

Zululand District Municipality



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Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

BP	:	Business Plan
DBSA	:	Development Bank of Southern Africa
DPLG	:	Department of Provincial and Local Government
DMP	:	Disaster Management Plan
EE	:	Employment Equity
EEP	:	Employment Equity Plan
EMP	:	Environmental Management Plan
IDP	:	Integrated Development Plan
ITP	:	Integrated Transport Plan
LED	:	Local Economic Development
LUMS	:	Land Use Management System
PMS	:	Performance Management System
RDP	:	Reconstruction and Development Plan
SDBIP	:	Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan
SDF	:	Spatial Development Framework
WSDP	:	Water Services Development Plan
ZDM	:	Zululand District Municipality
MANCO	:	Management Committee
EXCO	:	Executive Committee
OHS	:	Occupational Health and Safety
HH	:	Households

Foreword By Her Worship The Mayor



As the Political head of the Zululand District Municipality, I and fellow councillors, including mayors from five local municipalities under our control and in partnership with traditional leadership (Amakhosi and izinduna), we have again in this financial year re-committed ourselves in working tirelessly and selflessly to make a difference in the lives of people who voted us into the office.

With water provision and sanitation being one of our core functions, our budget of R451-million for the 2008/9 financial year - reflecting an increase of more than R67-million from the previous financial year - is proof that every year, as Zululand District Municipality, we strive to do better than the previous years. The bulk of this budget is, again, allocated towards the provision of water to our communities.

It is an undeniable fact that, despite the limited funds being allocated to us as a District Municipality, we have managed to do better, although we still believe and feel that there is still a room for improvement. Despite current budgetary constraints, we are not going to sit down and be cry babies, but instead, we will knock at every available door to solicit funds for the upliftment and development of about one million residents of our District.

I want to assure you that we are not going to rest until all the Zululand people have portable water and proper sanitation, tarred roads, electricity, the unemployment and crime rates are reduced, and the HIV/Aids scourge is under control.

Despite all our past efforts, we are not going to sit down and rest on our laurels, or bask on the glory of our yesteryear's achievements. Since the beginning of this financial year, we have continued to hand over to the local Amakhosi and their communities a number of completed projects, including, schools, crèches, as well as, water-related projects.

To further enhance or boost service delivery, at the beginning of the year, we held a meeting with all relevant stakeholders, including Amakhosi, izinduna, business people, religious leaders, mayors from the five local municipalities under the Zululand District Municipality and councillors. This gospel of service delivery was further intensified by my leader, Dr MG Buthelezi, who summoned us (all IFP-linked MPs, mayors and councillors) to a workshop on service delivery in Ulundi.

Finally, we at the Zululand District Municipality, we will continue to serve you with integrity and strive for excellence.

VZ KaMagwaza-Msibi

Foreword by The Speaker



Our Council continued to work without ceasing, sparing neither strength nor might. The Captains of our ship lead us with a renewed sense of direction, vigour and determination. Our mayor, the Honourable VZ KaMagwaza-Msibi steered the ship and ensured that we kept afloat in the troubled waters, her presence amongst us, as one of us, assisted us a great deal in keeping focused. We have continued to draw inspiration from her wisdom and her unequalled leadership.

In the same breath, our council and its committees have again worked tirelessly, to ensure that they execute their responsibility for which they have been put to power. This they have achieved through hard work, honesty, integrity and unity of purpose. In this regard, the attendance of meetings of Council has been exceptionally well. I congratulate all our councillors for a job well done.

The year under review has proved to be the most challenging one in terms of adequate availability of water, due to reasons beyond our influence, which included amongst others, drought. This has threatened to overwhelm our capacity to deliver water through water tanker services, this was worsened by the rise in water demand, on one hand, and on the other hand, the endemic draught which was as a result of lack of rain in recent years.

On another note, it is with deep sense of regret to have to report our loss of two dedicated councillors, who were serving in the Executive Committee. That is councillor Z.Z. C Ndaba, who was the chairperson of Planning and GIS Portfolio Committee; and M.J Ngcobo who was the chairperson of Disaster Management Health and Safety Portfolio Committee. They will always be remembered for their selfless commitment and dedication which characterised the time they spent in service of the people. Their memory will indeed inspire industriousness and selflessness for many years to come.

In conclusion, I wish to record our sincerest appreciation to His Excellency, the Prince of KwaPhindangene who is the Chairperson of Traditional Leaders in Zululand and KwaZulu-Natal, to all Amakhosi and Izinduna, our own staff members and members of the community, and all those who made an effort in making sure that the year under review was the success that it was. They have worked with us with a remarkable sense of shared responsibility and as partners in the development of their own communities, and the acceleration of service delivery.

