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INTRODUCTION

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality (DRKKDM) consists of four local municipalities, namely City of Matlosana, Tlokwe City Council, Maquassi Hills and Ventersdorp. The statistical information is the combination of the Census 2011, the 2007 Community Survey by Statistics South Africa, the Quantec Research of 2008, the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Spatial Development Framework of 2011, and other analyses described hereunder. The analyses are based upon demarcation boundaries as at 2010, provided by StatsSA.

DRKKDM TOTAL POPULATION

The population of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District is 695 933, increased from 599 670 in 2001. The population is unevenly distributed among the four local municipalities (LMs) and the average annual growth rate of the District is 1.49%.

The majority of the population resides within the City of Matlosana LM (57.29%) and the Tlokwe City Council LM (23.39%), followed by Maquassi Hills (11.18%) and Ventersdorp (8.15%). The number of wards per local municipality is City of Matlosana (35), Tlokwe City Council (26), Maquassi Hills (11) and Ventersdorp (6), with a total of 78 in the District as at 2 September 2010. The number of households within the District was estimated at 208 047 during 2011.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals are in support of the 5-year strategic agenda for local government and in cognisance of the strategic imperatives facing the District:

- promote physical infrastructure development and services
- promote socio-economic development
- provide environmental health services
- ensure disaster risk management
- promote integrated transport services
- promote community safety
- ensure internal municipal excellence.

ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES

The majority of households in the District (98.65%) have access to piped water either inside the dwelling, inside the yard or from an access point outside the yard. More than 75% have access to refuse removal at least once a week, while almost 85% have sanitation that is connected to a formal sewage system. Almost 80% of the population stay in formal dwellings and more than 80% have access to one or another form of electricity access, with lighting in dwellings at about 90%.

2014/15 HIGHLIGHTS

Mayoral Student Assistance Fund

The Office of the Executive Mayor has spent over R6,7 million towards the Mayoral Student Assistance Fund for the 2014/15

financial year. The amount covers 565 deserving applicants, who are unable to afford tertiary education due to their socio-economic statuses.

Environmental Health Services

Ongoing environmental awareness campaigns focus on areas including food and water safety, environmental surveys assisting in the control of waste management, and enforcement of municipal health by-laws.

This has seen the department embarking on a large-scale programme aimed at eradicating illegal dumping. Identified problematic hotspots include portions of Maquassi Hills (20), City of Matlosana (74), Tlokwe City Council (43) and Ventersdorp (16). The department has set aside funds to provide roll-on and compactor dump trucks for waste collection and transportation in the smaller local municipalities of Ventersdorp and Maquassi Hills respectively.

Infrastructure Development

The department has given priority to maintenance and provision of sanitation, roads and electricity for farmsteads, and rural and semi-urban areas. This includes the upgrade of an outfall sewer in Kgakala and sewer lines in Lebaleng, as well as the construction of a new pump station in Kgakala. Completion is at 85%, owing to the outstanding work in household connections to the pump station.

The District has also constructed over 95 VIP toilets in the City of Matlosana and Ventersdorp Municipalities. City of Matlosana accounts for 25 units, in Dominionville, and Ventersdorp accounts for 70 units, shared between Boikhutsong (35) and Welgevonden (35). Ventersdorp has also benefitted, with the construction of a solid waste landfill site that is 90% complete. Matlwang Village in Tlokwe City Council now has a paved access road from the N12 National Road, which is 95% complete.

Electricity projects completed include the maintenance of 31 high-mast lights in townships. Kanana Township in City of Matlosana accounts for 14 repairs, while both Tselelang and Lebaleng Townships in Maquassi Hills account for 17 repairs.

Disaster Risk Management

The department continues to empower both the Maquassi Hills and Ventersdorp Local Municipalities on matters related to disaster management. This is notable owing to support through provision of advanced technology equipment, community disaster surveys and awareness programmes.

Veldfire protection associations have also benefitted, following the provision of 110 fire skid units. In addition, three state-of-the-art firefighting trucks have been acquired.

The District has launched its 24-hour operational call centre at the District Disaster Management Centre in Klerksdorp. Communities are encouraged to call the toll-free number: 0800 000 462.