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DDG MLOKOTHI GEARS TO HIT 100% TARGET

Speaking at the review session of the his Branch in Mthatha recently, the Deputy Director General (DDG) Mr Vuyo Mlokothe said the session identified gaps and shortfalls in the support provided to municipalities including the effectiveness of the District Support Centres (DSC). Additionally, Mr Mlokothe said the review session assessed financial and non-financial performance of the 2nd quarter targets.

DDG Mlokothe said the Strategic Planning and Performance cycle in the National Treasury Regulations, requires government departments to conduct performance review sessions aligned to the Budget Plan.

“Key to our Branch is to strengthen municipalities to be responsive to the needs of the communities they serve. We have seen some growth in performance targets and ideally we would love to achieve 100% of our targets,” said Mr Mlokothe.

Ms Charity Sihunu, Chief Director of Municipal Governance and Support said that the department “continued to give intensive support to restore proper municipal administration” in terms of Section



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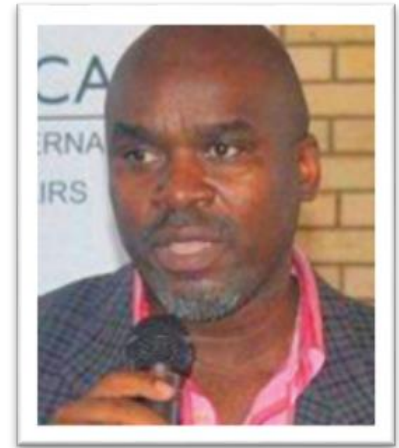
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139 (5) of the Constitution. She added that this is through the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plans (FRP) in Amathole District and Makana municipalities focusing on good



governance. Furthermore, she said the department seconded senior officials as Acting Municipal Managers (MM). Mr Basil Mase (*left*) and Mr Mawethu Pinyana (*right*) are acting MMs in Amahlathi and Ingquza Hill Local Municipalities, separately.



Presenting on behalf of Municipal Basic and Development Services Mr Luthando Plaatjie said through the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) one hundred and ninety-two (192) work opportunities have been created. “Work performed includes the collection of waste at the illegal dumping sites in Cofimvaba Stadium, Joe Slovo, Nyanisweni and Mzomhle village as well as general cleaning of Tsomo Town”, said Mr Plaatjie.

In the Buffalo City Metro, he said participants cleaned and maintained the Moses Twebe Community hall, schools in Pirie Mission and Dimbaza township. Six (6) disabled participants maintained a garden project with the Eastern Cape Braille and Print Association, he explained.

Mr Plaatjie added that CoGTA has a partnership with the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) to assist municipalities with the verification of beneficiaries in the Indigent Registers (IR).

“Thirty (30) IR have been submitted to the Regional SASSA office for verification purposes,” added Mr Plaatjie.

The Chief Director for Municipal Public Participation and Rapid Response, Mr Mboniswa Nodlabi said the training and induction programme of the newly elected Ward Committees has started in in thirty-two (32) out of thirty-three (33) local municipalities,” he said. **By: Siphokazi Nonyukela**