



Municipal Council of Mbabane

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR MBABANE URBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SWAZILAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT

1. Introduction

The Kingdom of Swaziland has been granted a loan by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development {IBRD} for the implementation of the local Government Project {LGP}. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development {MHUD} and the Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development {MTAD}.

The project is aimed at improving service delivery, enhance governance at local level, develop fiscal framework that will allow for resource transfer to local governments and generally improve the performance of local governments in their service delivery mandate. The project design focuses on the ability of participating local governments to choose appropriate investments among competing demands, ensure these reflect community priorities, and take account of their operating and maintenance requirements.

Mbabane is the Capital City of the Kingdom of Swaziland. Administratively, the City is divided into twelve wards, each represented by a Councillor. Mbabane also has two Tinkhundla centres, namely, Mbabane East and Mbabane West, each represented by a Member of Parliament and a council headed by the Indvuna Yenkhundla.

The Project Development Objective: *to assist the Kingdom of Swaziland to develop institutionally strengthened Tinkhundla and Urban Local Governments {ULGs}.*

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ULG PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The Annual Performance Assessment of Urban Local Governments aims to achieve the following:

- a. Establish and demonstrate the eligibility in respect of ULGs achievement of / and adherence to Mandatory Minimum Criteria;
- b. Verify the adherence and level of achievement to set Performance Measures;
- c. Identify challenges and all weaknesses to contribute to design and implementation of subsequent capacity building programs and activities; and
- d. Review the appropriateness of the indicators, targets and scores used in the assessment and making recommendations for any modification for use in subsequent year's assessment.

The Performance Assessment covered review of criteria / performance indicators in the following areas: (1) **Financial stability and good governance**; (2) **Administrative efficiency**; (3) **Project execution and service delivery**; and (4) **Participation transparency and accountability**

3. ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The performance assessment of Mbabane City Council was conducted from the 22nd to the 23rd October 2013. The procedure that was used to conduct the assessment was as follows: Introductions; Discussion with the City Council Team; Review of Documents; Discussion among the Performance Assessment Team; Debriefing and Reporting.

4. PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT MEASURES

The Mandatory Minimum Criteria consist of five indicators in keeping with the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual (PIM).

Table 1: Assessment of Mandatory Minimum Criteria

INDICATORS OF MINIMUM CONDITIONS	INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE
1. The receipt by PST of a Council-approved annual budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved annual budget prepared based on established procedures and format • Approved budget submitted to PST on time as required • Evidence of Letter of Submission • Evidence of Acknowledgement of receipt
2. A minimum capital expenditure performance of 75% for the previous financial year. This indicator would be calculated on the basis of committed (signed contracts) or disbursed funds relative to receipts under the SLGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existence of the 75% of capital expenditure in the previous year; • Establish amount of SLGP funds received by the ULG; • Establish the percentage spent or committed by 31st December 2013
3. Receipt by the PST of the external audit and financial statements for the FY preceding the year under review within 6 months after the close of the FY. The audit report may not be adverse or disclaimed and it should include a statement on the status of amounts advanced vs actual costs/implementation, by each of the recipient ULGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of the External Audit Report & Financial Statements for previous FY; • The audit report is not adverse nor disclaimed; • The audit report includes statements of expenditures as required.
4. Receipt by PST of a narrative report (summary) of the key participation / consultation and accountability procedures undertaken by the ULG in preparation and execution of the budget during the year under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of existence of the narrative report • Evidence of reporting on Budget execution by the ULG during the year under review
5. In years that are subsequent to the receipt of a grant, evidence of compliance with the permitted use of funds namely for local roads in compliance with the World Bank procurement rules and ESMF and with the required level of matching funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of compliance with the permitted use of funds namely for local roads in compliance with the World Bank procurement rules and ESMF and with the required level of matching funds,

5. SUMMARY RESULTS

The performance assessment measures have four components, namely; Financial Stability and Good Governance; Administrative Efficiency; Project Execution and Service Delivery; and Participation, Transparency and Accountability.

Note: Compliance with Procurement Procedures, and Compliance with Safeguard Requirements, were not applicable for this performance assessment in relation to the PIM because the ULGs had not received the funds during the 2012/13 budget year and as such, were not assessed.

The table on the next page summarizes the results of the Performance Assessment

#	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	Maximum Score	Assessed Score	Weighted Score ³
A.	Financial Stability and Good Governance	25	25	27%
B.	Administrative Efficiency	30	22	24.4%
C.	Project Execution And Service Delivery	5	5	5.6%
D.	Participation, Transparency And Accountability	30	29	32.2%
Total⁴		90	81	90.0%

The table above indicates that the Mbabane City Council scored 90.0% for the 2012/2013 performance assessment, the City performed well in all the assessed performance indicators.

Overall Assessment

The table below provides the results of the assessment and determination of eligibility for funding for the next year.

YEAR	MANDATORY MINIMUM CONDITIONS MET	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE SCORE	MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY SCORE FOR NEXT YEAR'S FUNDING	ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING NEXT YEAR
2012/2013	YES	90.0%	50%	YES