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# STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS



**BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR**  
**P. T. SOBUTHONGO**

**2025/2026-2027 FINAL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)  
AND 2025/2026-2028 MEDIUM-TERM REVENUE EXPENDITURE  
FRAMEWORK (MTREF)**

# N T A B A N K U L U LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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A new vision for IDP 2022-2027 was developed to direct the municipality's planning and implementation over the 5 years. The 5-year focus will be on realization of sustainable development anchored in radical infrastructure development and socio-economic growth.

## **Vision**

“A municipality that prioritises sustainable development anchored in radical infrastructure development and socio-economic growth.”

## **Mission**

Is to achieve a people-driven socio-economic and environmental development of its communities through:

- Creating solid revenue base
- Radical infrastructure development
- Stimulation of economic growth and opportunities

## **Theme**

Ngentsebenziswano sisa iinkonzo ezingundoqo eluntwini

## **Values**

Ntabankulu Local Municipality embraces the following values:

- Accountability
- Compliance
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Ubuntu
- Sustainability
- Initiative and innovation
- Transparency
- Service excellence
- Diversity



Somlomo weBhunga  
Abantwana begazi,  
Fellow Members of the Executive,  
Fellow Councillors,  
Ward Committees,  
Stakeholders,  
Abantu bonke base Ntabankulu,  
Friends, comrades and Compatriots,

I feel honoured to come here today to present a State of the Municipality Address. Most importantly to make an account of the work that has been undertaken by this Council since 2021 until now. Singabathunywa babantu, kubalulekile ke ngoko ukuba sithi gqolo ukuzodakanca ingxelo yomsebenzi esiwuthunywe ngabantu bakuthi. Kule ngxelo sizothi sibeke elubala kwakunye nezicwangciso zika masipala zonyaka olandelayo nanjengoko sithe gqolo ukusa iinkonzo eluntwini.

Once again we deliver this report at the time of heightened tensions between nations around the world. In some instances the tensions have matured into full blown wars affecting the world economies including ours. South Africa is not an Island, it is a part of the world community, and as such, we are also directly affected by these developments. Our country took an honourable stance against the aggression of Israel on Palestinian people where women, children, elderly and innocent people have been bombarded by weapons of mass destruction. Equally, our country has been continuously calling for peace in the war between Russia and Ukraine, for peace is beneficial to us all as the world community. We wish to pass our heartfelt condolences to the citizens affected by recent disaster. We stand in solidarity with the people who have lost their loved ones, homes and livelihoods due to the devastating floods and strong winds.

Honourable Speaker, we continue to scorn against gender-based violence in our space. Young girls, women and elderly people continue to be victims of these heinous crimes. Young girls have fallen victims of these crimes at the hands of those that are entrusted to take a good care of them. We need communities to whisper to relevant authorities when they suspect these acts of crimes, otherwise we will not win this war.

Honourable Speaker, the President of the country His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa tabled an Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan to resuscitate and redirect the economy into a radical growth path to curb the triple challenges of inequality, poverty, and unemployment.

The plan seeks to aggressively address infrastructure investment which must find expression even in our space to support economic development and create



employment. An approximate amount of R1.5 billion through DDM projects have since been realised in Ntabankulu to build new infrastructure and improve the existing one. Through these interventions, Ntabankulu is literally a construction site with many areas either under construction or maintenance. Infrastructure development in our space will impact positively on our economic development goals and objectives which at the centre is defeating poverty, ensure job creation and economic growth.

In these infrastructure programs, we are realising complete rehabilitation and reseal of T19 road from Ntabankulu to Phuthi at an amount of R221 million. We must however make an admission that the construction is currently at a slow pace and we are engaging the Department of Transport to make serious considerations and reconsiderations where necessary to ensure that people of Ntabankulu get the service they deserve speedily.

It also gives us joy and satisfaction to report that completion of the road from Shinta to Sipetu is currently underway at an amount of R337 million. We are taking bold and radical steps as government in attending to road infrastructure problems in Ntabankulu in service of our people. Our people deserve quality and sustainable services, and relentlessly as government we are on the right path to restore their dignity.

