

COLLINS CHABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY PRESENTATION



The Impact of Municipal Boundary Re-determinations on Municipal Governance, Service Delivery, financial sustainability and effective performance of local government

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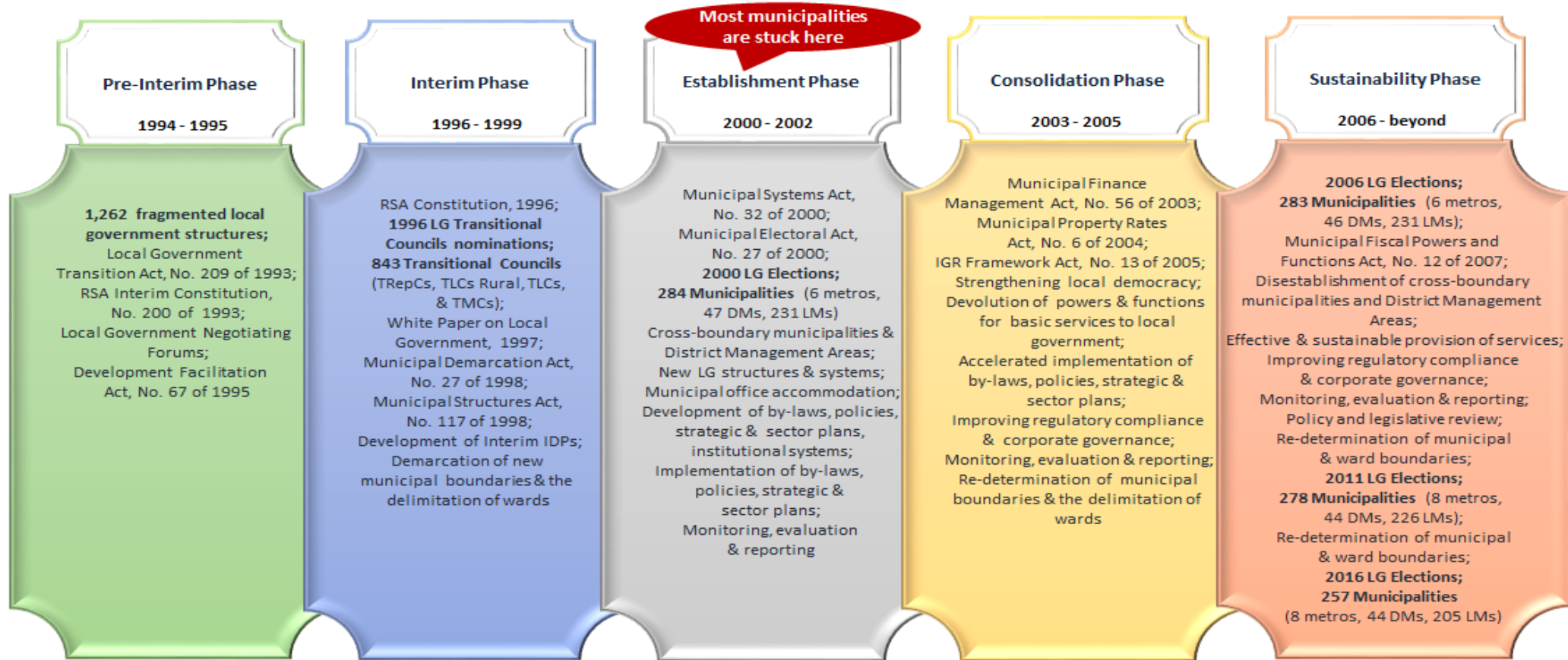
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BACKGROUND(THE PROMISE)

- ▶ The Municipal Demarcation Board(MDB) is South Africa's municipal demarcation authority, whose mission is to deepen democracy and to facilitate the socio-economic transformation for the benefits of its citizens.
- ▶ Demarcation have been frequent since 2000 which makes it difficult for municipal institutions and sphere of local government as a whole to mature in its developmental agenda;
- ▶ Such reforms of this nature more often have resulted in significant political and administrative changes within local government, which has provided for a unique opportunity to examine how such institutional changes affect the sector.

LG TRANSFORMATION TRAJECTORY



Key assumption behind the LG transformation trajectory: Policy and legislation, financial and human resource capacity as well as the maturity of intergovernmental relations across the spheres would ultimately translate into the emergence of a “developmental local government”. However, evidence shows that a large number of municipalities are still stuck in the establishment phase of local government transformation i.e.:

- Leasing, building, or purchasing office accommodation (some municipalities are still paying off huge loans taken to build offices)
- Finalisation of organograms, filling critical posts, development of by-laws, policies, strategic and sector plans as well as setting up institutional systems.

