

## ***Section D: Sector Plans***

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### ***National Departments***

#### ***- Department of Water Affairs (DWA)***

Following the approval of Turnaround Strategy for Local Government by Cabinet, the Department of Water Affairs subsequently developed a document which outlined their intended involvement in rendering support to municipalities within the Free State in realizing the objectives set in the Local Government Turnaround Strategy. The document, dated February 2010 and titled as follows: Department of Water Affairs – Free State Support, Collaboration and Engagements with Turnaround Strategy, outline, amongst others the following keys issues of support to municipalities in the Free State.

#### ***- Roles and Responsibilities of Sector Departments: DWA***

The CoGTA has indicated the following roles and responsibilities expected from the stakeholders; Provincial, National Government Departments, State Owned Entities (SOEDs) and the other relevant partners in efforts made to support Local Government/ Municipalities in order to turn the tide against the factors that impede developmental local government. The Department (DWA) should therefore respond to the call of duty and functionally and structurally operate in such a way that it can positively, effectively, adequately and efficiently respond to the requirements and rigors of LGTAS and by extension also respond to Operation Hlasela Programme (OHP) and other imperatives of the Government.

- The National and Provincial Sector representatives be informed- study National, Provincial and Municipal reports and related documentation
- Provide all relevant information to Municipalities in the process of preparing the TAS; work with the existing IDP to incorporate interventions through the SDBIP. Ensure projects spatially identified via the SDF.
- Assess financial commitments for the TAS and assist in sourcing additional skills and resources
- Provide “focal area” advice, guidance and support
- Improve oversight and support of Municipalities through TAS process and beyond

### **DWA Action Plan**

- **DWA Generic Support Areas in Municipalities include the following:**

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Specific DWA Municipal support issues</b>
WSDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Alignment with IDP</li> <li>• Implementation</li> <li>• Reporting on implementation</li> </ul>	DWA will guide all the Municipalities/ WSAs in the development of the WSDPs
WCWDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of the Water losses</li> <li>• Development of the BP/ program to address the losses</li> <li>• Implementation</li> <li>• Monitoring and reporting</li> </ul>	Support for the development of BPs/ programmes for certain Municipalities/ WSAs
O&M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of O&amp;M plans</li> <li>• Implementation</li> <li>• Refurbishment</li> </ul>	Support for the development of O&M plans for certain Municipalities/ WSAs as part of Water Master planning
Capacity Building and Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilor, Ward Committees, CDWs, CSOs training in the Water Business Elements</li> <li>• Training of Treatment plant Operators</li> </ul>	<p>Councilor, Ward Committees, CDWs, CSOs training in the Water Business Elements for some Municipalities/ WSAs</p> <p>Training of Treatment plant Operators for some Municipalities/ WSAs</p>

Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of guidelines for various water sector issues; Acts, policies, strategies, etc</li> </ul>	Provision of guidelines for various water sector issues; Acts, policies, strategies, etc for the WSAs
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Source: Department of Water Affairs: Free State Support – Collaboration and Engagement with Turnaround Strategy, 2010

### ***National Treasury Generic Support:***

#### **- Local Government Financial Management Grant (FMG)**

The local government financial management grant (FMG) helps municipalities to improve the quality of budgeting and in-year reports, appoint skilled finance officials, participate in the graduate internship program, build financial management skills, improve processes and procedures, introduce internal controls, publish relevant financial information on municipal websites, enhance audit outcomes, improve management of revenue and expenditure, reform accounting and supply chain management processes, and improve compliance with the MFMA and its regulations.

#### **- Municipal Infrastructure Grant**

Nine national departments participate in the MIG program. Their responsibilities are summarized below:

Department	Policy	Support	Regulation
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Responsible for implementing MIG policy on behalf of all departments.	Establishes MIG administrative structures; administers transfers of funds; provides support to PMUs	Monitors performance of overall MIG program.
National Treasury	Overall allocation of		Establishes

	funds, through DORA.		specific MIG conditions
Water Affairs	Sets norms and standards for water services infrastructure.	Planning oversight.	Monitors conditions specific to water services.
Public Works	Establishes criteria relating to poverty alleviation.	Provides advice on labour based construction and procurement.	Monitors poverty alleviation conditions.
Minerals and Energy	Only becomes active once electricity funding is incorporated into MIG		
Roads & Transport	Policy relating to municipal roads and transport.		Monitors performance relating to specific roads and transport conditions.
Human Settlement	Co-ordination of housing and infrastructure policy; synchronization of housing and infrastructure funding.		
Sport and Recreation	Policy relating to sport and recreation.		Monitors performance relating to specific sport and recreation conditions.
Environmental Affairs and Tourism	Policy relating to municipal solid waste (refuse) services.		Monitors environmental performance.

***Provincial Departments******Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA)******- Municipal Turn Around Strategy***

The roll out of the Municipal Turn Around Strategy to Tokologo Local Municipality was preceded by a number of planning meetings attended by different Sector Department both Provincial and National; Trade Unions operating at Municipalities and Public entities.

Teams were constituted comprising all stakeholders to visit the three identified Municipalities. During February 01, to 05, 2010 the team responsible for TLM Municipality visited the Municipality and undertook the following:

- Meeting with Senior Managers of the Municipality to brief them of the process of MTAS.
- Explain the implementation plan, guidelines and information around structural arrangements for Turn Around Implementation Plan with COGTA within the Municipality.
- Request the senior managers to provide all necessary supporting documents in order to draft MTAS.
- The Provincial team also met Troika to outline the MTAS process of the Municipality.
- The draft MTAS was presented for adoption before the Council meeting.

However, there has been generally lack of progress in achieving realizing the municipality's turnaround plan.