Honourable Speaker, we are also pleased to report that, the Agricultural College in Ntabankulu is currently under construction with phase one taking shape as we are witnessing construction of the College administration centre. This investment is to the tune of R589 million. It is important that we remind our people that the realisation of this investment came after we engaged the then Minister of Higher Education Dr Blade Nzimande back in 2021. This is important because we must make an account at all material times to our people about progress we make whenever we engage stakeholders for their development.

Since we assumed office in 2021 we have been up and about engaging stakeholders in all spheres of government to come on board and invest in our space. This is a confirmation that we have not rested since the people of Ntabankulu gave us the responsibility to lead them to the promised land. We have not arrived but surely on the way there and on the right path.

This Council was sworn into office in the year 2021 and enormous progress has been registered over this period improving the lives of our people and restoring their dignity. We have taken an oath and progress registered in this period is a testament of the commitment of this Council to that oath.

It is also important to make an admission that, whilst we appreciate service delivery progress made to this end, we also make an acknowledgement that, a lot more still



needs to be done in honour of the social contract we signed with our people. It is for that reason that we today table an IDP and Budget that is people-centred and responsive to the service delivery challenges in Ntabankulu.

#### Energy Infrastructure:

The ANC in its manifesto has committed that we shall deliver electricity to all of our people wherever they are to achieve a Better Life For All. In fulfilling that commitment, today we report that working with Department of Energy and Eskom, we have realised 99% reduction of electricity backlogs, utilizing Integrated National Electrification Program Grant (INEP) and with the assistance of the Office of the Premier. The remaining 1% that is not yet connected to the grid is attributed to challenges of access as we continue to account for infills and extensions on new settlements and households. In areas where there is a challenge of access, the Council is working around the clock to address them. These areas include Lalashe in ward 8, Habhu in ward 1, Dikidikini, Lugadu, Dinuseni, Ngqulana (ward 7).

Confirmation of our commitment is the access road under construction in Habhu to deal with challenges of access which we have since achieved. The construction of this road has assisted us to plan properly for the electrification of this community.

#### Extensions and Infills:

Growth of our communities is continuous and as such, we have ensured installation of Electrification Infrastructure for 355 extensions and infills in various wards under 2022/23 financial year, and 212 extensions and infills in various wards under 2023/24 financial year. Likewise, we have completed 10 km link line in Habhu village and installed 195 electrification infrastructure in different wards of Ntabankulu under 2024/25 financial year.

We are continuing with our efforts to build a modern green and safe town, and as such we have installed 24 Solar powered LED Street Lights in Ntabankulu CBD in ward 10 while 217 public lights and 5 high Masts are continuously under maintenance in town (ward 10). We are however concerned about the continuous vandalism and theft of the public streetlights in town as this is putting the lives of our people at risk of crime. We call on all those partaking in this crime to stop immediately. We are equally calling on law enforcement to quickly act on this deliberate sabotage of progress.

#### Social amenities:

Understanding that social amenities play a critical role in promoting social integration, economic growth and development, good health and general quality of life, the Municipality has constructed and maintained existing community halls, constructed Traffic Department, and Early Childhood development centres using MIG and Equitable share.



### Community Halls:

- Constructed Silindini Community Hall in ward 03, Dumsi community hall in ward 02, and completed Lwandalolubomvu MPCC in ward 05.
- Maintained two community halls; Madwakazana (Ward 9) and Mnceba (ward 13).

We have constructed Early Childhood Development Centres to support balanced growth of our children:

- Dumsi Preschool in ward 02, Nkqubela Preschool in ward 14 at Cedarville, Zamokuhle Preschool in ward 08 at Xakani village, Nyanda preschool in ward 10 at Mpisini village, Thomo preschool in ward 4 at Xhibeni village, and Zamukulungisa preschool in ward 1 at Dungu village.

### Traffic Department:

Traffic Department offices have been constructed and completed in town. We are making all reasonable steps and efforts to arrest revenue leakages in our town. We can confirm that we are now operating some DLTC services in the new Traffic Department offices having complied with all required preliminaries.

