

Senqu Update

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This pamphlet is a document that showcases the projects done by our municipal council from August 2016 to date. Service delivery is not a walk in the park especially during these unfavorable economic times. At the outset, I must concede that it has not been easy. On one hand the budget is shrinking on the other hand the need for infrastructure is increasing. To strike a balance under such circumstances is not easy.

Notwithstanding the challenges, our municipality was able to win accolades along the way which I will narrate below.

We are halfway in our term but our achievements thus far outstrip the challenges. Since we took over in 2016, we have been achieving clean audits a record still to be broken by all municipalities in the province. This takes place at a time during which municipalities are faced with governance problems. In 2018, Ratings Afrika Company published its annual municipal financial sustainability index (MFSI) for 100 municipalities in the country. Ratings Afrika defines financial sustainability as the ability to deliver services, develop and maintain infrastructure required by its residents without unplanned increases in rates and taxes or a reduction in the level of services, and the capacity to absorb financial shocks caused by natural economic and other adversities without external financial assistance.

Senqu municipality is an envy of many municipalities in respect of good governance. We are the role models. In 2015, the National Treasury selected our municipality to pilot the introduction of municipal standard of accounts (mSCOA). A new system of financial accounting which has been rolled out by the National Treasury in municipalities' nation-wide. As we speak, the mission was accomplished. Week in and week out municipalities across the country visit our municipality to learn the best accounting practices.

Ratings Afrika rated Senqu Municipality as the best performing local municipality in the Eastern Cape and the second (2nd) best in the country only after Mossel Bay and Swartland municipality in the country in terms of the sustainable financial index. Our municipality continues to improve on its performance and this is borne out by the unqualified audits for five years in a row 2006-2012, and clean audits for five years in a

row 2013-2018. The municipality is the only municipality in the Eastern Cape which has achieved this record. Senqu Municipality is consistent in its performance. As the Mayor, I would like to salute the councilors and the officials for their sterling work. The adage that says, in unity there is strength and in action there is victory accurately sums our work ethic. For that, I thank them dearly.

Our democracy is 25 years old, however, the challenges of unemployment, poverty and distress in our communities is stark. This touches me daily. I want to state it clearly that my wish is to see the residents of Senqu Municipality having access to services. Close to my heart is ensuring economic upliftment of our area especially for the previously marginalized which are women, youth and people with disabilities. We have achieved so much in the past 25 years and look forward to achieving much more as we facilitate ways to ensure job creation, growing economy, peace and stability.

I write this foreword against the backdrop of the successful 8 May 2019 national elections which were a resounding success by international standards. I salute the voters of our country. The elections went pretty well. President Cyril Ramaphosa is determined to implement the manifesto of the ANC. We as the service delivery battalions on the ground are determined to translate the words into action.

When I look back at the targets we set for ourselves during 3 August 2016 local elections, my team has surpassed its targets. We have made a positive difference in the lives of young people. We trained young people, issued bursaries, created internship opportunities, created jobs, and changed people's lives. However, more still needs to be done. The wool farmers of Senqu are getting shearing sheds. This boost the economy of our area.

We are constructing access roads to villages. The state of the road network including the bridges and culverts are maintained. We are on track in implementing our integrated development plan (IDP). Our intergovernmental relations with sector departments needs improvement. Better planning is needed.

