

## **IDP SUMMARY 2018-19 REVIEW PAMPHLET**

### **1. Introduction**

Senqu Municipality forms part of the Joe Gqabi District Municipality of the Eastern Cape. It borders on Lesotho and the Free State with the orange river forming the boundary. It was formed in December 2001 with an area of 7329 km<sup>2</sup>. The name Senqu is derived from the Sesotho name for Orange river. The main administrative offices are situated in Lady Grey with satellite offices in Sterkspruit and Barkly East with administrative units in Rossouw and Rhodes. There are 3 major towns and 85 villages with 17 wards.

### **2. Population**

Senqu Municipality has a population of 140, 720 with 35 597 households. The population is largely concentrated around the town of Sterkspruit. It has a population density of 16.12 km<sup>2</sup>. Males make up 46.2 % of the population with females being in the majority at 53.8 %. The population is youthful with 40.4 % being between the ages of 15 and 34. There is a high dependency rate of 72.4 % (Statssa, 2016).

### **3. Service Delivery**

The area is fairly well serviced with 93.2 % of the population having access to electricity, 70 % living in formal dwellings, under 20 % not having access to water and 81.2 % with access to sanitation. Service delivery challenges are the poorly maintained and decaying gravel road infrastructure, inadequate and inconsistent water supply, refuse removal, inadequately stocked and staffed clinics and hospitals and poor television, telephone and internet reception in more mountainous areas.

### **4. Economic climate**

The economy is heavily reliant on the tertiary sector with the community services making up 44.2 % of the GVA followed by trade at 19,4 % and finance at 12.4 %. The primary sector provides the lowest GVA which is worrying as agriculture as seen as a potential growth sector. The growth rate of the economy is low at 0.65% and between 2006 and 2016 grew at only 2.6 %. Future growth rates for 2016-2021 are 2.13 % (Ecsecc, 2017).

In 2016 Senqu Municipality provided 29.42 % of the Joe Gqabi District Municipality GDP, 0.9 % of the Eastern Cape and 0.07 % of the National economy (Ecsecc,2017). In conclusion the Senqu economy is heavily dominated by the tertiary sector. Tourism and agriculture are seen as potential growth sectors but a lot of investment and education will have to occur to rectify the current situation of eroding topsoil, overgrazing and overstocking. On the tourism side, funding will have to be sourced to create events which will attract tourist and improve and extend existing infrastructure such as roads and viewing sites.

Unemployment is high at 35.5 % and a poverty rate of 62.93 % (Ecsecc, 2017).

## 5. Priorities

The municipal priorities are as follows:

1. Service Delivery – solid waste management, electricity losses in Sterkspruit
2. Access roads (villages)
3. Access to land – shortage, bulk unserviced sites, land tenure, invasions, surveying
4. Local economic development
5. Job creation
6. Youth development and employment
7. Revenue enhancement

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL & CAPITAL BUDGET 2018-19

<b>CEMETRIES</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
Construction of New Cemetery in Barkly East	500 000,00
<b>COMMUNITY HALLS</b>	
Renovations (Barkly East Town Hall)	1 500 000,00
<b>POUND</b>	
Construction of Lady Grey Animal Pound	7 212 250,00
<b>SPORTS &amp; RECREATION</b>	
Renovations Kwezi Naledi Node	600 000,00
Kwezi Naledi Sportsfields Fence	1 100 000,00
Poles & Nets - Sportsfields	250 000,00
<b>SOLID WASTE SITES</b>	
Solid Waste Site - Herschel	5 500 000,00
Solid Waste Site - Rhodes	1 500 000,00
Solid Waste Site - Rossouw	3 800 000,00
Solid Waste Site Ward 10	1 320 000,00
Upgrade BE Solid Waste Site	5 500 000,00
Upgrade LG Solid Waste Site	4 801 000,00
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	
DOE Projects - Pre-Engineering Costs - Rural Connections	5 983 000,00
Pre-Paid Electricity Meters	2 200 000,00
Erection of new street lights in Kwezi Naledi (Primary school area)	100 000,00
<b>STREETS, ROADS &amp; BRIDGES</b>	
Barkly East Pavements	3 500 000,00
Construction of Speed bumps in Rhodes	200 000,00
Construction of speed control humps in Lady Grey suburbs	800 000,00
Boysi Nondala Paved Roads - Phase 1	9 354 000,00
Construction of 6 km Access Roads with Storm Water control W1	4 800 000,00
Construction of 6 km Access Roads with Storm Water control W2	550 000,00
Construction of 6 km Access Roads with Storm Water control W7	700 000,00
Roads between Esilindini and Frans	4 600 000,00
Tienbank Paved Roads	200 000,00
Tienbank Property Access Construction	750 000,00
Driving Licence and Testing Centre Sterkspruit Plan	350 000,00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	
Website	201 550,00

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<b>JOB CREATION</b>	
Job Creation All	4 495 480,00
<b>FREE BASIC SERVICES</b>	
Refuse	4 264 285,00
Electricity	7 318 001,00
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMMES UNIT</b>	733 239,00
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION &amp; WARD COMMITTEES</b>	2 795 624,00
<b>TOURISM</b>	558 841,00
<b>LED</b>	758 627,00