### Roads Infrastructure:

While delivering the Manifesto of the ANC, President Cyril Ramaphosa reiterated that “we set ourselves the task of improving basic services and infrastructure”, and as such, we continue to ensure that we improve road network within our communities which will facilitate economic growth. Working with the Department of Transport and Office of the Premier, we have since constructed and maintained over 88 km of gravel roads and surfaced 5.86 km in the urban area between 2021/22, 2023/24, 2024/25 and these include;

- Construction of access roads** (Ngonyameni Access Road in ward 16; Ngozi access road in ward 5; Ngqina to Sidakeni in ward 02; Silindini to Zinyosini in ward 03; Ndlantaka Access Road (Tshona to Jonase) in ward 15; Mabofu in ward 19, Saphukanduku to Ntshamanzi Access Road in ward 13; and Mafinyela access road in ward 11).
- Access roads under construction** (8,5km Zwelitsha to Town Access Road in ward 10, 9 km Gxwaleni to Maliwa Access Road in ward 18, 7,5km Mnceba to Ntshamanzi Access Road in ward 13 and 2km of Mbedula to Mnyasa access road in ward 17.
- Surfacing of 4.4 km of internal streets in ward 10 funded by ECOTP under the Small Town Revitalization Programme.
- Upgrading of 0.8 km Ntabankulu ring road in ward 10 funded by ECDoT.
- District Roads as funded by the Department of Transport have been maintained: 12 km of DR08125, 6 km of DR08110 & 812M of DR08019,
- Rehabilitation of access roads and three bridges has been realised through**



**disaster funding** (1,5km at Tshona-Daluxolo access road in ward 15, 7,6 km of Drayini to Sithebe Access Road in ward 09, Ndakeni access road in ward 06; Dambeni access road in ward 08; Magqagqeni access road in ward 12; Mbongweni to Ndlantaka in ward 18, Mpemba access road in ward 14; Zankhanyo access road in ward 18; Ndlantaka to Ngqwashu access road in ward 15; Ntsinyani to Siqithini access road in ward 6; Dedelo access road in ward 17; Xakani to Nyathi access road in ward 8; Ncama access road in ward 11; Ngwemnyama bridge in ward 13 and Jakuja bridge in ward 18.

•**Two access roads funded through disaster funding are still under rehabilitation** (Mbangomthi access road in ward 9; Tyiweni to Mqatyeni access road in ward 5).

The surfacing of urban roads through Small Town Revitalization program funded by the Office of the Premier continues to make much needed facelift of our town and we are proud to indicate that larger area of our town is now sealed through this programme.

To ensure the sustainability of our roads construction projects in our communities, the Municipality secured the Yellow Fleet Plant (1 Roller; 1 Grader, 1 TLB, 1 Water Cart, 1 Lowbed and 2 bakkies) and has since started road maintenance works on the ground ensuring that our people use safe trafficable roads. Eliphulo lizokuqhubeka ukuncedisa kwi ward zonke zase Ntabankulu. Noko kunjalo, siyathanda ukutsho ukuba kungumnqweno wethu ukuba siyongeze le plant ngoba Isidingo sayo sikhulu kakhulu nanjengoko sineendlela ezininzi ezimoshwa sisimo sezulu.

Dikidikini Bridge and WeliSizwe Programme:

Honourable Speaker, kubalulekile ukuba siwucacise umcimbi we bridge yase Dikidikini. Besisele sinikezele ngonokontra ka ozokwakha ibridge yase Dikidikini, kodwa sithetha nje ngoku waye waphuma ngelithi uyoyisakala ngumsebenzi. Lo not ke ithe yasiphindisela umva kumcimbi wokwakha ibridge yase Dikidikini. Kodwa siyathanda ukutsho ukuba, njengoba sithetha, uDBSA ukwiphulo lokuba isebe lakwa Public Works kubelilo elenza lo msebenzi lisebenzisa amajoni ngendlela efanayo ne programme ka Welisizwe. Oku kukuqinisekisa ukuba siyafikelela kwisombululo eDikidikini.

We must acknowledge that different departments and institutions of government are coming through to assist us develop our people and fulfil our commitment of a Better Life For All. Implementation of the Welisizwe Programme is currently underway with the Department of Defence being the implementing agent.

