

MUNICIPAL SERVICES



The Municipal Services practice area focuses on the engineering services of water, sanitation, electricity, roads, stormwater and solid waste, as well as the interactions between these services. The objective of the practice area is ultimately to improve the speed, scale and quality of municipal services through providing evidence and facilitating strategic processes to support decision making for municipalities and utilities.

We work at the local scale providing research, analysis and planning work for utilities, metro, local and district municipalities, as well undertaking policy work at national and provincial scales. Through PDG's extensive track record in working with municipal services, we understand the tension between service delivery imperatives and financial and human resource constraints, as well as the complex political, bureaucratic and regulatory environment in which officials operate.

Through our multi-disciplinary team, covering the fields of engineering, finance, economics, planning, public policy and monitoring and evaluation, we can relate engineering planning and policy decisions to broader political imperatives, financial implications and institutional dynamics. We undertake long-term infrastructure planning and systems modelling, sectoral strategy development, capital budget prioritization, resource conservation and demand management planning and informal settlement servicing



strategies. We have experience and expertise in alternative institutional delivery models, including Municipal Systems Act Section 78 studies and municipal capacity building. PDG has built up a particular niche in development charges policies and calculations where we have been involved in the drafting of national legislation.

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KEY PROJECTS:

Financial mechanisms and models towards economic water resilience in the Western Cape, Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism, 2018-2019

Feasibility study for a landfill disposal tax, Department of Environmental Affairs, 2017-2018

Drafting of the national legislation and regulations on municipal development charges, National Treasury, 2013-2020

Municipal service induction materials for councillors, SALGA, 2016-2017

Gauteng Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan Framework, Gauteng Office of the Premier, 2014-2015