



URRP

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME (ISRDP)

INTRODUCTION

The Urban Renewal Programme (URP) entails co-ordinating of investment in economic and social infrastructure, human resource development, enterprise development, the enhancement of the development capacity of local government, poverty alleviation and the strengthening of the criminal justice system.

MOST IMPORTANT IMPACT ON

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Projects will contribute towards urban and economical renewal, social renewal and law enforcement.

BACKGROUND

Urban Renewal Strategy (URS)

- Approved by Cabinet (October 2000).
- UR driven by various local initiatives in diverse and unco-ordinated fashion.
- Strong crime prevention focus (developed by SAPS).
- Eight urban renewal pilot areas, nation wide.
- Western Cape: Khayelitsha & Mitchell's Plain
- National Department Responsible: DPLG.
- September 2001, former Provincial Minister of Local Government invited to launch.

Urban Renewal Programme (URP)

- December 2001 - March 2003: DPLG drafting a policy document.
- Will be guided by the ISRDP.
- Request from DPLG to forward information by middle March 2002 (quantifying investments provincial departments are making to the urban renewal nodes).
- Same process done in national and local spheres of government.

AIM OF THE PROGRAMME

- To co-ordinate many complementary and competing initiatives in a node (Developed out of crime prevention strategy initiative of SAPS)
 - To co-ordinate action in node with reference to a whole range of spheres and sectors
 - Co-ordination is done in a holistic approach (three spheres steering structures)
- Focusing on giving people access to:
- houses;
 - clean water & sanitation;
 - electricity;
 - health & recreation facilities;
 - roads, affordable and efficient public transport; and
 - other social infrastructure.
- URP has a number of pillars:
- empowerment;
 - integration;
 - partnerships;
 - identification of anchor projects; and
 - focusing on developmental local government.
- National, provincial and local political champions for the Western Cape in place

NATIONAL STRUCTURES

Urban Renewal Forum

- Representatives from some national departments, some provinces and nodal municipalities – chaired by DPLG.
- Monthly meetings in PTA.
- Needs to finalise terms of reference.

PROVINCIAL STRUCTURES

City of Cape Town

- Urban Renewal Programme Co-ordinator drafted interim institutional delivery framework.
- Seek alignment between 3 projects currently running in nodes:
- URP;
- German Programme (German Development Bank – Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau); and
- Cape Renewal Strategy (Provincial Programme).
- German Programme and Provincial Programme have different focus areas within the national nodes.
- As well as specific aims.
- German Programme: heavy end of renewal infrastructural projects
- * provision of water, electricity etc.
- Provincial Programme: soft end of renewal infrastructural projects
- * graffiti removal etc.

ANCHOR PROJECTS

Identified urban renewal anchor projects (90 national projects)

- In terms of IIDP.
- Some meets urban renewal criteria.
- Those that do not is referred to as flagship/priority projects.
- Two CBD areas (Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain) in the City of Cape Town (2002/2003).
- Identification of lead projects (quantifying audit of projects the Provincial Departments and the City of Cape Town are making to the urban renewal nodes).

PERFORMANCE: 2001 - 2002

- Launch of Urban Renewal Programme on 9 February 2001.
- PGWC: Department of Local Government – participation in National processes.
- Identification of nodal points: Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain.
- In addition, the PGWC: Department of Community Safety has identified and are also active in the following nodes: Hanover Park, Phillippi, Bonteheuwel, Manenberg, Elsie's River, Khayelitsha (Victoria Mxenge-Size B) and Mitchell's Plain (Tafel sig).
- Identification of anchor projects per node (July 2002).

- Compilation of a Strategic Plan for Urban Renewal in Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain (Aug 2002).

- Provincial URP Management Committee: Meetings between the PGWC: Department of Local Government, Department of Community Safety and the City of Cape Town.

Implementation agent: City of Cape Town

PLANS AND PRIORITIES: 2003 – 2005

- Visible progress with implementation of projects.
- Compilation of a Business Plan for Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain.
- 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.
- Establishment of an Institutional Structure Multistakeholder Steering Committee
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

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