Siyavuya ukutsho ukuba phantsi kwale nkqubo ka WeliSizwe sele zigqityiwe iibhulorho kwezi wadi zilandelayo; Mfundisweni kwa ward 19 kwakunye neyase Dambeni kwa ward 08. Ibhulorho yase Ntsingana kwa ward 03 nayo siyavuya ukutsho ukuba sele iku 96% ukuba igqitywe nangona kubekhona ukulibaziseka elwaxhiweni lwayo. I-bridge yase Gxeni kwa ward 12 sele iqalisiwe ukokhiwa abantu basegxeni bazothi bafumane ukuphumla ingakumbi ngelixa leemvula zehlobo. Uyasikhathaza kakhulu umcimbi



weebhulorho nanjengoko uchaphazela uluntu lonke ngexesha lee mvula ingakumbi ukufunda kwabantwana, yilonto ke sithe gqolo ukuzakha ngemigudu yethu singu Masipala kwakunye nokubambisana namanye amasebe ka rhulumente.

Over 160 job opportunities have been created during the construction of WeliSizwe bridges.

#### Agricultural College Establishment:

The ANC government has committed in its manifesto that “we need to address youth unemployment through interventions focused on education reform and skills development initiatives” This is part of our efforts of ensuring that we channel the energy of the youth to the right direction by devising and implementing targeted decisive interventions.

Ever since we engaged the then Minister of Higher Education Dr Blade Nzimande in August 2021 about the establishment of an Agricultural College in Ntabankulu, we can confirm that construction has started on site with phase one of the project having a commitment budget of R105 million.

We made a breakthrough with this ground-breaking development as it will bring a wide range of development opportunities in Ntabankulu thereby facilitating economic growth and investment opportunities. For the longest of time, there has been some level of reluctance on the side of investors coming to our town because of perceived low buying power. The construction of an Agricultural College in Ntabankulu will, amongst other things, boost the buying power of our town and thereby increase investor confidence. We were deliberate as this leadership by requesting this College as we fully understood the benefits of it in the broader economic dynamics.

#### **Distinguished guests,**

#### Job Creation and SMME Support:

Working together with other spheres of government and Sector Departments we have created job opportunities for the people of Ntabankulu, and as such:

- 282 kunyaka mali ka 2021/2022 kwinkqubo yemisebenzi eyandisiweyo (EPWP) ngokwahlukana kwamacandelo.
- 470 kunyaka mali ka 2022/23 kwiNkqubo Yemisebenzi eYandisiweyo (EPWP), kwizintlu ezahlukeneyo.
- 1082 through Community Works Program (CWP)
- 10 beneficiaries through Removal of Alien Species
- 100 beneficiaries Cleaning and greening project funded by (DEDEAT)



- 124 beneficiaries for Flood mopping project funded by Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment.
- Thirteen (13) jobs created for farm coordinators, town planning interns and back to school graduates (EPWP)
- 431 beneficiaries under EPWP program for 2023/24 financial year in different projects.
- 278 beneficiaries under EPWP program for 2024/25 financial year in different projects.

Distinguished guests, comrades and friends, we partnered with various government institutions including Social Development, the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Department of Health, Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism among others, to provide funding and resource assistance to youth, women-led co-operatives, elderly projects, people living with disability, HIV/AIDS, and community development projects.

These initiatives we have undertaken are a testament to the commitment we made of championing inclusive growth and development for our communities and these include:

- Application of five Cannabis permits for primary cooperatives in ward 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9.
- Establishment of ward Cannabis structures and training in ward 4, 5, 6, 19, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.
- Provision of Poultry house, 200 Chicks and Feed at Mazeni poultry farming co-operative (ward 19)
- Provision of Seeds, seedlings, fertilizer, pesticides and fencing for two crop farming co-operatives (Ndikhoyo Pty LTD ward 17 & Tabs New Creation ward 15).
- Registration of 173 Spaza Shops, 2 General Dealers and Provide empowerment workshop and Provision of machinery equipment to Something Cooking Primary Cooperative beneficiaries, Ntabankulu wool growers association and provision of training to 10 local SMMEs (local caterers).
- Provision of Starter Pack Vouchers to 57 (fifty seven) Spaza Shops,
- Capacity building to 8(Eight) General Dealers.
- Training of 10 Local Caterers.
- Provision of four wool pressors to four wool growers associations and four sorting tables.
- Promotion of five (5) unique tourism selling products (Pondo Cultural Festival, Amanci Commemoration, Gomo Hiking Trail, Horse Racing, BnB Development and Support (registration with Tourism Grading Council for Nofie, TC Lodge and Imvelo).
- Conducted Feasibility study and development of Proposals, and designs for funding agencies for Development of Ntabankulu Dam.
- Constructed ablation facilities and braai facilities for Ntabankulu dam.
- Capacity building for 4 sand mining entities (ward 2 Manaleni, ward 3(Nyabeni & Dwaku), ward 14 Cacadu and monitored Mjelweni quarry mine.



