

Development of indicators for secondary cities, districts and local municipalities



The Municipal Planning & Performance Management Regulations of 2001 have proved a planning, monitoring and reporting challenge for municipalities since they were introduced nearly two decades ago. After multiple previous attempts to introduce a more strategic and outcomes-oriented set of indicators for local government, a pair of projects for the Department of Cooperative Governance were undertaken to assist the department to develop and consult on a set of performance indicators for local government.

This project built on the reporting reforms work jointly undertaken by the Department of Cooperative Governance, National Treasury and the Department of Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation which produced the Municipal Finance Management Act Circular No. 88 of 2017. This project sought to extend the development of a set of sectoral indicators to secondary cities, district and local municipalities. Consultative engagements and indicator development workshops were held in terms of Section 43 of the Municipal Systems Act with a view towards ultimately reforming the Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations of 2001.

The indicator development work was instrumental in coordinating the various categories of municipalities to which the reporting reforms would apply and advancing a single, differentially applied set of indicators for all of local government.

PDG's institutional knowledge, insight into the theoretical and practical needs for indicator development in the South African public sector and understanding of intergovernmental dynamics was vital to this work. The project culminated



in the product of a consulted, draft set of local government indicators with proposed differential applications for secondary cities, district and local municipalities. This set of indicators went on to inform further consultative work in advance of a Circular No. 88 update scheduled for November of 2020.

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