



ISRDP

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ISRDP)

INTRODUCTION

The Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme (ISRDP) is designed to realise a vision that will “attain socially cohesive and stable rural communities with viable institutions; sustainable economies and universal access to social amenities, able to attract and retain skilled and knowledgeable people, who are equipped to contribute to growth and development”.

MOST IMPORTANT IMPACT ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Projects will contribute towards job creation, transfer of skills, upgrading of infrastructure and local economic development with the emphasis on tourism.

BACKGROUND

Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Strategy (ISRDS)

- October 2000: Announcement of the Programme.
- January 2001: Appointment of DPLG as responsible National Department.
- February 2001: Announcement of 13 rural nodal points.
- 30 July 2001: Launch of Programme in Beaufort West.
- 13-14 November 2001: Identification of 16 anchor projects.
- December 2001: Compilation of an Integrated Business Plan.

Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme (ISRDP)

- 28-29 February 2002: Draft ISRDP Implementation Strategy and Plan.
- March 2002: Appointment of the NDT (Nodal Delivery Team).
- 14-15 June 2002: Stakeholder mobilization and provincial launch of the Central Karoo Node.
- 8-9 October 2002: Identification of 20 additional priority projects (2003/2004).
- 11 February 2003: Project / Budgeting Prioritising Workshop.

AIM OF THE PROGRAMME

To ensure that by the year 2010 the rural areas would attain the internal capacity for integrated and sustainable development.

Expected impact:

- Sustainable local economic development;
- Poverty alleviation;
- Temporary and sustainable job creation;
- Integration and co-ordination;
- Institutional capacity;
- Management and implementation of projects;
- Rural economic development; and
- Socially cohesive and stable rural communities.

Key principles of the ISRDP:

- Integration;
- Sustainability;
- Delivery; and
- Co-ordination.

Key areas of focus:

- Local Economic Development;
- Social Development;
- Infrastructure; and
- Capacity Building.

ISRDP has a number of pillars:

- Co-ordinated Delivery;
- Institutional Arrangements;
- Stakeholder Mobilisation;
- Knowledge Management; and
- Long Range Planning.

NATIONAL STRUCTURES

Inter-Departmental Task Team (IDTT):

- Representatives from some national departments and some provinces – chaired by DPLG & IDT.
- Monthly meetings in PTA.

Management Support Team (MST)

Information, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Working Group (IMER)

National, provincial and local political champions for the Western Cape in place

PROVINCIAL STRUCTURES

Provincial ISRDP Management Committee Meeting:

- Representatives from the Municipalities, NDT, PIMSS and IDT – chaired by PGWC: Department of Local Government.
- Monthly meetings in the Node.

Nodal Delivery Team (NDT):

- Programme Manager
- Financial Manager
- 3 Social Facilitators

Planning and Implementation Management

Support System (PIMSS):

- Senior Planner
- Junior Planner

ANCHOR PROJECTS

Identified rural anchor projects

(137 national projects worth R3.7 billion)

- In terms of IIDP.
- Identification of 16 anchor projects in the Central Karoo Node with a total value of R42 930 000 (2002/2003).
- Lack of adequate funding for anchor projects is a critical need to quantify projects.
- PGWC: Department of Local Government quantified the investments the provincial departments are making to the rural node through an audit of projects.

PERFORMANCE: 2001 - 2002

- Launch of Central Karoo Node on 30 July 2001.
- PGWC: Department of Local Government – participation in National processes.
- Identification of nodal points: Beaufort West and Prince Albert.
- PIMSS (Planning and Implementation Management Support System) in operation.
- Establishment of the Nodal Delivery Team (NDT) by March 2002.
- Identification of anchor projects in the Central Karoo Node (Nov 2001).
- Compilation of an Integrated Business Plan for the Central Karoo Node (December 2001).
- Execution of projects towards visibility in July 2002.
- Inclusion of Lingsburg and Murraysburg.

PERFORMANCE: 2002 - 2003

- Compilation of a Nodal Implementation Plan (Sept 2002).
 - Provincial ISRDP Management Committee: Monthly meetings between the PGWC: Department of Local Government, the Municipalities within the Central Karoo Node, NDT, PIMSS and IDT.
- Implementation agent:**
Central Karoo District Municipality

PLANS AND PRIORITIES: 2003 – 2005

- Visible progress with implementation of projects.
- Completion of a Strategic Plan for the Central Karoo Node.
- Alignment of Provincial budget regarding nodal projects.
- Piloting approaches to inter-sectoral and inter-sphere planning, budgeting and implementation.
- Establishment of the Provincial IDTT via the Provincial IDP Assessment Committee.
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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