Siyathanda ukutsho ukuba sisebenza kakuhle namakomkhulu asingqongileyo, ubungqina kokokuba sithe gqolo ukuwaxhasa omahlanu; uLwandlelubomvu, aManci, eNtlenzi, amaCwerha and amaXesibe. Le nkxaso iquka iMpondo Cultural Festival, Amanci Commemoration kwakunye nenkxaso ejoliswe ngqo kwikomkhulu ngalinye ngonyaka-mali.

Improved well-being of vulnerable and marginalized groups (youth, women, people living with HIV/AIDS, elderly, orphans and vulnerable children) has been realized. The following programs were thus implemented: -

- Provision of one sewing industrial machine and Woodworking equipment to Amaqhaw'esizwe disability project in ward 10.
- Provision of 39 industrial sewing machines to 39 garment sewing women across 19 wards of Ntabankulu.
- Provision of academic support (Uniform and Stationary) to identified Orphans and Vulnerable Children.
- Provision of baking equipment and Seedlings for 2 elderly projects (Sibanye Elderly Project in ward 10 and Luncedo Elderly project in ward 02).
- Provision of seedlings to 19 HIV/AIDS support groups.
- Three Back to School Programmes (Apply on time campaign, late applications & Achievers Awards) hosted and one youth project ( Eyethu) supported with operational materials.
- We hosted prestigious Miss Ntabankulu High Schools pageant

Honourable Speaker, we await the completion of the national brand filling station in town which is currently under construction by one of the developers that we gave space to invest in our town.

We have committed to our people to provide housing to those in need and deserving and as such, we registered some achievements on Human Settlements over the period since this Council was sworn into office:

- Construction of 32 Housing units at Bomvini village in ward 08 has been completed.
- 494 Households (174 Bomvini, 93 Ngqane (5 completed and handed over), 77 ward 9, 50 ward 1, 50 ward 4, 50 ward 14) funded by the department of Human Settlements, NLM appointed as the implementing agent are under construction.
- 500 units committed in ward 5, with COEGA appointed as an implementing agent for 150 units (phase1), and the contractor has been awarded.
- 150 units (phase1) in Mfundisweni ward 19 is under implementation.
- 332 housing contractors have since been appointed (Ward 10 – 113 units; ward 06- 36 units; Ward 07- 37 units; ward 02- 70 units; ward 12-38 units; ward 09-38 units)



### **Distinguished guests,**

We have put in place number of structures that are meant to ensure effective governance and implementation of the Ruling Party policies, resolutions, and governing principles. These include ward committees in all wards, MPAC, IGR Forum, Risk Management Committee, Audit Committee, and Financial Misconduct Board. With these structures in place, we have managed to attain unqualified audit opinion in the last audit conducted by Auditor General.

### **Honourable Speaker,**

Capacity Building and Training:

In combating lack of industry skills we have undertaken capacity building programs to community members, especially unemployed youth who benefited from training programs. Such programs include:

- Environmental Practice Learnership with 25 beneficiaries funded by LGSETA
- Local Economic Development with 10 beneficiaries funded by LGSETA
- Construction Works Learnership funded by LGSETA with 25 beneficiaries.
- Internship program funded by LGSETA and Municipality with 27 beneficiaries combined.
- Crop and mixed farming learnership funded by AgriSETA
- Learnership programs on plumbing and new venture funded by LGSETA and UIF with 124 beneficiaries combined.

### **Honourable members of the Executive,**

Internal controls including review of policies, strategies, and development of standard operating procedures, have since been strengthened to protect financial resources of the municipality. Fighting corruption, promoting high standard of professionalism remain our core values.