NJ Mjajja

Foreword by The Municiple Manager



We have come to the end of yet another financial year. I am pleased to report that as usual, we have made tremendous strides in bringing necessary infrastructure and development to our communities, the majority of whom are rural poor.

Our good working relations as management, Exco, councillors and staff has produced good results as we have managed to deliver basic services we have planned in this financial year. Our training and development department that has continued without fail to better equip both councillors and staff to serve our communities. At the beginning of each year, we hold planning sessions with all relevant stakeholders of the district to prioritise key projects for all areas under our jurisdiction. In these sessions, traditional leaders play a major role as they are custodians of our tradition and culture. In this District, we pride ourselves for having being the first municipality to provide the local house of traditional leaders with a work centre. The traditional leadership structure under our district will now have a place where they will conduct their daily business in serving our communities. This structure is currently under construction and is being built in Ulundi. Office equipment has already been bought and the administration officer has since been employed and seconded to the House Of Traditional Leaders.

Since the take over of the Prince Mangosuthu Airport early last year, we have commenced with necessary renovations to bring it into working order. Waterproofing and crack sealing of the runway is currently underway. Our Local Economic Development department is busy putting together a plan to turn this institution into a tourism hub. The tourism office has already re-located to the airport. Zululand District Municipality as a water service authority, still prioritises the supply of potable water in all our municipalities. Large amounts of money are prioritised for water and sanitation projects in every financial year. Our main objective is to provide each and every household in both urban and rural areas with clean water. We are currently running a campaign to educate people on water conservation and encourage them to report leaks and vandalism to the infrastructure in their areas. We will also continue with the provision of free basic water to the destitute of our communities. Although we have worked tirelessly to service our communities, we are however aware of the huge backlog that still exists. Water distribution was again hampered by severe drought that we recently encountered this year.

Our zero tolerance to corruption attitude has helped us maintain a good track record in financial management. This is reflected on our unqualified reports from the auditor general for the past seven years. I have no doubt that we will continue with this good track record in years to come.

As management of this ever hardworking district, we pride ourselves for our good track record in delivery of basic services. We assure our communities that we will continue to work hard to realise our mandate of providing efficient basic service delivery to the multitudes of our inhabitants, thereby making a difference to their lives.

On behalf of the administration, I would like to lastly extend a word of gratitude to our respected leaders, loyal staff, patient families and supportive communities. Thank you for making Zululand such a great place.

J H De Klerk
J H DE KLERK
Municipal Manager

Chapter 1 - Chapter 6

1.1. Introduction and Purpose of the Annual Report

The Annual Report is a legal requirement in terms of Chapter 12 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003. The purpose of this report as per Act is:

- To provide a record of the activities of the municipality;
- To provide a report on performance in service delivery and budget implementation; and
- To promote accountability to the local community.

The MFMA requires the municipality to report on all aspects of performance providing a true, honest and accurate account of the goals set by council and the success or otherwise in achieving these goals. The Annual Report is thus a key performance report to the community and other stakeholders.

In line with aforementioned, this report will be tabled in Council who must adopt an oversight report containing the Council's comments on the annual report. The annual report will also be made public and the residents and other stakeholders in the Zululand District will be given an opportunity to comment and submit representations in connection with the report, which comments and representations will be considered by the Council when adopting the oversight report.

1.2. Demographic Information

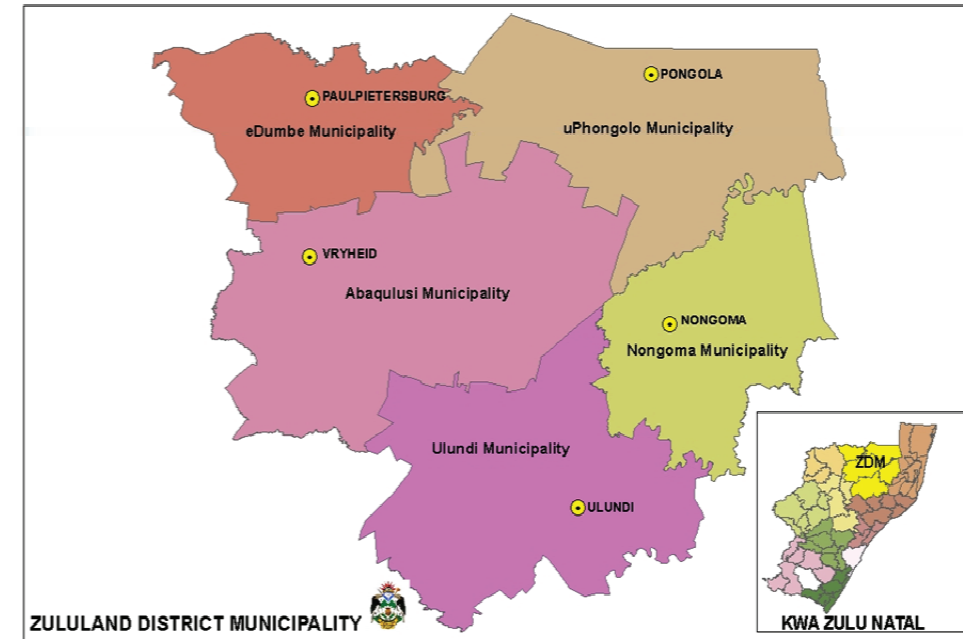
The Zululand District Municipality is one of the ten district municipalities in KwaZulu Natal. It operates in the northern part of the province. Approximately half the area is under the jurisdiction of traditional authorities while the remainder is divided between commercially-owned farms and conservation areas. The area is predominantly rural and the population is sparsely dispersed over 14 810 km². The major towns forming part of the district are eDumbe, Abaqulusi, Nongoma, Pongola and Ulundi.

