

Inter-Governmental Relations on Community Development Services

Witzenberg Municipality



MUNICIPAL VISION

A Municipality that
cares for its community,
creating growth and
opportunities!



Objectives of IGR

- To facilitate effective co-operation between Witzenberg Municipality, Sector Departments and private and para-statal located in the space of the municipality.
- To enhance integrated and to consider various priorities programmes and projects in the area;
- To establish a formalized forum and process to manage the relationships between the Municipality with Sectors with regards to service delivery.
- To facilitate for a conducive platform for technical support, knowledge and expertise sharing in matters of mutual interest.



Objectives of IGR

- To share appropriate information on planned projects and development initiatives.
- To share information on the respective programmes of the other sectors and partners.
- To facilitate constant and consistent interaction between the municipality and sector departments
- A commitment to collaborate, engage continuously



Objectives of IGR

- To identify matters to be included in the IDPs of the Local Municipalities that require alignment; and
- To align Local Municipal IDP with Sector Department activities/requirements.



Members

- Witzenberg Municipality & CWDM
- Dpt. of Local Government, Dpt. of Education
- Department of Health, Department Social Development
- Department Community Safety, Department of Agriculture
- SAPS, EMS, SASSA
- Department of Correctional Services
- National Dpt. Home Affairs, Dpt. Rural Development
- NGO's, CBO's ext. (Ad Hoc basis)



IGR PLATFORMS

- Witzenberg IGR Steering Committee
- SASSA Home Affairs IGR



Witzenberg IGR Steering Committee: Background

- Due to the War on Poverty survey intervention in Witzenberg, it was identified as a CRDP node
- The initiative were conducted in 5 Phases: Steering Committee planning, social facilitation, social upliftment, Infrastructure development, economic development.



IGR PROCESS

- Who was involved: Dept Rural Development; Department Agriculture, DEDAT, Dept Sports & Cultural Affairs, Department of Public Works
- Meetings were once per quarter & facilitated by Dept Agriculture (Rural Development Unit)



IGR PROCESS

- Focus Points: It tracked and monitored progress regarding identified projects that the sectors are implementing in Witzenberg area
- Coordinated by Witzenberg official: provided venue & invited stakeholders



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenges with Scope: Regarding regular attendance – attendees not always well prepared
- Successful approach: facilitating a process where all stakeholders buy-in & understand that the main focus is community development



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenges with roles & responsibilities:
Lack of understanding from community regarding role of local government and stakeholders – unrealistic expectations
- Successful approach: facilitating community participation to ensure effective service delivery – COS part of structure



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenges with Planning: Lack of capacity to develop and finalize strategies
- Successful approach: developing strategies in conjunction with District Municipality



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenges with IGR & stakeholder collaboration: Lack of funding having a negative influence on the implementation process
- Successful approach: facilitating the sharing of information (fostering trust), especially funding that is/will come available



ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES

- Successful implementation of the following projects:
 1. Prince Alfred's Hamlet Walkway project
 2. Swimming Pools in Nduli & Prince Alfred's Hamlet
 3. Open gym equipment & renovating parks in communities



SASSA & HOME AFFAIRS IGR: BACKGROUND

- Initiative started when there were complaints in towns, especially farms and rural areas (people paid too much to go to Dept Home affairs in Worcester)
- Agreement were made between Dept Home affairs and Sassa to create platform where these issues can be discussed with community representatives & stakeholders



IGR PROCESS

- Meetings were conducted once per quarter
- Focus points:
 - ✓ To make the services of the 2 Dept's more accessible
 - ✓ To address gaps in service delivery and how to handle special cases



IGR PROCESS

- Coordinated by Witzenberg official: provided venue & invited stakeholders
- Community problems were reported at forum and there were direct interaction between the organization that reported the problem and the Department



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Regarding the scope: the time of the meetings had to be carefully coordinated with Departments not always being available
- Successful approach: Complaints regarding grant applications were addressed in the forum meetings



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenge regarding roles: Limited budget for those that needed transport to attend these forum meetings
- Successful approach: Direct follow –up and communication with SASSA/ DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (the extra mile to ensure attendance)



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenge with planning: Limited Budget straining interventions with vulnerable groups since the need for transport services are high in the rural sector.
- Successful approach: Stakeholders can plan together making it more cost effective to roll out community initiatives.



CHALLENGES & SUCCESSFUL APPROACH

- Challenge with IGR & stakeholder collaboration: Transport
- Successful approach: better coordination & cooperation between social workers and community, addressing gaps in service delivery in more rural areas (farms that are situated far from town)



ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES

- ✓ An official was placed at Provincial hospital to assist with new born registration
- ✓ Transversal issues being mainstreamed in the IDP



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SUCSESSES&CHALLENGES IN MAINSTREAMING TRANSVERSAL ISSUES WITHIN THE IDP: **YOUTH**



YOUTH

- Youth Focal Point programme was created to address transversal issues
- Entails 12 Youth ambassadors placed at 9 areas to be a:
 - Information access point to youth
 - Assist with access to work opportunities
 - Implementation of youth programmes



Information is key

- Building networks with Government Departments and NGOs/organisations in order to receive weekly information
- Regular liaison with organisations such as faith based entities and Government Departments such as SAPS and Department Health, Social Development etc. to obtain information regarding awareness workshops, initiatives and general information



Objectives of initiative

- To influence youth to have healthy families where there is responsible adults with functioning parenting skills and supportive networks
- Capacitate the youth in order for them to develop a healthy self- esteem, a sense of belonging, an identity that is grounded on moral principles and ultimately realizing their potential to contribute as an active citizen in South Africa



Objectives

- To capacitate, up skill & provide work opportunities for the youth in order to enable them to become marketable in the job sector and prepared for the workplace
- To encourage youth to engage and to actively participate in youth development programs, as well as to influence & provide input in developmental initiatives



Successes

- Numerous drop out youth started their studies at Colleges due to linkage from ambassadors
- Youth were linked with Government jobs such as the navy, army and provincial government programmes



Skills development

- Youth Placement Programme:
 - Funded by Flemish Programme; provide accredited training & practical experience at companies & Municipality (focus were: carpentry, welding, biodiversity)
 - Successes: 4 youth were linked to permanent jobs after the programme



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