Over the period of this Council, funded budget has been adopted by Council and confirmed by Treasuries, against the backdrop of high poverty levels, low economic growth, rising unemployment, ongoing budget cuts experienced by the municipality and government at all levels, and increasing demands for services. We have since strengthened our relations with our stakeholders including ratepayers and other organized groups as we seek to inculcate the culture of paying.

Honourable Speaker,

Allow me to table a budget for the financial year 2025/2026.

I hereby present a total budget of **R395 469 923**.



The 2025/26 budget is made up of the following receipts:

<b>GRANT REVENUE</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Equitable Share	<b>R 164 065 000</b>
Municipal Infrastructure Grant	<b>R 44 381 000</b>
Small Town Revitalization Programme	<b>R 10 000 000</b>
Finance Management Grant	<b>R 2 700 000</b>
Expanded Public Works Programme	<b>R 2 597 000</b>
EPWP – Eradication of alien species	<b>R 1 000 000</b>
LGSETA	<b>R 500 000</b>
DSRAC Grant	<b>R 915 000</b>
ANDM Grant- IDP outreach	<b>R150 000</b>
Electrification Grant	<b>R 9 970 000</b>
Municipal Disaster Recovery	<b>R 21 315 000</b>
Human Settlement Agency Fees	<b>R 83 400 154</b>
<b>OWN REVENUE</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Own Revenue	<b>R54 476 768</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>R 395 469 923</b>

Budget is allocated to fund programmes and projects in all five Key Performance areas:

- Basic Service Delivery
- Local Economic Development
- Good Governance and Public Participation
- Financial Viability and
- Institutional Development and Organizational Transformation.

### **On Basic Service Delivery**

Ukunikezelwa kweenkonzo zophuhliso ezisisiseko kubekelwe bucala imali engange **R169 066 154.00**.

Ulwabiwo mali luka 2025/2026 luquka iinkonzo ezingundoqo ezizezi, ulwakhiwo lwendlela, izindlu, iibhulorho, nokuqityezelwa kwezitalato edolophini.

**Utilising Municipal Infrastructure Grant we shall realise: R 44, 381, 000**

The allocation includes a ring-fenced **R 11, 500, 000.00** to implement projects approved by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC). It is a condition of approval that the implementation of the projects must comply with the conditions of the MIG.



- Completion 8,5km Zwelitsha to Town Access Road in ward 10.
- Completion 9,9 km Gxwaleni to Maliwa Access Road) in ward 18.
- Completion of 7,5 km Mnceba to Ntshamanzi Access Road 13.
- Completion 2km of Mbedula to Mnyasa access road in ward 17.
- Construction of Rhwantsana Community Hall in ward 4.
- Construction of Siqithini ECD in ward 06.
- Construction of Ngqina to Sidakeni Access Road Phase 2 in ward 03.
- Construction of Ntabankulu Sports field phase 4 in ward 10.
- Construction of Mbangweni/Magombeni Sports field in ward 10.

**We shall utilise our Equitable Share to realise the following projects: R 164 065 000.**

- Construction of Buhlebezwe Preschool in ward 17.
- Patching 10m<sup>2</sup> (ten square metres) of potholes in urban area (ward 10)
- Maintenance of 6970m stormwater control facilities in ward 10
- Maintenance of 18,5 km access roads in ward 2.
- Conduct inspection of 240 streetlights lights and develop a scope and perform required maintenance.
- Conduct inspection on 5 high mast lights, develop a scope and perform required maintenance in ward 10.
- Maintenance of 1 community hall.
- Maintenance of 11 municipal buildings (Manyano, ERF 85, MPCC, Arts & Craft Centre, State House, municipal pound, landfill site, cemetery, Library and registry, home affairs and traffic department).

We remain committed in supporting early childhood development in Ntabankulu as means of investing in education and literacy remains undisturbed, and as such, construction of two (02) preschools in one financial year will be realised. We shall continue to do so and the results of this huge investment will continue to show over time.

**Rehabilitation Of Access Roads By MDRG: R 21 315 000**

- Rehabilitation of 12 km Tlali access road in ward 14.
- Rehabilitation of 12 km Ntlangano access road in ward 1.