Dear residents, it is amazing how quickly years go by. I can't



BID NO	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	END- USER/ PROJECT MANAGER	CONTRAC- TOR / SERVICE PROVIDER	START DATE Consult- ants / Contractor	END DATE	CONTRACT AMOUNT	PAYMENTS MADE TO DATE	EXTENSION / VARIATION	COMMENTS/ CURRENT STATUS
178/20 16	Construction of Paved Roads in ward 11 - Hershel	PMU	Amadwala Construc- tion Trading 363 cc	19 December 2016	30 June 2018	R17 856 564.99	R5 575 118.31	None	Construction
15 / 2016	Design, documentation & Stie Supervision for the Paved Roads, gravel roads & Storm-water channels in Herschel: Ward 11	PMU	Dibanani Consulting	18 March 2016	30 June 2018	R342 000.00	R627 265.06	R 886 569.52	Construction
	Cession – Inter- locking pavers	PMU	CemBrick	22 June 2017	30 June 2018	R3 019 345.93	R2 030 207.43	None	Construction
	Cession – Ready mix concrete	PMU	Maletswai Ready Mix	22 June 2017	30 June 2018	R2 363 790.00	R3 010 812.51	None	Construction
177/20 16	Construction of Paved Roads in ward 10 Tienbank	PMU	Amadwala Construc- tion Trading 363 cc	19 December 2016	16 July 2018	R16 740 003.39	R4 793 612.05	R2 229 909.43	Construction
16 / 2016	Design, documentation & Stie Supervision for the Paved Roads, gravel roads & Storm-water channels in Tienbank Ward 10	PMU	Dibanani Consulting	18 March 2016	16 July 2018	R 342 000.00	R 586 885.00	R 955 569.52	Construction
	Cession – Inter- locking pavers	PMU	CemBrick	22 June 2017	16 July 2018	R 2 285 153.22	R 1 704 890.13	None	Construction
	Cession – Ready mix concrete	PMU	Maletswai Ready Mix		16 July 2018		R 1 643 384.40	None	Construction
	Cession – Crush- ing of Gravel Ma- terial	PMU	WDR Earth Moving	15 June 2017	30 No- vember 2017	R 912 000.00	R 319 200.00	None	Construction

47 / 2016	Construction of Sportfields in Ward 2/ KwaGcina	PMU	Nondo Trad- ing	29 Sep- tember 2016	30 Sep- tember 2017	R 4 293 849.49	R 709 177.26	Extension of time due to rainy days.	Construction
142 / 2015	Design, documentation & Site Supervision for the Construction of Kwa-Gcina Sportfield: Ward 2	PMU	Iqhayiya De- sign	02 Octo- ber 2015	30 September 2017	R 831 220.69	R 23 906.35	None	Construction
	Construction of Sportfields in Ward 13 - Naledi	PMU	WDR Earth- moving en- terprise	02 Octo- ber 2016/ 29 august 2016	30 Sep- tember 2017	R 5 237 219.23	R 664 710.26	Extension of time due to rainy days.	Construction
143 / 2015	Design, documentation & Site Supervision for the Construction of Naledi Sport-field: Ward 13	PMU	Iqhayiya Design/	02 Octo- ber 2015	30 September 2017	R 831 220.69	R O	None	Construction
129 / 2015	Construction of Hershel Solid Waste Site – Ward 11	PMU	AGES Consultants	30 March 2016	-	R 164 475.15	R 236 781.42	R 62 682.90	Design and EIA
129 / 2015	Construction of Rhodes Solid Waste Site – Ward 16	PMU	AGES Consultants	30 March 2016	-	R 164 475.15	R 220 593.42	R 42 020.40	Design and EIA
129 / 2015	Construction of Rossouw Solid Waste Site – Ward 15	PMU	AGES Consultants	30 March 2016	-	R 164 475.15	R 220 251.42	R 41 678.40	Design and EIA
137 / 2016	Design, documentation & Site Supervision for the Construction of Herschel Solid Waste: Ward 13	PMU	RHODIUM CONSULT- ING JV THUSO DE- VELOPMENT	19 December 2016	-	R 308 256.00	R 236 781.42	R 62 682.90	Design and EIA
138 /2016	Design, documentation & Site Supervision for the Construction of Roussouw Solid Waste: Ward 13	PMU	RHODIUM CONSULT- ING JV THUSO DE- VELOPMENT	19 December 2016	-	R 230 451.00	R 195 718.10	R 15 998.93	Design and EIA
139 / 2016	Design, documentation & Site Supervision for the Construction of Rhodes Solid Waste: Ward 13	PMU	RHODIUM CONSULT- ING JV THUSO DE- VELOPMENT	19 December 2016	-	R 230 451.00	R 195 718.10	R 15 998.93	Design stage
121 / 2016	Design, documen- tation & Site Su- pervision for the Construction of Lady Grey Solid Waste: Ward 14	PMU	RHODIUM CONSULT- ING JV THUSO DE- VELOPMENT	23 No- vember 2016	30 No- vember 2018	R 430 816.93	R 231 096.39	R 15 998.93	Construction stage

