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LGTAS Progress Report

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INTRODUCTION

1. We are hereby giving progress report on the implementation of the LGTAS a broad intervention framework designed to guide efforts to strengthen the local government structures.
2. The strategy was developed in response to a bleak picture painted of the LG sphere, after an investigation was conducted and a subsequent report was presented in 2009.
3. A wider consultation of the strategy was conducted with all the municipalities in an effort to coordinate its implementation.
4. Cabinet considered and approved the strategy in December 2009.

INTRODUCTION

2. The Report laid the basis for the development of the Local Government Turnaround Strategy (LGTAS). The *Broad Aims of LGTAS were:*

➤ ***Restore the confidence*** of the majority of our people in our municipalities, as the primary delivery machine of the developmental state at a local level & ***make municipalities the pride of our people***

➤ ***Build*** a functional, accountable, responsive, effective, efficient developmental local government

BACKGROUND

The following were identified as the five key strategic objectives to realize the aims;

LGTAS KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure that municipalities meet the basic service needs of communities;
- Build clean, effective, efficient, responsive and accountable local government;
- Improve performance and professionalism in municipalities;
- Improve national and provincial policy, oversight and support; and
- Strengthen partnerships between local government, communities and civil society.

BACKGROUND (cont....)

It would be possible for all to be done if all players are mobilised into action such as the following:

- 1) National Government (including state enterprises) should organize itself better in relation to Local Government;
- 2) Provinces should improve their support and oversight responsibilities over Local Government;
- 3) Municipalities should reflect on their own performance and identify their own tailor-made turnaround strategies.
- 4) All three spheres of government should improve Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR);
- 5) Political parties should promote and enhance the institutional integrity of municipalities; and
- 6) The public should be encouraged to participate in local government activities.
- 7) The development and approval of MTAS and their incorporation into IDP's was uneven across provinces

PROCESS: PROGRESS ON MTAS

PROVINCES	MTAS DEVELOPED
1. KWAZULU-NATAL	60 (61) 98.4%
2. MPUMALANGA	18 (21) 85.7%
3. GAUTENG	11 (15) 73.3%
4. NORTH WEST	6 (24) 25%
5. FREE STATE	10 (25) 40%
6. LIMPOPO	30 (30) 100%
7. NORTHERN CAPE	23 (32) 71.9%
8. WESTERN CAPE	22 (30) 73.3%
9. EASTERN CAPE	33 (45) 73.3%
TOTAL	213 (283) 75.3%

PRIORITIES POST OCTOBER 2011

In promoting cooperative governance, the department will be focusing on the following four priority areas:

- Address financial management
- Improve service delivery
- Fight against corruption
- Promote governance

In implementing LGTAS going forward, Ministry working with Provinces has identified 105 municipalities, where an intergovernmental and a differentiated approach will be followed to support the 105 municipalities, including corresponding Traditional Councils

THANK YOU!