**Housing Projects: Funded By Human Settlements: R 83 400 154**

- Complete Construction of 86 Housing Units in Bomvini village in ward 8&9.
- Complete Construction of 88 Housing Units in Bomvini village in ward 8&9.
- Complete Construction of 88 housing Units of Ngqane 93 in ward 16.
- Complete Construction of 77 housing Units in ward 09.
- Complete Construction of 10 slabs of 50 Housing Units in ward 1 (Bonxa 50).



- Complete Construction of 20 Housing Units of Bonxa 50 in ward 14 (Bonxa 50)
- Complete Construction of 20 Housing Units of Bonxa 50 in ward 4 (Bonxa 50).

### **Surfacing Project By OTP: R 10 000 000.00**

- Construction of 330 m Paved Access Road to traffic offices and sidewalks in ward 10.

### **Electrification**

We are committed as government to ensure that everyone has access to reliable electricity as a basic human right. In light of the above, DMRE has committed a budget of Nine million nine hundred and seventy thousand (R9 970 000.00) for three hundred and forty five (345) infills and extensions in various wards.

We continue to support indigent households with free basic energy of 50kWh for each eligible indigent beneficiary and a total budget of Six Million Rands only (R6 000 000) has been set aside.

### **Land Use Management and Environmental Management:**

Madam Speaker,

A safe and habitable environment is a constitutional right of every South African, and as such, we continue to implement environmental management programs and undertaking Land Use Planning initiatives. A clean and habitable environment plays a huge role in our concerted efforts of restoring the dignity of our people.

In fulfilment of these facts as a caring government, a total budget of Seven million one hundred and sixty seven thousand one hundred and forty-four (**R7 167 144**) has been set aside for the following programs:

- Implementation of IWMP through waste collection , transportation, recycling, disposal and spot check in urban and rural villages (Isilindini , Ndakeni ,Yandlala , Bonxa , Bakuba, Upper Ndlantaka, Mjila, Mnceba and Mfundisweni), and acquisition of 2 specialised waste vehicles.
- Implementation of Landfill Site Management Plan by reviewing landfill site license, recording disposable and recyclable waste data in line with IWMP.
- Implementation of the approved Climate Change Response Strategy (alien species removal, landscaping and grass cutting, Arbor Week & Environmental awareness programs.
- Reviewal of one precinct plan in ward 10 (urban area) and development of one precinct plan at Silindini village in ward 03.
- Subdivision and zoning erf 87.
- Development of one(1)draft precinct plan in wards 03 and reviewed One (1) draft precinct plan in ward 10.



## **On Local Economic Development:**

In our efforts of restoring and reclaiming township economy for our people, we continue to give support to SMME's/Co-operatives as part of Local Economic Development strategy:

The following projects will be given both technical and resource support with a total budget allocation of One Million three hundred and five thousand rands (R1 305 000.00).

- Provision of production inputs to 3 hectares of land for Bean Production in ward 12.
- Conduct one study tour for Cannabis & monitoring of cannabis structures from ward 5,6,10.
- Provision of support (chicks and seedlings) to 19 identified indigent beneficiaries, towards poverty alleviation.
- Provision of Starter Pack Vouchers to 19 (Nineteen) Spaza Shops, capacity building to 4(Four) General Dealers and
- Provision of 2 (two) wool pressors & two sorting tables to two wool growers associations.
- Promotion of five(5) unique tourism selling products and conduct one (1) tourism awareness campaign.

Expanded Public Works Programs utilizing EPWP Grant, and Equitable Share will be used to create job opportunities in our space to provide relief to many of our people.

Ntabankulu Local Municipality remains a sleeping giant on tourism economy through creative arts & culture, and heritage. We continue to inject resources in trying to activate this potential as part of economic growth strategy; through Mpondo cultural festival, Amanci Commemoration and tourism awareness campaigns continue to be supported.

## **On Special Programs**

Distinguished guests, friends and comrades;

We committed not to leave any citizen behind in our efforts of making the lives of our people better, and as such, we remain deliberate in supporting vulnerable groups in our society. We wish to reiterate that sustainable service delivery is what we ought to see, hence continuity of our holistic programs we implement.