03 – 2017 / 2018	Upgrading of Lady Grey Solid Waste: Ward 14	PMU	RT Civils	14 March 2018	30 No- vember 2018	R 5 638 425.18	R563 842.52	None	Construction
52 / 2017	Construction of new Community Hall in Ward 9	PMU	FLAGSIK PROJECTS	10 August 2017	30 June 2018	R1 460 169.73	R915 964.73	None	Construction
63/2016	Recreational Park in Lady Grey	PMU	Ukholwayo Trade	29 Sep- tember 2016	24 April 2017	R1 000 149.93	R243 979.64	Extension of time due to rainy days	Construction
181/2015	Preliminary Designs of two Pedestrian Bridges in Bebeza: Ward 5	PMU	SKCM Engi- neers	12 June 2016	26 September 2016	R31 060.67	R31 060.67	None	Design and EIA
07 / 2017	Design, documentation & Site Supervision for the two Pedestrian Bridges in Bebeza: Ward 5	PMU	R Mahange & Associates	03 May 2017	30 March 2018	R330 000.00	R198 868.43	-	Construction stage
135 / 2017	Construction of two Pedestrian Bridges in Bebeza: Ward 5	PMU	Amadwala Construction Trading 363 cc	8 February 2018	30 July 2018	R3 582 844.31	R2 511 096.68	-	Construction
181/2015	Design, Documenta- tion and Site Super- vision of Construc- tion of Municipal Parking Bay Ward 14	PMU	SKCM Engi- neers	November 2016	30 May 2018	R189 240.00	R147 744.00		Construction
08 /2018	Construction of Mu- nicipal Parking Bay with Stormwater control in Lady Grey – Ward 14	PMU	Envirotech	3 May 2018	30 May 2018	R3 498 697.62	R2 757 046.67		Construc- tion / Under penalties
08 /2018	Construction of Mu- nicipal Parking Bay with Stormwater control in Lady Grey – Ward 14	PMU	Envirotech	3 May 2018	30 May 2018	R3 498 697.62	R2 757 046.67		Construc- tion / Under penalties
77 / 2016	Design, Documenta- tion and Site Super- vision of Construc- tion of proposed Lady Grey Animal Pound Ward 14	PMU	SKCM Archi- tects & Con- sulting Engi- neers	29 August 2016	-	R300 076.40	R498 826.00	R637 224.58	Design
	Cession – Interlock- ing pavers	PMU	CemBrick	22 June 2017	16 July 2018	R2 285 153.22	R1 704 890.13	None	Construction
	Cession – Ready mix concrete	PMU	Maletswai Ready Mix		16 July 2018		R 643 384.40	None	Construction
	Cession – Crushing of Gravel Material	PMU	WDR Earth Moving	15 June 2017	30 No- vember 2017	R912 000.00	R 319 200.00	None	Construction

Pics 1&2: Upgrading of sportsfields in Naledi. Pic 3: Construction of sportsfields in Ward 2 (KwaGcina)











Above: Emerging farmers assisted with shearing sheds

Stakeholder Initiated Projects

The municipality also coordinated and facilitated funding outsourced from various Stakeholders and these include the following:

- Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: 1 Waste Compactor and Baling Machine for Sterkspruit Recycling.
- Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: 1 x 12 Metre x 6metre modular fabricated structure/building for Ikhwezi Lokusa Textile.
- Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: 41 Industrial Sewing Machinery for 14 Sewing Co-operatives.
- Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform: A number of Shearing shed equipment had been handed over to a various Shearing shed in various wards/villages particularly in Sterkspruit (e.g. Masakhane Shearing Shed). The Lady Grey shearing shed is almost complete.
- ECDC Imvaba Fund: R500, 000.00 for the following Beneficiaries/ Co-operatives:
 - 1. L.H Diamond Clothing and Design Lady Grey
 - 2. Telle Veg-Co-operative- Sterkspruit
 - 3. Lukhanyo Veg and Crop Production Project Herschel
- NYDA: R50 000.00 for Stars of Tomorrow Youth Co-operative Sterkspruit
- SEDA Facilitated a number of Small Business Development Trainings in various aspects: Financial Management, Book keeping, Business Management, Costing and Pricing and Marketing
- PETCO: Facilitated a number of Trainings for Waste Collectors/ Recycling Co-operatives and handed over 7 waste pick-up trollies and storage bags.
- Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform: Facilitated the development of Senqu Poultry Abattoir from which EIAs, Feasibility Study, Business Plan in Place.
- Department of Human Settlement in Partnership with Senqu Local Municipality, Senqu Constructors and NHRBC had facilitated a training for Senqu Local Municipality constructors in pricing, tendering and costing as well as in various other skills like carpentry, building, plastering, plumbing and tilling.