The district serves a population of 964 005 people of whom 74.6 % reside in the rural areas, with the balance in the urban and/or peri-urban areas. The district is characterised by high unemployment and poverty and, as such, the Zululand District Municipality has been identified as a Nodal Point.

The municipality is isolated from the national economy mainly due its location in relation to transport and distance from major centres. The traditional areas are poverty-stricken and depend upon the little economic output that is generated in the towns that are situated within the district.

Despite this negative backdrop against which the Zululand economy has to perform, there are unique characteristics that present a range of economic development opportunities in the district. These are in relation to tourism and agriculture. The former has started to play a larger role in the economy of the area, although this does not fill the gaps caused by the closure of the mines. The mines have significant forward and backward linkages on all the economic sectors, particularly in Vryheid and the surrounding areas.

Map of The Zululand District Municipality



The table below shows the population distribution per local municipality

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS COUNT PER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY						
LM Name	LM	2001	2007	Number of People	Growth	Growth %
		Households	Households			
<i>Abaqulusi</i>	KZ263	32312	36044	243766	3732	14%
<i>eDumbe</i>	KZ261	11611	15025	101614	3414	13%
<i>Nongoma</i>	KZ265	27947	34043	230233	6096	23%
<i>Ulundi</i>	KZ266	27957	35319	238862	7362	28%
<i>uPhongola</i>	KZ262	16289	22112	149543	5823	22%
		116116	142543	964018	26427	100%

A few key statistics are summarised hereunder:

INDICATOR	ZULULAND
Area	14 810 km ²
Population (2007)	964 005 people
Households	142 543
People per Household	6,763
% Urban Households	25,4%
% Rural Households	74,6%
Gender breakdown	Males 46,5 % Females 53,5 %
Age breakdown	0 – 14 38,9% 15 – 64 56,9% 65 + 4,2%

Source: Zululand DM GIS 2008

Table 2.

TOTAL RURAL HOUSEHOLD COUNT PER CATEGORY, PER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY						
		2001	2007			
LM Name	LM	Households	Households	Number of People	Growth	Growth %
<i>Abaqulusi</i>	Rural	18666	15714	14.8	-2952	8%
<i>eDumbe</i>	Rural	11097	9843	9.4	-1254	9%
<i>Nongoma</i>	Rural	27105	33289	31.3	6184	12%
<i>Ulundi</i>	Rural	25260	29269	27.5	4009	12%
<i>uPongola</i>	Rural	13359	18165	17.0	4806	14%
		95487	106280	100.00	10793	11%

Table 3.

TOTAL URBAN HOUSEHOLD COUNT PER CATEGORY, PER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY						
		2001	2007			
LM Name	LM	Households	Households	Number of People	Growth	Growth %
<i>Abaqulusi</i>	Urban	13646	20330	56.1	6684	15%
<i>eDumbe</i>	Urban	514	5181	14.3	4667	101%
<i>Nongoma</i>	Urban	842	753	2	-89	9%
<i>Ulundi</i>	Urban	2697	6052	16.7	3355	22%
<i>uPongola</i>	Urban	2930	3947	10.9	1017	13%
		20629	36263	100	15634	18%

The figures shown in the tables illustrate a tendency for a reduction in the Rural Population in Abaqulusi and eDumbe with significant growth in the urban areas. The other municipalities have all experienced rural growth with only Ulundi showing significant urban growth. The official Stats SA figures show that in 2005 there were 144 000 households within Zululand and 964 005 people. This gives an average of 6.763 people per household. The aerial count conducted, shows there is a total of 142 543 households in 2007. If we take the official figure of 6.763 people per household, and multiply it with 142 543, it brings the total number of people in Zululand to 964 005.

