

**WEST RAND
DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITY**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR
THE 2007/08 FINANCIAL
YEAR**

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FOREWORD BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR: ALD. F L MATSHIKIZA

It is my pleasure to table this Annual Report for the 2007/8 financial year. The year in review, above all, has been a celebration of the WRDM's hard work as we have been judged as the best District Municipality in Gauteng Province during the Municipal Vuna Awards.

Once again our achievement in the Vuna Awards, for the third consecutive year, illustrates confidence in our work.

The mandate of the WRDM is clear and is encapsulated in our Five Year Strategic Programme. Moreover, our programmes are aligned with the governments' millennium goals of universal access to basic services for all our citizens.

The WRDM's main goals are:

- halve unemployment by 2014
- halve poverty by 2014

In order to be responsive to the above imperatives, we are extra careful with regard to the process we follow to compile the IDP and Budget of the District Municipality. The future plans of the WRDM should make provision for Merafong City Local Municipality as it will be demarcated back to the Gauteng Province from the North West Province.

Our effort to create a climate of public participation and consultation gave rise to various infrastructural programmes and the streamlining of our service delivery initiatives such as houses, proper sanitation and other basic services.

This Annual Report seeks to portray a picture of the efforts our District Municipality made to address the needs of its 583 000 residents, spread through the three constituent local municipalities: Mogale City, Randfontein, Westonaria as well as the District Management Area (DMA).

Unemployment is still the major challenge and also the main causative factor behind the high poverty levels in the District. This situation was exacerbated by the gradual decline of mining in the region. The impact of this decline was devastating with large scale retrenchments.

We, as the District Municipality, in collaboration with our three Local Municipalities, have strengthened the effect of our Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), as well as the various job creation projects taking place in our area. The District's role was always coordinative and supportive of the work done in the three local municipalities.

As a District we should further create an enabling environment for economic development of the region. Our primary focus should be on agriculture, mining, manufacturing, transport and tourism. Job creation should be sustainable for the development of the economy of the region.

The DMA also received a great deal of attention during the year under review. The details of these activities will form the kernel of this report.

Outlook for the future is captured in the following WRDM strategic objectives:

- A united vision for the whole district.
- Financial viability
- Social security and
- An economic blueprint for WRDM.

The ideal picture of Gauteng as the Global City Region (GCR) has become the organizing principle, which will inform all the developmental efforts in the District. The focus of our effort, starting from the year under review, going into the future, is to strengthen the concept of GCR by developing the District Municipality as a Regional Shared Service Centre for our area of jurisdiction.

The WRDM will continue to demonstrate good financial management and viability, municipal transformation, institutional development and good governance.

CHAPTER 1

OVERVIEW BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1.1 Introduction

In the 2007/8 financial year, our municipality was once more in the limelight for winning the 1st prize of the Vuna Awards in the Province. Out of the five National Key Performance Areas (KPA's), we won three except for Infrastructure Delivery and Local Economic Development (LED). This ostensibly indicates where our weakness is and a regional need to strengthen our capacities in these two KPA's. It is not only the expectation of our political leadership but our communities, we need to deliver effectively and efficiently on our mandate. This report attempts to outline the implementation of this mandate, the challenges we face and how we plan to address these challenges in future.

1.2 The Mandate

The Executive Mayor, during her budget speech, indicated that the mandate given to this government still remains unchanged i.e. to deliver not only a credible and efficient system of service delivery to our people, but also to invest all our energies in the generation of developmental programmes aimed at empowering our people. This mandate is coupled with the continuation of alignment of the priorities of the WRDM with those of both National and Provincial Government.

The WRDM priority programmes are therefore aligned with the National and Provincial programmes of halving poverty and unemployment as well as accelerating service delivery. The programmes outlined hereunder, provide a full account of service delivery within the WRDM, based on the National KPA's.

The programmes are:

- Job Creation through LED and Capital Projects;
- Good Governance and the Public Participation Process;
- Municipal Financial Viability;
- Service Delivery; and

- Institutional Transformation and Development

These five (5) KPAs were promulgated in the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 and during the year under review, the WRDM has performed extremely well in the three (3) KPAs i.e. Good Governance and the Public Participation Process, Municipal Financial Viability, and Institutional Transformation and Development. Whereas in the other two the municipality experienced challenges, however the administration had put in place strategic plans to address identified issues.

1.3 Job Creation

There were 79 permanent and 119 temporary jobs created by the WRDM directly and indirectly through LED and capital projects. The plastic recycling project has also created opportunities for about 200 collectors who sell raw waste material to the plant. Job creation in the constituent municipalities has been significant and the number will grow as the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and WRDM allocations increase.

