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CROSS CUTTING						
National and provincial government departments must prioritize support for municipalities through the actions identified. Is your department appropriately structured to provide 'hands-on' support to municipalities? What challenges have been identified?	Key Sector Department's Municipal Support Plans for 2007 / 2008 compiled and submitted to the dplg. Sector Departments to engage with their Provincial counterparts to ensure that Provinces, Districts and Local Municipalities are aware of the support being	Municipal Support Plans to reflect specific support to be provided, what resources will be allocated and what % of the budget will be allocated for the 2007 / 2008 fiscal period from the Sector Department's budget allocation.	All National and Provincial Sector Departments	All Sector Departments submit Municipal Support Plans by 31 May 2007.	DWAF has completed provincial-level Municipal Support Plans focusing on each Water Services Authority in Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, and North West with the consolidation of existing support instruments into Municipal Support Plans within the rest of the provinces currently underway. Forty municipalities have also been prioritized by the Water Sector Support Co-ordinating Unit for detailed municipal support planning and desk-top diagnostic reports have been produced for prioritized municipalities in the Eastern Cape, North West, Mpumalanga, Western Cape, Gauteng and the Free State in this regard.	Detailed planning is being undertaken to support Water Services Authorities in Limpopo and the Northern Cape. The process will culminated in WSA-level water services delivery acceleration strategies incorporating the support element.
Integration of sector department support: Is your department actively participating in the development of the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS), IDP and LED strategy? Please specify activities undertaken during the financial year.	Plans reflect support to be provided to District and Local Municipalities. The support is based on the alignment of the IDP, LED and PGDS requirements	Plans reflecting specific support (budget & resources) provided by your Department to which District or Local Municipality	All National and Provincial Sector Departments		i) DWAF officials regularly participate in municipal IDP forums to support municipalities with the alignment of WSDPs and IDPs. Technical support is also being provided to municipalities to improve the strategic focus and implementation-orientation of the WSDPs ii) As a water sector leader, DWAF is championing a programme aimed at meeting the national water target (TISPP) iii) The Provincial Water Sector Plans and Support Plans have been developed in alignment with the PGDS strategic objectives. DWAF also participated in the District Growth and Development Summits and followed up on the water related actions identified. Water Services Authorities are currently being assisted with the development of Water Services Master Plans iv) DWAF is currently piloting the support	The challenge for the department has been the shortage of human resource capacity to participate in all municipalities' IDP review processes as they take place within the same period. The DWAF Regional offices are in the process of identifying capacity requirements for the allocation of officials per WSA to ensure focused support on all programmes.
Providing appropriate support to the previous cross boundary municipalities. What specific support has been provided by your department?	Develop a specific plan to continue providing support to the former cross boundary municipalities	Provincial cross boundary support plan as a sub-section of the Provincial Municipal Support Action Plan	All National and Provincial Sector Departments	All previous cross boundary municipal support programmes fully implemented	Support has been provided to the former cross-boundary municipalities both as part of the broader programmatic support that DWAF has provided to all municipalities as well as in the form of targeted support. The targeted support to these municipalities includes the following: 1. The Regional Bulk Programme (Kgalagadi DM, Maruleng LM, Greater Sekhukhune DM, Matatiele LM, Umzimvubu LM) 2. The Free Basic Water Special Intervention Programme (Umzimkhulu LM, Tshwane Metro, Randfontein LM, Merafong LM, 3. 40 Municipalities prioritised by the Water Sector Support Co-ordinating Unit for hands-on support deployment (Kungwini LM, Sisonke DM, Bushbuckridge LM, Greater Sekhukhune DM, Mopani DM, Mogale City, Merafong LM) 4. Municipal Izimbizo Action Plans (Bushbuckridge LM, Umzimkulu LM, Merafong LM, Kungwini LM, Greater Sekhukhune DM, Maruleng LM, Phokwane LM, Frances Baard DM) 5. Comprehensive municipal support plan for all basic services (Bushbuckridge LM)	The key challenge in this regard is the co-ordination and integration of the various support programmes and criteria for prioritisation within the water sector. DWAF is currently reviewing its local government support approach to facilitate integration and maximised impact of support.