The following should be noted with regards to the population of this district:

Abaqulusi (243766) and Edumbe (101607) local municipalities are home to the highest and lowest proportions of Zululand District's population, respectively.

In terms of geographic area, Abaqulusi is the largest (4184 km²), Ulundi (3256 km²), uPhongolo (3236 km²), Nongoma (2185 km²) and eDumbe (1948 km²).

Low levels of urbanization, approximately 68.79% of the people in the District are located in rural areas.

A female population (53.5%) that is significantly higher than the male population (46.5%) which could be attributed to migration patterns in the province in general.

There are large disparities in settlement concentrations such that Ulundi and Edumbe are home to the highest and lowest proportion of population, i.e. 26% and 10% respectively.

Urbanization rates among the local municipalities indicate that Abaqulusi Municipality has the highest rate of urbanization i.e. 56 %, Ulundi follows with 16% and Edumbe at 8%. uPhongolo has 8% urbanisation rate, and Nongoma have a negative urbanization rate.

1.3. Executive Summary

The ZDM Council has adopted the following long-term development vision:

'We are the Zululand region and proud of our heritage. We are mindful of the needs of the poor and we seek to reflect the aspirations of our communities. We are committed to responsible and accountable actions, tolerance and concern for racial harmony, the protection of our environment, and the strengthening of the role of women and youth. We will strive to improve the quality of life in Zululand by providing sustainable infrastructure, promoting economic development and building capacity within our communities.'

'WE SERVE THE PEOPLE'

A vision is a statement that indicates a desired future scenario, which may be idealistic, and which describes the desired future state towards which the Municipality is working.

MISSION OF THE ZDM

To create an affluent district by:

- Provision of optimal delivery of essential services;
- Supporting sustainable local economic development;
- and
- Community participation in service delivery

CORE VALUES OF THE ZDM

- Transparency;
- Commitment;
- Innovation;
- Integrity; and
- Co-operation

1.4. Political Leadership in the Zululand District Municipality

The Council of the Zululand District Municipality consists of 34 Councilors, 40% of which are proportionally elected and 60% elected to the district municipality from respective local municipalities. The Council is chaired by the Speaker, The Honourable Cllr. N J Mjaja.

The Executive Council is chaired by Her Worship the Mayor Cllr V.Z. Magwaza Msibi. The political parties represented in our council are the IFP (30), ANC (2), and the DA with (2) Councilors respectively.

The following Councilors are currently serving on the Municipal Council, their terms started in 2006 and shall end in 2011:

*N J Mjaja (Speaker)	
** V Z Ka Magwaza-Msibi (Mayor)	*V O Mbuyisa (Deputy – Mayor)
* BB Zwane	MB Mabaso
TR Bunge	NE Zungu
AB Lesala	*JBMavundla
MM Kunene	TB Lukhele
* SE Nkwanyana	SPS Mwelase
JB Ngema	KE Thabede
MM Mntungwa	JP Ngwenya
MA Shabangu	JA Scheepers
* NP Ndlela	R B Mhlungu
S Z Buthelezi	BA Mtshali
PM Mtshali	ME Ndwandwe
NV Mbatha	EM Nxumalo
HS Ngwenya	ME Sishwili
FL. Buthelezi	TM Zungu
BS Khanyile	S Mlambo
MZ Mafambani	
* Member of EXCO	
** Chairperson of EXCO	

Zululand District Municipality’s Executive Committee



In order to ensure that there is synergy, adequate monitoring and control in the performance of the municipality towards achieving the strategic thrusts that Council set itself; the Council established Portfolio Committees, with each one chaired by an EXCO Member. These Committees meet on a quarterly basis to track the progress that is being made by the municipality, in the execution of its plans and programmes in a given financial year.

The following are the Portfolio Committees of the Zululand District Municipality Council, the number of meetings held during the current financial year are compared to those held during the past financial year (2006/07):

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE	MEETINGS HELD DURING 2006/07	MEETINGS HELD DURING 2007/08
Disaster Management, Health & Safety	4	2
Finance & Budgeting Portfolio	3	4
Led & Tourism Portfolio	6	3
Community & Social Development	8	6
Capex & Water Provision Portfolio	3	4
Planning & GIS	2	2
Audit Committee	0	4
Local Labour Forum	3	2
Executive Committee	14	14
Full Council	7	6

Disaster Management, Health & Safety Portfolio: There is a decrease in the number of meetings held during the 2007/08 financial year as the Chairperson of this committee, Cllr. M J Ngcobo, passed away and it has been difficult to get a replacement for him.