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NCOP OVERSIGHT VERIFICATION

Presented by the Mayor:

Cllr NS Tauyastoala



Introductory Remarks

- NCOP visited the Municipality in 2024 to conduct an oversight on infrastructure projects aimed at improving service delivery to the community of Mogalakwena.
- The NCOP visited a number of projects, However, a follow-up oversight is scheduled for the following projects: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg) and Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate
- Recommendations were made to the above projects and the report is presented below using the template supplied.

TAOLOME MINI WATER SCHEME (BAKENBERG)

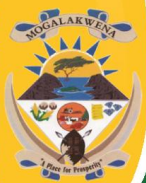
PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg)

Project Name	Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg)
Sector	Water
Implementing Department/Entity	Mogalakwena Local Municipality
Municipality	Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality
Contractor	The contractor was released off site since his responsibility was fully completed. Bulk water sourcing was a prior project.
Original Completion Date	18 August 2023 (commencement 23 December 2022).
Revised Completion Date	Completed 18 August 2023; Redrilling completed in February 2026.
Date of last NCOP or Legislature Visit	NCOP Provincial Week, 16-20 September 2024.
Project Manager Name	Mr R. Ntekele - Project Manager
Project Manager contact	066 249 1669.
Project value	R11.4 million.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg)

GPS Location		
Taolome Package Plant	23,78938°S	28,81329°E
Pudiakgopha Concrete Reservoir	23,82396°S	28,79122°E
Pudiakgopha Package Plant	23,82339°S	28,79122°E

Borehole nr	Latitude	Longitude	Borehole depth (m)	Pump schedule (l/s @12 hrs/day)	Volume (m ³ /day)	Recommended depth of pump (m)
H03-3110	23,78824°S	28,86501°E	96,9	2,2	95,04	78
H03-3543	23,83297°S	28,81833°E	85,6	1,8	77,76	69
H03-4048	23,82813°S	28,82652°E	95,7	2,3	99,36	72
H03-4051	23,82640°S	28,83138°E	89,7	4,1	177,12	66
H03-4346	23,82277°S	28,83462°E	92,8	2,5	108	71
H03-4348	23,83134°S	28,82326°E	86,9	2,9	125,28	63
H03-3064	23,82452°S	28,81035°E	79,8	3,2	138,24	61
H03-3936	23,80652°S	28,81224°E	83,1	2,6	112,32	67
				15,8	682,56	



PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg) Previous undertakings

1. List recommendations made by NCOP during last visit.	• Provide urgent water-tanker support as an interim measure. • Assess the viability of a borehole, tanker and small packaging plant for each village. • Prioritise a bulk connection with Sekhukhune Water as a long-term solution. • Prioritise water provision to Limpopo communities.
2. List commitments made by the department, municipality, contractor or MEC.	• The Premier committed to hold a provincial water summit. • DWS was to develop a plan by 20 September 2024 to advise on municipal water-tanker support.
3. Which commitments have been fully implemented?	• Mogalakwena Account (own) 16 water-tanker trucks for 178 villages and operating a programme that serves these villages on Fridays. • Current borehole status was provided for Taolome, Pudiakgopa and Good Hope.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg) Previous undertakings

4. Which commitments are still outstanding?	• No DWS tanker support plan or water-summit outcomes. • Boreholes were drilled per village and all still came out dry. • The OMM project has started managed by DWS and Badiramogo water users Association. • Restored boreholes supplying Taolome and Good Hope BUT communities refuse to share water since the scheme is designed as a ring-feed.
5. What consequence management has been applied for non-compliance?	There is currently no records of non-compliance since the area is just predominantly dry.
6. What support has been provided to address identified challenges?	Municipal tanker programme; borehole drilling/testing and Eskom fault referral.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg): Physical Progress

1. What physical work has been completed since the last NCOP visit?	Scheme infrastructure was completed on 18 August 2023.
2. What work remains outstanding?	Engage with the community in this scheme to allow the scheme to function as designed: Link all boreholes to the treatment works and distribute from the command reservoir. Monitor progress of the OMM project as a solution to bulk water supply.
3. Has project scope changed?	No. scope was completed although boreholes are getting dry during autumn and winter seasons
4. Were variation orders approved?	No. there was no variation on the scope was to link all the boreholes and erect a package plant with ancillary works which was completed.
5. Is the project on track for completion	Construction is complete, but the scheme is not achieving its purpose for all intended villages due to dry boreholes and refusal to share available water source.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg): Governance & Accountability