The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform carries a mandate of ensuring that emerging farmers are supported and developed by improving their livelihood of wool producers in a sustainable manner. Therefore, DRDAR in partnership with Senqu Local Municipality, handed over shearing sheds to the Sterkspruit (Region 25) Skikizana Village wool growers.





Senqu Service Delivery Performance Achievements

Midterm report highlights which reflect our expenditure of the approved budget and implementation of projects derived from the community as part of the IDP/Community process.

ROADS AND STORMWATER

- Construction of 5,5km of interlock paved road with 10,2km storm water channels in Ward 13 and Ward 10.
- Construction of a bus route in Ward 16 (Boyce Nondala)
- Sidewalk construction in Ward 16
- Construction of animal pound in Ward 14
- Rehabilitation of solid waste site in Ward 10 and Ward 16
- Construction of foot brdges in Ward 4.

SOLID WASTE

- Households served as per Integrated Waste Management Plan (2017)
- 283 Households in Barkly East, 2,820 in Lady Grey, 144 in Rhodes and 100 in Sterkspruit
- Currently the municipality has three licensed landfill sites

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Mini libraries for the blind was launched in Barkly East and Sterkspruit
- The identification of new cemeteries is vital to accommodate burials for the next 20 years
- Parks are maintained on a monthly basis
- Sportsfields were maintained in terms of the approved maintenance plan

JOB CREATION

 The municipality has created 303 jobs through EPWP Programme. In Lady Grey 50 people, Sterkspruit 50, Barkley East 50, Rhodes 6, Rossouw 6, Interns 3 and 138 in cemeteries.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Agricultural Indaba held where emerging farmers received information on animal and veld management.
- 12 tourism SMME 's attended a book keeping course in Sterkspruit.
- 3 Cooperatives were trained by PETCO in waste management



ELECTRICITY AND FREE BASIC SERVICES

- 2 634 m of new electrical MV and LV lines were strung and 164 were replaced in Barkly East, Lady Grey and Sterkspruit.
- Transformers refurbished: 4 New connections: 193 Meter replaced: 319 Street lights replaced:138
- Service connection faults:22 New Eskom connections:1123
- Street light complaints received and dealt with:200
- Free Basic Service, Alternative energy has been supplied monthly to 497 house hold in the form of 10 litres paraffin and 6 candles per household.

HOUSING

Sterkspruit 4000 project: 506 houses completed in ward 10

- Ward (17) 314 houses built and left with 34 hous-
- Handing over of 67 title deeds in Lady Grey and 11 in Barkly East

PLANNING

- The municipality has developed a wall to wall land use scheme that is Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act. (SPLUMA) Land invasion sign boards erected and layout
- plans for Lady Grey, Barkly East and Sterkspruit.
- The municipality has also developed a land invasion strategy that will guide the municipality in dealing with land invasion and allow for proactive planning and precautionary measures to reduce land invasion.



Main picture: Employees cleaning the streets in response to the Thuma Mina Campaign.

Pic 1: Getting ready to clean up streets in Sterkspruit

Pic 2: Construction of housing units

Pic 2: Municipality employees hard at work closing potholes in Sterkspruit.





The following projects were initiated and done by the Community Services directorate in order to help bring services to the community of Senqu.

