

CHAPTER FIVE: SECTOR DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT

5.1 SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

Matatiele has various stakeholders that are servicing the municipal area. These include both government and private entities. The various entities that exist in Matatiele include:

- ❑ Alfred Nzo District Municipality
- ❑ Matatiele Local Municipality
- ❑ Department of Agriculture
- ❑ Department of Health
- ❑ Department of Social Welfare and population development
- ❑ Department of Home Affairs
- ❑ Department of Education
- ❑ SASSA (South African Social Security Agency)

5.1.1 Alfred Nzo District Municipality

Alfred Nzo District Municipality is the District which offers all district services to Matatiele Municipality. These include bulk water and sanitation, electricity etc.

5.1.2 Matatiele Local Municipality

Matatiele Local Municipality is the municipality that is responsible for service delivery in the Matatiele Municipal Area.

5.1.3 Department of Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture has the following programmes in the Municipal area:

- Siyazondla Homestead Food Production (Green revolution)
- Siyakhula Step up Food production Programme
- Massive Food programme
- Mechanisation Conditional Grant Scheme
- Mechanisation Conditional Loan Scheme
- Eastern Cape communal Soil Conservation Scheme
- Land Care Programme
- Soil Conservation Scheme
- Comprehensive Agriculture Support Programme

- Farmer Organisation Development
- Eastern Cape Livestock Production Improvement
- Livestock production Improvement Programme

5.1.4 Department of Health

5.1.5 Department of Social Welfare and population dynamics

This department is mainly focused on Community development which includes the following aspects

- Youth development: this includes the developments of skills and knowledge for the youth to improve employment opportunities. This is achieved through internships and other community development programmes.
- Sustainable livelihood: this includes poverty alleviation programmes. The department provides an integrated programme that responds to poverty.
- Institutional capacity and support: this includes assisting in registering community projects as Non Profit Organisations (NPO). The department also assists in the improving of governance and management of NPOs so they can be self sustainable.
- Research and demography: this is the research in population development trends.
- Population capacity development: this is the training of youth and women on HIV issues.
- HIV/AIDS: this programme includes establishment of community based centres, provision of support to victims and launching a prevention programme.
- Child care and protection services: this includes child placements, foster care grant and child abuse cases.
- Social crime prevention: This is a probation service for children in conflict with the law. It seeks to rehabilitate children and divert their cases from the mainstream.
- Substance abuse: This is rehabilitation and counseling to substance abusers.
- Care for the aged: This includes referrals to residential care and providing support to the NPOs
- Care for people with disabilities: This is launching income generating projects for the aged and assistance in accessing social grants.

- Victim empowerment programme: these are support centres for abused women and children where counseling is provided to victims of violent crimes. Referrals for domestic restraining orders are also issued.

5.1.6 Department of Home Affairs

This department offers the following services;

- Birth Certificate
- Death Certificate
- Identity documents
- Marriages
- Passports

5.1.7 Department of Education

5.1.8 SASSA

SASSA is an agency that is responsible for the registration of social grants. This agency registers the following types of grants;

- Old age grant
- Disability grants
- Care dependency grant
- foster care grant and
- grant in aid

The agency is also responsible for social relief which includes the distribution of food parcels that are distributed to households for 3 months.

5.1.9 Department of Transport

The department has offices at the old Maluti College building; however the role of these offices is the implementation of projects from the offices in Bhisho.

CONCLUSION

As a review of the previous IDP (2009/10), noting the inputs and comments of the MEC, Stakeholders and Community at large, it is asserted here that this IDP reflects a fair attempt at development planning and delivery unto the mandate of the electorate by the Matatiele Local Municipality with the new dispensation.

With the ultimate approval of this IDP, the Municipality has now a challenge to ensure the best implementation and set delivery targets in this financial year and the next life span of the comprehensive IDP 2007 - 2012.