Sourcing and deploying hands-on technical capacity to municipalities. How many technical experts were deployed to municipalities? And what projects were they involved in?	Continue with deployment of technical support to identified municipalities requiring specific identified support	Number of deployed technical experts to identified municipalities requiring support	National: dplg, DWAF, DME, Housing, DPW, National Treasury, Transport		i) DWAF has established Regional One-Stop Shops to identify needs and co-ordinate hands-on support to municipalities. Hands-on support is provided to municipalities by technical experts through Provincial Support Units (PSUs) and Technical Assistance Contracts (TACs). ii. Sanitation engineers continue to assist municipalities in the Free State, Eastern Cape, and Northern Cape with the acceleration of the bucket eradication programme, particularly within those municipalities that had the highest backlogs by December 2007. iii) DWAF officials also provide regular technical support to municipalities relating to water issues and Programmes. These include guidelines, feasibility studies, contract modeling, by-laws and tariffs, and project monitoring, etc. iv) The Siyenza Manje and Energy's programmes are now jointly managed by DWAF, the dplg and DBSA through the Water Sector Support Co-ordinating Unit to fast-track the achievement of water sector targets.	A national resource pool is being established and co-ordinated by the Water Sector Co-ordinating Unit as per the Joint Water Services Sector Support Strategy. Lessons and experiences from the previous and current hands-on support deployments (Energys, Siyenza-Manje, Project Consolidate, Bucket Eradication, etc) are being documented to maximise the impact on planned deployments.
KPA 2: Basic Service Delivery						
(Key service delivery (line function) Departments, national and provincial, to include the identified priority actions in their Strategic and Business Plans (including budget) over the next 5 years.	All key line function departments, national and provincial, have identified priority actions in their Strategic and Business Plans (including budget) over the next 5 years with specific focus on 2007 / 2008 fiscal period.	Measurable local government support identified in all strategic and business plans	All National and Provincial Sector Departments	Only certain Departments have reflected local government support Roll-out of local government support	The water sector has identified specific municipal support programmes within the Masibambane iii programme, Water services backlog eradication strategies, Regional Operational Plans as well as provincial and WSA-level municipal support plans that are currently being implemented	Municipal support plans that were developed in the previous financial years are currently being reviewed to assess the level of improvements and also to re-prioritise support where necessary e.g. Free State Municipal Support Programme
Ensuring that the following service delivery targets are achieved: All communities have access to basic services as detailed below in accordance with the MDG targets:	Finalise and confirm the backlog figures for all targeted services	National backlog assessment report that confirms the backlog data and resource requirements that will be necessary to meet the eradication target dates	Coordinating: The dplg, Leading: Sectors: DWAF, DME, Housing, Treasury	All backlog figures and data captured, verified and agreed upon together with the required resources that will be necessary to meet the targets	The DWAF Regional Offices have and are providing support to municipalities in verifying their water and sanitation backlogs based on the Water Services Backlog Eradication Strategies developed by DWAF. The process is at various stages, with some studies currently being finalised and reports having been completed for others.	The existence of various data sets that are used for planning by different planning authorities remains a key challenge. Talks are being held between the dplg, provincial departments of local government, Statistics SA and municipalities to align planning data in instances where the differences are considerable.

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a. Water and sanitation at schools: 2005 DWAF and DOE has changed the target to 2008. Total number of schools in the country? number of schools supplied with water and sanitation? backlog still to be addressed	Undertake assessment to ensure that all schools have water and sanitation. Identify any schools that still need to be provided with water and sanitation. Develop implementation plan and implement.	All schools have water and sanitation services installed	DLG, Dept. Education & DWAF	All schools have water and sanitation services installed	Ministers of DWAF and DoE have revised the new target to 2010 December. The target for 07/08 was to provide 86 schools with sanitation services and 96 schools with water supply. Of the 86 schools targeted for the provision of sanitation 51 were served. Of the 96 schools targeted for the provision of water supply 72 were served. The remaining schools were still under various stages of completion.	The main challenge that has been encountered is that Provincial Departments of Education are disputing the backlog figures provided in the National Education Infrastructure Management System (NEIMS) which was completed in 2007. The provincial Departments were then requested to update backlog figures provided by the NEIMS database and this process is moving slowly.