- Renovations of Transwilger Hall
- Upgrade of Gcina Sports Field
- Upgrade of Naledi Sports field
- Upgrade of Barkly East Sports field
- Purchase and delivery of soccer poles and nets—14 grounds
- Fencing of Lady Grey town cemetery
- Construction of community hall in Ward 9
- Construction of animal pound in Lady Grey—in process
- Establishment of a park in Lady Grey



Main pic below: Paving of roads in Ward 13





Pic 1: A community hall constructed in Ward #

Pic 2: A community hall was constructed in Ward 12

Pic 3: Regraveling of roads in Ward #

Pic 4&5: Earthmoving equipment ready for constructing paving roads in Ward #

Pic 6: A bridge was constructed in Ward # and (Pic 5&6) toilets were built in Ward #, Paved roads in Ward 13















Local Economic Development or LED is one of the mandates of local government which is directly derived from the Constitution, Act 108 of 1996 Section 152, and is required to promote social and economic development.

LED is one of the more difficult mandates of local government as it is holistic and involves all municipal departments and all spheres of government as well as the private sphere.

The role of local government is to coordinate and facilitate an environment which is conducive to the development of the economy. It does this by ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is in place and maintained in order for the economy to grow and thrive.

Due to historical factors the infrastructure which is needed to drive the economy is in a bad state of repair and the current and future budget projections do not allow for the infrastructure to reach a standard which will promote economic development.

The Municipality consists of small towns which do not have any industrial output and only offer services and sell goods procured and made elsewhere. The road network is inadequate with poor linkages, poor signage and predominantly gravel. The existing main rural roads have reached the end of their lifespan and require rebuilding.

However only a maintenance budget is available. The cellular network is patchy and fast internet connections remain a dream for the majority of residents.

Whilst water and sanitation networks have improved in the past years, the service is inadequate and irregular with the result that many areas suffer from droughts. More water storage facilities have to be built as well as increasing the education of water wise consumers.

Agricultural facilities for stock have increased in the communal areas with many shearing sheds being built which has increased agricultural production.

However, the lack of maintenance and vandalism of dipping tanks and fencing together with poor veld management on highly erodible soils has led to overgrazed lands with huge dongas and increased loss of top soil.



The lack of land for development in urban areas has led to an expansion of former rural villages to the town boundaries. This can be seen in Sterkspruit and Hershel where the former town now has an urban fringe of villages under a communal land tenure system. This has an impact on service delivery as current systems do not accommodate home owners without formal title deeds.

Land invasions due to lack of finance for acquiring land and lack of land for sale with bulk services continue to be a problem in the former RSA towns of Barkly East, Lady Grey, Rossouw and Rhodes.

- Local Economic Development projects prior to the new 2017-2022

 18 Hawkers stalls installed and handed over to Sterkspruit Informal Traders

 1 Forklift for Sterkspruit recyclers

 Training for SMME's

 Sterkspruit revitalisation plan

 - Sterkspruit revitalisation plan
 Barkly East revitalisation plan
 Senqu Local Municipality LED Unit: Facilitated and coordinated Brick Makers Training: 65 Brick Manufactures
 Co-operatives members were trained and completed the training.

Assisting emerging farmers

• Senqu Local Municipality LED Unit has facilitated and coordinated the establishment of Fodder production Projects for Livestock emerging farmers to have feed banks that would help them during the drought seasons. Rhodes, Barkly East and Lady Grey communities are beneficiaries of this initiative.

Pic 2: 24th November 2018 information day was held in the form of a LED festival where