1. How frequently are monitoring visits conducted?	Municipal borehole status and a Friday tanker; monitoring frequency is daily.
2. Is there a functioning Project Steering Committee?	Project complete. However a community water committee is established lead by the ward Councillor.
3. Were risks identified and managed timeously?	Dry/low-yield boreholes, groundwater depletion, worn pumps, Eskom fault, limited tankers and community closure of the isolation valve.
4. Were warnings of delays escalated?	The 2024 report described the completed scheme as a “inadequate” because it did not serve its complete intended purpose.
5. Where relevant, what consequence management has been applied against officials?	The was no issues that warranted consequence management.
6. Have investigations been conducted where irregularities exist?	No irregularities were identified on this project.
7. Have law-enforcement agencies been involved where criminal conduct is suspected?	No criminal activity was identified.
8. What improvements have been made to monitoring and reporting systems?	A Service delivery Area (Bakenberg area) manager was deployed on full time basis as of February 2026 to improve management, supervision and monitoring .



PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg): Challenges since last Visit

1. What challenges identified during previously have been resolved?	Pudiakgopa has one functioning low-yield borehole (3.7 kL/day) and one functioning higher-yield borehole (370.3 kL/day), as reported.
2. What challenges remain unresolved?	• Taolome: two boreholes reported dry; a third is low-yield and affected by a highvoltage/electricity fault. • Good Hope: boreholes dry; relies on tankers. • Pudiakgopa: one borehole dry and community resistance to sharing through the ring-feed network. • No sustainable bulk-water solution confirmed.
3. Have new challenges emerged?	The current update records an Eskom electricity fault (ref: 119 119 7451) and community (Pudiakgopa) closure of an isolation valve.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg): Challenges since last Visit

4. Have procurement delays occurred?	No. all needed equipment and service provider was procured on time.
5. Have staffing or technical capacity constraints occurred?	No . An electro-mechanical Unit has been established and personnel appointed to perform technical operations on boreholes while the plumbing team was already in place .
6. What interventions are currently in place?	Borehole drilling/assessment, Eskom fault reporting, tanker programme and proposed bulk connection.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg): Community Impact

1. Are communities benefiting from completed portions?	Intended beneficiaries are Taolome, Pudiakgopa and Good Hope. Pudiakgopa receives partial borehole supply; Taolome/Good Hope remain dependent on inadequate sources & tankers.
2. Has service delivery improved?	Reliable service has not been achieved across the intended villages since the area is predominantly dry.
3. Have complaints reduced since the previous visit?	Water scarcity and unequal sharing through the ring-feed network.
4. Have stakeholder engagements taken place?	Ward Councillor engaged the community for a chanced behaviour at the isolation valve but that has not yielded any results. Municipality intensified water tanker programme to the affected villages.
5. Are there any community disputes affecting implementation?	Pudiakgopa community members oppose sharing water and close the isolation valve.

PROJECT: Taolome Mini Water Scheme (Bakenberg): Readiness for completion & Operation

1. What is the realistic completion date?	Construction completed in 2023; Additional bulk water will be made available as the OMM project is completed estimated for December 2030.
2. What milestones remain outstanding?	- Repair electricity fault and assess all borehole yields/equipment. - Constructive community engagement to Agree and enforce fair ring-feed operation of the scheme.
3. Is funding secured to complete the project?	The OMM project is funded by National DWS and has already commenced.
4. Have operational staff been appointed? New projects only.	The bakenberg satellite office water and sanitation personnel are responsible to operate the water infrastructure..
5. Are maintenance plans in place?	Daily monitoring during borehole pump operation as well as run -to-failure approach is implemented. Obtain pump/borehole maintenance logs and tanker-service records.
6. Are security measures in place?	Pump houses with lockable strong doors and it proves to be sufficient though community awareness.
7. Are utilities connected? New projects only.	Electricity fault reported on a low-yield Taolome borehole.
8. Has testing and commissioning begun? New projects only.	Borehole yield figures were reported for Pudiakgopa; obtain current certified tests for all sources.
9. Are regulatory approvals in place? New projects only.	The underground water protocol and SANS2015 241 provide regulatory guidance on water provision.
10. When will beneficiaries start receiving services? New projects only.	Scheme completed in August 2023, but sustainable service has not commenced for all intended villages since it will benefit from the OMM project which is already underway..



