<b>2 026 720</b>
DISABLED	2 188 000
FAMILIES & CHILDREN	2 714 500
HIV/AIDS	867 500
YOUTH	2 328 700
WOMEN	953 780
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	1 450 000
SPORT,CULTURE & REC	13 177 260
<b><u>Sub-Total:</u></b>	<b><u>25 706 460</u></b>

## Rural and Social Development Programmes



1. **16 Days of Activism against abuse of women and children, including Programmes**, across the Cape Winelands district such as
  2. International Day for Persons with Disabilities
  3. World Aids Day
  4. First 1000 Days
  5. Skills Development, for example
    - ladies are trained to start their own business under mentorship
    - 149 unemployed youth and Interns were trained on Code B and C-1 Driver's licence across the district
    - 50 Women were trained on Hairdressing Skills
    - 40 women were trained on Basic Computer Skills
    - 50 Women across the District were trained on Baking Skills
    - 240 Disabled person were trained on Customer care training.
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- 13.1 Million was spend on Sports, Recreation and Cultural programmes across the district for the past 5 years including women
- Focussing successfully on e.g. The Golden Games where 4000 elderly are involved annually.
- Within Arts and Culture, we offer the **Drama Festival, in cooperation with** the Western Cape Government's Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and was presented in partnership with the Cape Winelands District Municipality's Department of Community Development and Planning Services.
- This programme particularly successful in the CWDM, as partnerships were also forged with Stellenbosch Municipality, Langeberg Municipality and Breede Valley Municipality, as well as with professional artists, tertiary institutions and the private sector.
- This facilitated the growth of the drama programmes at various levels and provided the youth with opportunities to learn from and be guided by professionals in the field.

- Women's Month and International Women's day programmes are implemented annually in partnership with various stakeholders - focus on creating opportunities for the empowerment and upliftment of women
- Through these programmes women are empowered with information around Gender Based Violence, positive self-image, accessing legal services, active aging, safety tips & health & wellness aspects. One-thousand – five hundred (1500) women from across the district are reached through these programmes annually.
- Some of these programmes have a specific focus on aspects that affects women in farming areas. The purpose of these programmes is to raise awareness and empowering women in farming areas with knowledge and resources. Material support are also provided to the Worcester Thuthuzela Centre in order to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual offences.



## Photos 16 Days and the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 Days

- Celebrating 16 days of activism, HIV/AIDS day



## Skills Development Photos





## Drama Festival Photos



## Women's Day Event Photos





## Sanitary Ware & Adult Diapers Distribution Photos



## 7. Gender-based violence in CWDM – the tendency, plans and programmes

- I have already referred to the tendency which is rife in this district
  - Our plans and budget are executed to address the programmes as indicated through which we also address some of the articles of the women's charter as already mentioned
  - We have added Gender based violence also to our District Safety Plan, because this is a societal challenge and a policing matter
  - We also deal with this matter in a WOSA and according to the JDMA – better service delivery
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## 8. Conclusion - Commitments and Recommendations



1. Cape Winelands will continue to render services to our rural women and address the matters of importance to them
  2. We will strategically continue to fund our Social and Rural Development department
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**When you strike a woman, you strike a rock!!**



**I thank you**

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