



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



MEASURES TO ADDRESS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CHALLENGES AND RESPOND TO COVID-19

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- ❑ The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has occasioned instant reaction, as demonstrated by the announcements made by the President of South Africa, on 15 March 2020.

- ❑ We were called upon to respond “as a united nation to a common threat” and with “solidarity, understanding and compassion.

- ❑ This is a call for collaboration with sector departments, SOEs, Civil Society and critical stakeholders. We need to be in sync with our partners like, Abahlali BaseMjondolo, Slum Dwellers International, SANCO, etc. and to target all our informal settlements (transit camps).

KZN LANDSCAPE

- ❑ KZN has a combination of rural and urban settlements, with a housing backlog estimated at over 700 000 according to the 2016 community survey.
- ❑ There is a high number of informal settlements surrounding primary economic hubs and secondary cities: eThekweni Metro, Ray Nkonyeni, Newcastle, Alfred Duma, KwaDukuza, uMhlathuze and uMsunduzi Municipalities.
- ❑ The province is prone to natural disasters, heavy rain storms have had a severe impact over the last 2 years. The department is currently busy with emergency interventions within these affected communities providing Temporary Residential Accommodation and permanent units through the Emergency Housing Programme (EHP)
- ❑ Over 268 000 households are living in 732 informal settlements across the province, with 523 informal settlements found in the EThekweni Metro.



KZN 3 Pronged Approach

PROPOSED & APPROVED INTERVENTIONS

1. Community Development Facilitation for:

- Community-wide sanitisation programme
- Community mobilisation and education campaigns
- Personal Hygiene Interventions

2. Water and Sanitation Augmentation

- Community-wide sanitisation programme to be implemented
 - Community mobilisation and community education
- Ensure that there is sufficient water in all areas
 - The standards needs to be revised to 50m radius water points (e.g. water tanks)

3. Rapid Informal Settlement Upgrading

- Establish temporary residential areas (TRAs) to de-cant dense communities:
- Identify public land and land preparation
- Planned Informal Settlements & Upgrading of Informal Settlements





KZN LANDSCAPE

| MUNICIPALITY | NUMBER OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS | TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ETHEKWINI | 523 | 208 434 |
| AMAJUBA | 7 | 2490 |
| HARRY GWALA | 11 | 4067 |
| ILEMBE | 21 | 9847 |
| KING CETSHWAYO | 8 | 1055 |
| UGU | 10 | 3494 |
| UMGUNGUNDLOVU | 109 | 28394 |
| UMKHANYAKUDE | 4 | 1670 |
| UMZINYATHI | 7 | 1006 |
| UTHUKELA | 8 | 5340 |
| ZULULAND | 13 | 2550 |
| TOTAL | 721 | 268 347 |



INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

- Mass sanitization of densely populated settlements to combat the spread of Covid19. 105 informal settlements and 23 hostels have been identified for sanitization.
- Programme is implemented through a partnership between Department of Human Settlements and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, who provide technical support in the use of chemicals in sanitizing.
- Programme commenced in April 2020, to date 40 informal settlements have been sanitized.
- 91 586 bars of hand soap have been distributed in informal settlements.
- Job opportunities have been created through the EPWP programme, 150 local people have been employed.

INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

Phase 2 to involve the following communities / areas / programmes

- 1. Provincial Hostels 2. eThekweni CRUs, Informal Settlements 3. Farm dwellers 4. Additional informal settlements as identified by the Command Councils at various districts.

- Households are being provided with 1 Liter surface disinfectant. This is done to ensure that households can continue disinfecting their own homes.

- Phase 2 commenced **on 28 May 2020.**

INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

- ❑ eThekweni being the most populous area, has increased the provision of water and sanitation services to communities.
- ❑ 297 water tanks have been installed in various areas
- ❑ 313 Chemical toilets have also been installed
- ❑ Construction of permanent houses is in progress in Kennedy Road Informal Settlement. This will assist in de-densifying the area.
- ❑ Amaoti has been supplied with additional water and sanitation services.



INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

Phase 1 Projects

| INFORMAL SETTLEMENT | TARGETED INTERVENTION | COMPLETION DATE | ACHIEVED ACTION |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| Amaoti | Augmentation of water services & Sanitisation only | April 2020 | All Water services augmentations done Interventions closed |
| Kennedy Road | Erect 45 Permanent Units in Dodoma Avenue | August 2020 | 45 Unit in Dodoma 98% complete |



INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

Phase 2 Projects

| INFORMAL SETTLEMENT | TARGETED INTERVENTION | COMPLETION DATE | ACHIEVED ACTION |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <p>Parkington / Thandanani</p> | <p>Construct 75 TRAs. To unlock space for delivery of an integrated frame of water, toilets, stormwater management and footpaths to the rest of the settlement (450 households)</p> <p>Utilising substantial local labour</p> | <p>September. 2020 (dependant confirmation contractor)</p> | <p>Concept Design for a double story, low-cost, on lightweight, timber frame structure, with pile of foundations finalised</p> <p>Local Community Development Coordinators having been appointed</p> <p>Bulk Services Available</p> <p>There is a detailed Upgrading Plan in place</p> <p>Project captured in the 2020/21 UISP Business Plan for implementation.</p> |

INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

Other Phase 2 Projects

| Project | Nature of Intervention TO MITIGATE COVID 19 | Completion Date |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Havelock Durban | 45 TRAs To unlock space for delivery of an integrated frame of water, toilets, stormwater management and footpath to the rest for the settlement (300 households) Facilitation required with formal neighbours | September 2020 |
| Ezimbileni Durban | 30 TRAs to unlock space for delivery of an integrated frame of water, toilets, stormwater management and footpaths to the rest of eth settlement (650 households) | September 2020 |
| Kennedy Road Durban | 225 permanent units to be constructed on Kennedy Road site 50 TRAs to unlock site for permanent units in Kennedy Road Erect 98 Units in Barton Place - Sydenham | September 2020 |
| SACCA UMsunduzi | 2000 TRAs to allow for the reticulation of interim services | STAGE 1- MAY 2021 |

INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

- ❑ Fast tracking of informal settlements upgrade programme is necessary to ensure access to basic services is improved.
- ❑ Various projects are at advanced stages. Department is to service 5 138 sites in 2020/21 Financial year after the adjustment budget.



GOVERNANCE AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ Through the District Development Model (DDM) the department is ensuring that the District Municipalities as Water Services Authorities (WSA)
- ❑ Practicing good governance and systems thinking approach
- ❑ Funding to address severe bulk infrastructure shortages, impacting the provision of basic services.
- ❑ Socially centred government, putting an emphasis on socio economic transformation to benefit the majority of poor citizens.





CONCLUSION

- ❑ The war against this pandemic propels us to step up efforts to transform our spaces into liveable settlements and improve livelihoods of our people.

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