VAALTYN LOCAL STADIUM, MOSHATE

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate : Project Information

Project Name	Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate
Sector	Sports infrastructure
Implementing Department/Entity	Mogalakwena Local Municipality
Municipality	Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality
Contractor	No contractor currently on this project. Contractor abandoned the project.
Original Completion Date	April 2017 (commencement 12 April 2016).
Revised Completion Date	No revised completion date or funded recovery programme Yet. Matter still in Court.
Date of last NCOP or Legislature Visit	NCOP Provincial Week, 16-20 September 2024; the report also refers to an earlier Legislature/NCOP visit during the Sixth Administration.
Project Manager Name	Mr Ntekele R - Project Manager.
Project Manager contact	066 249 1669.
GPS Location	24°08'50.95"S / 28°57'12.47"E

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate : Financial Information

1. What was the original project value?	R38 million original MIG allocation plus R7 million added by the municipality.
2. What is the current project value?	No current recovery/rebuild value has been calculated.
3. How much has been spent to date?	R29 million reportedly paid to the contractor. The municipal records indicate a civil claim involving overpayment of R12 273 171.07.
4. Have there been cost overruns?	Material irregularity and alleged overpayment were reported; no financial recovery yet.
5. What caused the cost increases?	Contractor incapacity/misrepresentation, political interference, weak municipal capacity in monitoring and substandard work.
6. Were any funds returned to Treasury?	No funds returned to Treasury; recovery litigation is under way.
7. Have grant allocations been spent according to conditions?	No. this project is recorded as stalled on the MIG reporting system.
8. Is additional funding required?	A new funded resuscitation/rebuild plan is not yet concluded.



PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate - Previous undertakings

1. List recommendations made by NCOP during last visit.	• Resuscitate the project for the community and consider assistance from surrounding mines. • Pursue implicated former officials and hold them accountable. • Install a gate to protect remaining works. • Blacklist the contractor and bar further government business. • Apply penalties to contractors that fail to complete projects. • Obtain progress reports from the SIU and other relevant bodies on investigations and disciplinary action. • Use and monitor recommendations from the Sixth Administration oversight report together with the 2024 recommendations.
2. List commitments made by the department, municipality, contractor or MEC.	No new executive undertaking was recorded in the 2024 site inspection.
3. Which commitments have been fully implemented?	• Security was placed at Moshate Stadium from January 2023 following a municipal security assessment. • An investigation was completed on 31 October 2023 and identified two responsible officials. • Attorneys and civil-recovery proceedings were instituted; a criminal case was opened.

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate - Previous undertakings

4. Which commitments are still outstanding?	• No funded project-resuscitation plan but a structural investigation by an engineer was commissioned with recommendations to impair the asset. • Contractor not yet blacklisted with treasury awaiting court proceedings. • Obtain current High Court and criminal-case status and amounts recovered.
5. What consequence management has been applied for non-compliance?	• Two officials were suspended on 20 May 2020. • One disciplinary hearing took place on 18 May 2021; the other official retired in January 2021. Proceedings were withdrawn because both were no longer employed. • The municipality is pursuing civil recovery and opened a criminal case.
6. What support has been provided to address identified challenges?	Security deployment, municipal investigation, appointed attorneys, civil recovery and SAPS criminal case.

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate – Physical status

1. What physical work has been completed since the last NCOP visit?	Limited/substandard work was recorded. Pavilion columns failed a safety test. The contractor was said to have drilled boreholes, but their location was unknown.
2. What work remains outstanding?	Most of the stadium/complex, remediation of unsafe work, protection of remaining assets and a full recovery/reconstruction programme.
3. Has project scope changed?	No.
4. Is the project on track for completion	No - the project was abandoned and no funded resuscitation timeline is confirmed. While engagement with private sector (SLP) has resumed, the municipality prioritised water, sanitation and roads as core challenges in the communities (not withstanding the need to re-construct the sports field).

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate – Contractor Performance

1. Is the contractor performing according to contract?	The contractor lacked capacity, delivered substandard work, abandoned the project and sued the municipality for unpaid work done as well as retention.
2. Has the contractor experienced cash-flow challenges?	No information available since all employees who were responsible for this project left the municipal employ.
3. Have penalties been imposed for poor performance?	Penalties were recommended; but were not applied since the contractor abandoned site.
4. Have any notices of default been issued?	The Contractor delivered a substandard works; the contractor abandoned site.
5. Has any contract been terminated?	The contractor abandoned the project; formal termination was not concluded.
6. Is there any litigation or arbitration?	Yes. High Court summons were issued on 8 November 2022 against the engineer, contractor and two officials. Current case status must be obtained.
7. Has the contractor been considered for blacklisting?	Blacklisting was recommended; not yet implemented awaiting court process.

