

# **THE TOWN'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE SWAZILAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS (SLGP)**

## **INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland has been granted a loan by World Bank for the implementation of the Swaziland Local Government Project. Over the past four years (2012-16), the project was implemented jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development (MTAD), with the aim of improving service delivery, enhancing governance at local level, developing a fiscal framework that will allow for resource transfer to local governments and generally improving the performance of local governments in the service delivery mandate.

The project design focused on the ability of participating local governments to choose appropriate investments among competing demands, through identifying community priorities and account for their operating and maintenance requirements.

## **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

The project development objective (PDO) is to assist the Kingdom of Swaziland to develop institutionally strengthened Tinkhundla and Urban Local Governments (ULGs), through targeting eight of the 55 Tinkhundla and all twelve Urban Local Governments (ULGs), as pilot projects. Achievement of the PDO was measured in terms of the following key performance indicators:

1. A minimum of 75% of the eight Tinkhundla under the project receive a score of 80 or above of their final performance assessments
2. A minimum of 75% of ULGs receive a score of 80 or above their final performance assessments.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS**

The performance measurements under this project were rated under the following areas:

1. Financial Sustainability and good governance

2. Administrative Efficiency
3. Project Execution and Service Delivery
4. Participation, Transparency and Accountably.

### HOW COUNCIL PERFORMED OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS (2012-16)

The table below summarizes the performance results of the municipality over the past four years

**Table 1.0**

Performance Measure	Maximum Score	Assessed score				Weighted Score %			
		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Financial sustainably & good Governance	25	18	15	17	22	20	15	17	22
Administrative efficiency	30	22	23	23	27	24.4	23	23	27
Project Execution and Service delivery	5	5	15	15	15	5.6	15	15	15
Participation, transparency and accountability	30	24	29	30	30	26.7	29	30	30
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>94</b>

As an incentive for meeting the set project objectives, Pigg's Peak Town Council was given grants by the World Bank through our parent Ministry during the duration of the project, amounting to **E5,959,248.00**. This conditional grant has been used together with funds from our own source when implementing the priority capital projects highlighted below;

- 1) Upgrade of Nazarene Road 1 to bitumen standard – E7 565 977.60 contract sum
- 2) Upgrade of Market Street underground storm water drainage and walkways - E2 785 121.00 contract sum
- 3) Upgrade of both Hlubi and Nkomazi road - E8 597 340.00 contract sum

Through the implementation of the above-mentioned projects, we believe that not only have they changed the face of Pigg's Peak, but investment in road related infrastructure has also attracted the much-needed investment into our economy, thus contributing towards the attainment of the national vision of first world status by 2022.