Back to School programmes, i.e, Apply on time campaign, Achievers Awards are a game changer for our youth, and these are done in collaboration with social partners and are therefore yielding positive results. We have also put aside budget for Miss Ntabankulu High Schools Programme to ensure that we keep a school environment as



a place of choice for young people, young girls in particular.

Within the context of social transformation, we have thus identified the need to support initiatives of Early Childhood Development, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, youth, physically challenged people, women and elderly people.

Amongst the programs in our priority list in support of these vulnerable groups include Elderly Christmas for elderly people from all 19 wards of Ntabankulu. Likewise, we shall support a young person business in ward 10 as part of our strategies to reclaim township economy.

To this end, a total sum of one million five hundred thousand (R1 500 000.00) is budgeted for social well- being of the special groups.

### **On Institutional Development and Organizational Transformation:**

Unleashing of illiteracy reduction & skills development (Unemployed Training & Development) and Institutional Development and Organizational Transformation Programs for the financial year 2025/2026 will be realised at an amount of: **R5 140 000.00.**

- Employee Wellness Programs
- Capacity Building Programs for both Councillors and Employees
- Review of Municipal Policies and By-Laws
- Legal Fees
- Records Management Systems
- Information Communication Technology for (ICT Systems and ICT Infrastructure).

### **On Good Governance and Public Participation**

Honourable Speaker,

For the municipality to be able to achieve public participation and accountability, Chapter 4 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, the White paper of Local Government and the mandate by Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, proclaim: "Encourage involvement of communities and community organizations on matters of local government", and as such we will undertake these programs to empower our communities with knowledge and encourage their participation.

In achieving this, a sum amount of (**R7 183 750.00**) is budgeted to fund:

- Reviewal and Implementation of Communication Action Plan.
- Provision of eight municipal and SA flags, four pull up banners, eight flag banners and



one gazebo.

- Coordinated sitting of four stakeholder engagements through ratepayers, businesspeople, youth and traditional councils.
- Provision of support to three (3) traditional councils.
- Coordination of twenty (20) community engagements through the media.
- Facilitated development of four (4) digital newsletter editions.
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Integrated Development Plan and Performance Management Systems
- Internal Audit, Audit Fees, Risk Management and Financial Misconduct Board Sitings.
- Functioning of Council Committees and Council (MPAC, Rules, Ethics & members interests, Petitions Committee, Women’s Caucus).
- Moral Regeneration and Initiation Forums, Know your Rights and Citizens Engagement Programs.
- Customer Care Programs.

**On Financial Viability and Management**

Somlomo webhunga,

Allow me to table a Total Budget of Three hundred and ninety-three million six hundred and thirteen thousand one hundred and nine rand **(R393 613 109)** to fund as detailed above. **The Budgeted Expenditure therefore is as follows:**

Account Description	Budget 2025/2026
Personnel Costs	R 128 400 826
General Expenditure	R 98 684 869
Repairs and Maintenance	R 4 617 156
Capital Expenditure	R 78 510 103
Agency Fees	R 83 400 154
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>R 393 613 109</b>

Honourable Speaker, I therefore table 2021/2022 to 2024/25 Service delivery Report and 2025/2026-2027 Integrated Development Plan and 2025/2026-2027/28 Final Budget.

**Xa ndisehla,**

Silibhunga sithanda ukubongoza onke Amakhosi kunye noluntu lonke lwase Ntabankulu ukuba bangazibandakanyi nezenzo ezinxamnye nomthetho ngokubhekiselele kucando lomhlaba kaMasipala. Sikwabongoza noluntu ukuba lungokhi kwindawo ezikufuphi nemifula ezingenza intlekele xa kunokubakhona imvula enkulu.



Siyathanda ukudlulisa umbulelo kwiintsebenziswano kuzo zonke izi-stakeholders zalo masipala, kuquka amakomkhulu nesibambisene kakhulu nawo, ezenkolo (faith-based organizations), imibutho yezothutho (taxi industry), abathengisi dolophini (hawkers), nendibaniselwano zosomashishini (business forum), abahlali base Ntabankulu, kwakunye ne ratepayers.

Sikwathanda nokutsho ukuba, esingekafiki kuye sisindleleni.

**I THANK YOU**



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