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate – Governance & Accountability

1. How frequently are monitoring visits conducted?	Security assessment occurred in February 2023; current monitoring frequency is daily by the security onsite using the occurrence book.
2. Is there a functioning Project Steering Committee?	No. the project is stalled.
3. Were risks identified and managed timeously?	Unsafe/substandard structures, asset deterioration, unresolved litigation/recovery. This project has been reported to the AG and recorded as Material Irregularity with recommendations.
4. Were warnings of delays escalated?	Pavilion columns failed a safety test.
5. Where relevant, what consequence management has been applied against officials?	Suspensions/investigation occurred, but disciplinary proceedings ended because the officials left employment. Civil/criminal processes is still at Court.
6. Have investigations been conducted where irregularities exist?	Municipal investigation completed 31 October 2023; The AG and recorded as Material Irregularity with recommendations.
7. Have law-enforcement agencies been involved where criminal conduct is suspected?	SAPS criminal case opened 8 November 2021; court case number reported as 8280/2021.
8. What improvements have been made to monitoring and reporting systems?	Security was placed at the stadium. No works has been carried.

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate – Challenges since last visit

1. What challenges identified during previously have been resolved?	Security and legal-recovery actions were initiated.
2. What challenges remain unresolved?	Abandoned construction, unsafe works, recovery litigation, blacklisting, accountability and resuscitation funding.
3. Have new challenges emerged?	No new physical challenges emerged. Community utilise site for illegal dumping.
4. Has vandalism or theft occurred?	Security was installed to safeguard the asset and minimise vandalism
5. Have community protests disrupted the project?	Yes. Sub-contractors ballooned claims resulting in protest and over payment as reported.
6. Has extortion or construction mafia activity been reported?	Extortion was noted during construction which is part of contractor's reason to abandon site.
7. Have land, environmental or regulatory approvals caused delays? New projects only.	Yes. Community utilise the site as illegal dumping. However, the municipality has developed a programme for clearing of illegal dumping and also conduct quarterly awareness campaigns.
8. Have procurement delays occurred?	A new procurement/resuscitation process has not been planned since no funding is confirmed.
9. Have staffing or technical capacity constraints occurred?	Municipal project-management capacity was identified is adequate: 2 X electrical engineers, 6 x Civil technologist, 2 x water resource technologist/engineers, 5 x civil technicians which was recruited and employed by the municipality between February 2023 and May 2026.
10. What interventions are currently in place?	Security, investigation, civil recovery, criminal case and recommendation to seek mine support for resuscitation

PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate – Community Impact

1. Are communities benefiting from completed portions?	The community has not received the sports complex expected in 2017.
2. Has service delivery improved?	No.
3. How many local labourers were employed?	The project has been stalled and no employee on site.
4. Have complaints reduced since the previous visit?	The community remained without the promised facility; complaint trend not quantified.
5. Have stakeholder engagements taken place?	While engagement with private sector (SLP) has resumed, the municipality prioritised water, sanitation and roads as core challenges in the communities (not withstanding the need to re-construct the sports field).
6. Are there any community disputes affecting implementation?	Litigation with the contractor and recovery claims are ongoing.



PROJECT: Vaaltyn Local Stadium, Moshate – Readiness for Completion & operation

1. What is the realistic completion date?	No realistic completion date is available since funding is still sourced.
2. What milestones remain outstanding?	• Conclude civil/criminal/accountability processes and quantify recoveries. • Blacklisting of the contractor not done since the other member of the JV allege not having tendered or appointed for the project.
3. Is funding secured to complete the project?	No.
4. Have operational staff been appointed? New projects only.	Non Applicable until a viable facility is completed.
5. Are maintenance plans in place?	No maintenance/recovery plan in place than normal municipal works such as grass cutting and security.
6. Are security measures in place?	Security placed from January 2023.
7. Are utilities connected? New projects only.	No utilities are not connected since the asset is not functional.
8. Has testing and commissioning begun? New projects only.	Pavilion columns failed a safety test. Structural integrity assessment was commissioned and completed.
9. Are regulatory approvals in place? New projects only.	N/A
10. When will beneficiaries start receiving services? New projects only.	No service commencement date; project remains abandoned.

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