b. Bucket Eradication: 2007. Total number of buckets in the country? number eradicated? backlog still to be addressed?	Roll out the national implementation plan to ensure that all buckets are eradicated as per the current bucket eradication definition	All buckets have been eradicated in accordance with the required norm and standard	Lead: DWAF, Contributing: The dplg, National Treasury, Housing, Provincial Local Government	All buckets have been eradicated in accordance with the required norm and standard	The total number of bucket latrines that were removed between October 2007 and March 2008 is 25 927 resulting in a backlog of 23 083 yet to be eradicated.	Some municipalities were unable to meet the December 2007 national target owing to a number of factors including hard rock excavations, heavy rains, delayed approval of additional funding, material supply shortages, and procurement delays. The 10 municipalities that still have the highest backlogs are receiving more support under the bucket eradication programme.
c. Water and sanitation at clinics: 2007. Total number of clinics in the country? number supplied with water and sanitation, backlog still to be addressed?	Confirm the number of clinics that still need to be provided with water and sanitation services. Compile a services plan and implement	All clinics have water and sanitation services installed	Lead: DWAF, Contributing: The dplg, National Treasury, DWAF, Dept. Health, Provincial Local Government	All clinics have water and sanitation services installed	100% of the 110 target of clinics which had no access to basic sanitation was met. 95 of the 261 clinics which had inadequate sanitation were served this quarter and 244 completed to date. 59 of the 254 which had inadequate water supply were served by March 2008 254 completed to date.	Outstanding 17 clinics are approaching completion; most of them are at roof level. This constitutes practical completion of the programme.
d. Water Supply: 2008. Total number of households in the country? number supplied with water? backlog still to be addressed?	Confirm the number of households that must receive water services. Develop an implementation plan and implement to meet the 2010 target.	A national water services delivery plan compiled detailing number of households to be served, resources required and implementation plan to meet the 2008 target	Lead: DWAF, Contributing: The dplg, National Treasury, Housing, Provincial Local Government	n number of households targeted for 2007 / 2008	Of the total number of households in the country (12, 779,200), the number of households that have access to water supply is 10,529,200 resulting in a backlog of 2,250,000 yet to be addressed.	The verification of water supply backlogs has been challenging as there are a number data sets from various stakeholders and planning authorities. The backlog verification studies that have been undertaken and are being finalised in some cases are expected to contribute toward addressing the problem
e. Sanitation: 2010. Total number of households in the country? number supplied with sanitation? backlog still to be addressed?	Confirm the number of households that must receive sanitation services. Develop an implementation plan and implement to meet the 2008 target.	A national sanitation services delivery plan compiled detailing number of households to be served, resources required and implementation plan to meet the 2010 target	Lead: DWAF, Contributing: The dplg, National Treasury, Housing, Provincial Local Government	n number of households targeted for 2007 / 2008	Of the total number of households in the country (12, 779,200), the number of households that have access to basic sanitation is 8,529,200 resulting in a backlog of 4,250, 000 households yet to be provided with basic sanitation.	Sanitation is still not adequately prioritised in the WSDPs, hence insufficient budget allocation to sanitation. Lack of reporting on sanitation KPI's by WSA's and other sector partners and shortage of sanitation skills in the sector still remain a challenge.
There is universal access and provision for Free Basic Services. How many households have been provided with Free Basic Water? How many of these are indigent households? How many households have been provided with Free Basic Sanitation?	Each municipality has an indigent policy, indigent register and is implementing the FBS in accordance with the policy	All households have access to FBS as per the promulgated FBS policy	Coordinating: The dplg, Leading: Sectors: DWAF, DME, DEAT	n number of municipalities have FBS policy, indigent register and implementing FBS in accordance with the promulgated policy	As at the end of March 2008, the number of households have been served with Free Basic Water is 10,853,724. The total number of poor households in the country is 5,674,639 of which 4,228,512 households have been served with Free Basic Water	The main challenge with regard to Free Basic Water provision has been municipalities' lack of capacity with regard to implementation and reporting on provision, which resulted in the provision statistics not being updated. There are also 4 municipalities in the country that are still not providing Free Basic Water at all. Municipalities have also raised the issue of inadequate Equitable Share funding allocations for FBW provision as a hindrance. DWAF, dplg and SALGA are currently supporting 36 priority municipalities with the implementation and reporting of FBW provision through the FBW Special Intervention Programme. Free Basic Sanitation access has been difficult to quantify as there are policy matters yet to be finalised.