Before Re-determination and establishment of Collins Chabane Local Municipality



The Impact Municipal Boundary Re-determinations of on Service Delivery



Positive Impact

- ▶ Before re-determination of municipal boundaries Malamulele experienced high level of service delivery protests.
- ▶ Since the establishment of Collins Chabane Local Municipality in 2016, Service Delivery protests are limited.
- ▶ Villages in Collins Chabane Local Municipality benefited and still benefiting the fruits of Municipal Boundary Re-determination due to the reason that the work load has being reduced from the Municipalities like Makhado and Thulamela Local Municipalities
- ▶ Malamulele Township is developed and still continuing to be a developing small town. Projects like widening of Hospital Road, Construction of Malamulele Community Hall , Establishment of Satellite Offices like Saselamani, Hlanganani, Construction of most of the Internal Streets around Collins Chabane Local Municipality etc...

The Impact on Service Delivery Cont.....

Negative Impact

- High expectations by community members leads to communities finding themselves impatient to wait much longer even if the budget cant cover the whole areas at once.
- In Vuwani areas it is difficult for the Municipality to implement some projects due to resistance by communities,
- Vyeboom community rejected a road in 2016/2017 financial year and a result, the project was taken to other areas.

The Impact on Municipal Governance....

Positive Impact

- ▶ Since Establishment of Collins Chabane Local Municipality the governance burden on Makhado and Thulamela Local Municipalities was alleviated.
- ▶ Re-determination of municipal boundary brought confidence in communities since no more community protests around Malamulele Town and the entire Collins Chabane Local Municipality.

The Impact on Municipal Governance....

Negative Impact

- ▶ Resistance was experienced in some villages and structures around Vuwani area which is having a negative impact on the following items.

1. Council operations

Councillors that are elected from Wards in Vuwani found it difficult to operate as they must report back to communities and do oversight as per regulations and it is difficult to do so.

2. Establishment of Ward Committees

It took the Municipality a lot of time to establish Ward Committees in some areas of Vuwani which also had a negative impact on issues of governance. The Ward Committees were established after three years of the establishment of other Ward Committees which negatively impacted service delivery issues.

The Impact on Municipal Governance

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Negative Impact

- ▶ Traditional Leaders and their participation in Council

It is mandated that gazetted traditional leaders must participate in Council sittings but due to Municipal Boundary re-determination , it is difficult for traditional leaders around Vuwani to participate in Council activities

- IDP Public Participation

Municipal Systems Act mandates the Municipality to consult with Communities in terms of their needs but in the case of some Vuwani areas it is public participation programmes such as imbizo do not take place

The Impact on Municipal Governance

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Negative Impact

▶ Inter Governmental Relations (IGR)

In the case of some Vuwani areas the Inter Governmental Relations is compromised because communities directly interacts with sector departments and some projects are projects are run without the participation of the Municipality

Some projects are run by sector departments on behalf of the municipality e.g MISA project on Vyeboom, Licensing programme which run by Provincial dept

➤ Management Operations

Management cant effectively operates in Vuwani and employees in Vuwani Satellite Offices are under utilized because they just go to the office and do nothing.

Financial Sustainability and Effective Performance of Local Government....

Positive Impact

- The Municipality is performing very well in the implementation of its IDP Projects in areas that accepted the municipality.
- Projects are completed in time and the municipality continues to get additional MIG grants because of performing well.
- The Municipality is collecting revenue around Malamulele township however the revenue collection is not enough

Financial Sustainability and Effective Performance of Local Government....

Negative Impact

- The Municipality is unable to collect revenue in Vuwani area and it is having a negative impact on financial muscles of the municipality especially on salary bill.
- Culture on Non-Payment of Services by communities which started since during the time of Makhado and Thulamemela is still continuing.
- Traffic and Licencing adding to collection of revenue around Malamulele
- Vuwani licensing is done by Provincial dept.

CONCLUSION

- The Demarcation Board to acknowledge and appreciate the challenges that arise with Municipal Boundary Re-Delimitation.
- Sector Departments not be seen encouraging resistance by communities by directly engaging with communities and providing services without municipalities concerned.
- Integration between sector departments and municipalities to be enforced
- Inter- Governmental Relations to be enforced



CONCLUSION

THANKS