Pic 3: Fly fishing activities near Roussouw









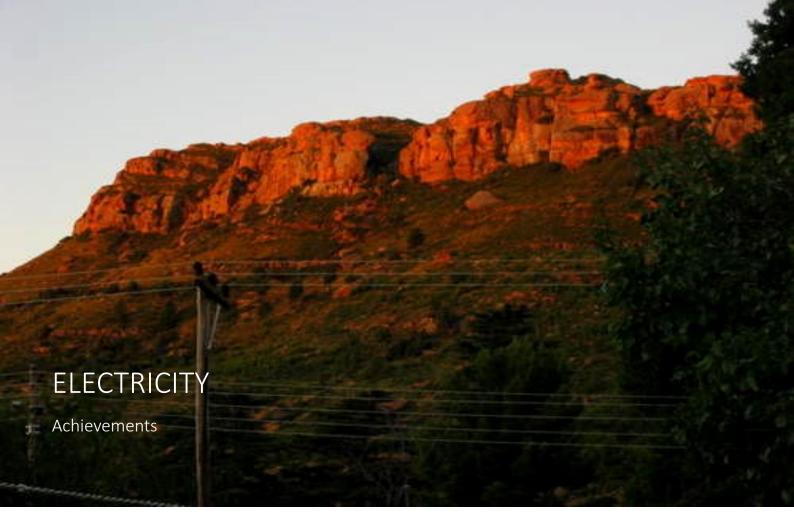
- Hosting of the CTO websites was paid
- Tourism information signs including one for Lady Grey town were procured and erected. Brochures were printed for Sterkspruit and Rhodes.
- Rock art brochures were procured for the museum.
- Passion Play which is held annually at Easter time was held in Lady Grey supported with advertisements in the Volksblad.
- Passports were printed for the Rhodes Stoepsit fees in February 2018.
- Tourism month celebrations were held on the 8th September 2017 with a tourism seminar at the Bensonvale College complex.
- Junior ski championships at Tiffindell were supported with an electronic notice board to show the result of the races and any other relevant public notices.
- Further community awareness of tourism was conducted through the Tourism Schools' Competition that was held on the 22 September 2017 in partnership with the Department of Education. The competition was for senior secondary schools who have tourism as a subject.

Support for SMMEs

Support for SMME's was conducted through the hosting of information days, financial application support and training.

Accordingly:

- An Agricultural Indaba was held on the 1st March 2018 where emerging farmers received information on animal and veld management
- Business Expo was also held in November 2018 in Lady Grey where SMMEs got an opportunity to showcase and market their produce.
- On the 1st February 2018 and LED awareness day was held in conjunction with PETCO which highlighted business opportunities in waste and trolleys were handed over to 3 cooperatives to transport waste
- 65 people were trained by the bank SITA from the 19th to the 22nd March 2018. The Municipality paid for the catering and provided the venue.
- 12 tourism SMME's attended a book keeping course in Sterkspruit
- 3 Cooperatives were trained by PETCO in waste management
- On the 24th November 2018 an LED information day was held in the form of a LED festival where 10 SMME's were invited to showcase their products for sale at the Sterkspruit plaza. This initiative was jointly funded by the Sterkspruit Plaza and the Municipality. This will now become an annual event.
- 29 Co-operatives were trained on the Co-operative Incentive Training on the 13-14 September 2017
- In total 57 co-operatives and SMME's were assisted by the Municipality
- An SMME policy to assist local procurement was developed but is still in discussion phase.
- 2136 CWP jobs created funded by COGTA in 2017/18 167 jobs created through EPWP in 2017/18
- Engagement of 10 EPWP participants for the eradication of slangbos in 2018/
- 590 work opportunities created through EPWP thus far for 2018/19
- 2000 jobs created through CWP



During this period the following work was completed successfully:

- 7 952m of electrical MV and MV conductors were strung and 599 were replaced in Barkly East, Lady Grey and Sterkspruit,
- 3 Transformers were refurbished
- 293 New connections were created
- 219 disconnections for non-payment were effected
- 131 reconnections for non-payment were effected
- 224 meters were replaced
- 214 call outs were received and handled appropriately
- 2 710 hours of over time were worked
- 159 service connection faults were identified and repaired
- 28 overhead distribution faults were identified and repaired
- 11 underground cable faults were identified and repaired
- 175 street light complaints were received and handled
- 27 new street light fittings were created
- 123 street lights were replaced in Barkly East, Lady grey and Sterkpsruit
- 5 high mast light towers were repaired
- 467 street lights were repaired

Within this period the municipality has:

- Taken appropriate steps to facilitate the take over of the Barkly East's new 802 Housing Project from Eskom. To date, the final response is awaited from NERS. A public hearing was held in August 2017.
- The following rural projects were identified by Eskom for electrification in the 2016/17 national financial year (INEP):

 - Herschel —150 connections Wards 1, 7 and 8: 200 connections

 - Wards 4, 5 and 15: 200 connections Wards 1, 2 and 3: 109 connections Wards 6, 9 and 10: 200 connections

It is not known with absolute certainty the actual number of connections made as there has been no information from Eskom despite requests made in this regard. It is estimated that 500 were achieved for reporting purposes.

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