There is universal access and provision for Free Basic Services.	Continue to implement the FBS communication strategy in all provinces, districts and municipalities	All households have been reached to communicate their FBS entitlement	The dplg , Provincial DLGs, DWAF, DME, DEAT, DMS & LMs		The Free Basic Water Communications campaign has been underway since mid-2007, and DWAF and the dplg are jointly working with the provincial departments of local government in the roll-out of the Free Basic Services Communication campaign. The communications campaign has been using various mechanisms of communication, including the print and electronic media, schools and also public fora.	One of the stumbling blocks in the communication of FBS within municipalities has been the lack of dedicated municipal-level FBS champions to take responsibility for the day-to-day communication and ensure the authenticity and consistency of the message being communicated.
Alignment of all Sector plans with the PGDS and IDPs, and the NSDP.	Develop implementation plans that support the aligned PGDS, LEDS & IDPs and implement. Compile and submit bi-annual progress reports to coincide	Plans implemented in accordance with the aligned PGDS plans	All National and Provincial Sector Departments	Implemented projects as per the Implementation Plans	The Provincial Water Sector Plans and Support Plans have been developed in alignment with the PGDS strategic objectives. DWAF also participated in the District Growth and Development Summits and followed up on the water related actions identified. Water Services Authorities are currently being assisted with the development of Water Services Master Plans	DWAF is continuously engaging with and participating in municipal planning sessions and providing support with the development of water services master plans as a priority.

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<p>Prioritising short to long term technical hands-on support to less capacitated municipalities, e.g. through the DBSA support initiative, the dplg SDFs, the NT, DWAF, JIPSA etc.</p>	<p>Continue to provide identified specific hands-on support to former cross boundary municipalities</p>	<p>Specific support to former cross boundary municipalities identified and implemented</p>	<p>The dplg supported by all departments, SOEs and other institutions</p>	<p>x number of municipalities targeted</p>	<p>i) The Water Sector Support Co-ordinating Unit has prioritised 40 Water Services Authorities to be provided with hands-on support to accelerate water services delivery towards the achievement of the national targets. Diagnostic reports on the key issues and points of intervention within these municipalities have been completed. ii) DWAF, the dplg and SALGA are supporting 36 prioritised municipalities that are struggling with the implementation of Free Basic Water under the auspices of the Free Basic Water Special Intervention Programme (SIP). Regional Action Plans with WSA-specific issues and actions were completed in January 2008 and are currently being implemented.</p>	<p>Support to address the specific issues identified within each WSA is being provided as part of the plans developed. Monitoring and reporting on these programmes will be reported on a monthly and quarterly basis through the integrated local government support reporting processes as well as the Free Basic Water and Sanitation Task Team.</p>
<p>Specific hands-on support will be given to the realigned (previous cross-boundary) municipalities and the 21 urban and rural nodes.</p>	<p>Continue to provide hands-on support to former cross boundary municipalities to build capacity</p>	<p>Specific mentorship support to former cross boundary municipalities identified and implemented</p>	<p>The dplg supported by all departments, SOEs and other institutions</p>	<p>x number of municipalities targeted</p>	<p>Specific support that has been provided to the former cross-boundary municipalities as well as the 21 urban and rural nodes includes the following: 1. The Regional Bulk Programme (Kgalagadi DM, Maruleng LM, Greater Sekhukhune DM, Matatiele LM, Umzimvubu LM, OR Tambo DM, Alfred Nzo DM, Chris Hani DM, Ukhahlamba DM, Ugu DM, Umzinyathi DM, Umkhanyakude DM, Zululand DM) 2. The Free Basic Water Special Intervention Programme (Umzimkhulu LM, Tshwane Metro, Randfontein LM, Merafong LM, Kungwini LM, Sekhukhune DM, Phokwane LM, Maruleng LM, and Gasegonyana LM, OR Tambo DM, uKhahlamba DM, Ugu DM)</p>	<p>The key challenge in this regard is the co-ordination and integration of the various support programmes and criteria for prioritisation within the water sector. DWAF is currently reviewing its local government support approach to facilitate integration and maximised impact of support.</p>