1.4 Good Governance and the Participation Process

In order to ensure good governance i.e. policy formulation and development as well as implementation, Council Committees, the Mayoral Committee and Council had their meetings as planned. This enabled Council to play its oversight role in the most effective way. The Audit Committee, whose term expired at the end of June 2008, also did what it was supposed to do; that is advising management on risk factors and possible solutions as well as reporting to Council. The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) was also established by Council to ensure transparency and accountability by both the Executive and Management.

The WRDM established several integrated fora including the following but not limited to:

- Executive Mayor's Forum
- Speaker's Forum
- Municipal Manager's Forum
- Chief Financial Officer's Forum

- Information and Communication Technology Forum
- Public Safety Forum
- Integrated Development Planning Manager's Forum, etc.

These structures assist in encouraging joint decision-making, co-ordination and co-operation between the WRDM and constituent local municipalities. It must, however, be mentioned that the challenge remained attendance of these crucial meetings, for without proper functioning, co-ordination will just be a pipe dream or pie in the sky.

Public participation has been encouraged in the municipal programmes and projects, in particular during the IDP and budget process. The road-shows of the Executive Mayor on 27 October 2007 and 18 May 2008, held at Portion 26 Kromdraai, were attended by 155 and 260 community members respectively.

Public participation programmes of the WRDM included:

- Community participation on Local Government Policy Review on 2 July 2007. Inputs from the community and stakeholders were obtained;
- A workshop was held with the West Rand Chamber of Business on 4 July 2007;
- A Training the trainer workshop was held on 27 July 2007, in order to train the community on local government functions;
- A West Rand District Municipality (WRDM) Integrated Development Programme meeting was held on 14 August 2007;
- The Regional Women's dialogue meeting was held on 16 August 2007;
- The WRDM Integrated Development Programme Forum met on 23 August 2007;
- Newly appointed WRDM councillors visited the District Management Area (DMA) on 28 August 2007;
- The West Rand Women Caucus was launched on 31 August 2007;
- The West Rand Office of the Speakers Retreat Workshop was held on 23 November 2007;

- A Moral Regeneration Rally was held at the Greenhills Stadium, Randfontein on 25 November 2007;
- A Regional Community Development Workshop (CDWs) meeting was held on 13 February 2008;
- The WRDM IDP Draft approval meeting was held on 19 March 2008
- The WRDM Public Participation Budget meeting was held on 24 March 2008; and
- A DMA IDP Road Show was held on 18 May 2008.

1.5 Financial Viability

The WRDM is proud to report 7 years of consistent unqualified audit reports by the Auditor-General as well as for the 2007/08 financial year. The Auditor-General's report for 2007/8 is impressive with no matters of emphasis in two consecutive financial years. This is testament to sound financial systems, procedures and internal controls created and utilised by the WRDM. The financial position of the WRDM is also confirmed by our credit rating of BAA1 by Moody Credit Rating Agency.

The efforts made by the WRDM through the support given by its Department of Finance and Information and Communication Technology Strategic Unit, ensured that Westonaria Local Municipality obtained a clean audit for 2007/8. Through these efforts, the WRDM is striving to achieve the same for both Mogale City and Randfontein Local Municipalities.

1.6 Service Delivery

The WRDM provides infrastructure delivery projects directly and indirectly to communities in the DMA and local municipalities respectively. The execution of infrastructure projects in the DMA is being delayed due to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes, whereby two legal authorities have to give written consent or authorisation. Projects that have received authorisation have been completed and others are in the implementation phase. The WRDM administration is doing all it can to

ensure that once Council approves funding for the DMA, preliminary studies must have been duly completed to ensure funds budgeted for are spent timeously.

Some WRDM funded projects implemented by local municipalities have been completed and some are being implemented. Delays were also experienced as a result of the EIA process; notable is the Middelvlei/Droogeheuwel bulk water project in Randfontein.

1.7 Health and Social Development

The WRDM health programmes include the Environmental Health, Social Development, Health Programmes, Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture. The highlight of this Directorate is that the WRDM TB Cure rate was recorded at 81% compared to the previous rate of 78% (National Target 85% and Gauteng Target 70% or 71%). This clearly demonstrates that the WRDM remains the best District in managing TB in Gauteng.

The impact of HIV & AIDS programmes will soon bear fruits, for the Directorate has managed to train 681 ward-based volunteers on basic HIV & AIDS, through USAID funding and 30 volunteers were from the DMA. In the same context, the South African Council of Churches sponsored 114 community members to undergo the same training.

1.8 Public Safety

Public Safety programmes of the WRDM include Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Operations Centre, Fire Brigade, Fire Risk Prevention, Social Crime Prevention as well as Disaster Management. These programmes provide our communities with critical service delivery.

The challenge remains to balance staff requirements with the available budget. This Directorate is relying heavily on the use of contract workers and volunteers. Management is in the process of devising a viable and sustainable approach in this regard.

1.9 Institutional Transformation

The new organisational structure was approved which is aligned to the WRDM 5-year Strategic Plan. The structure was populated in order to meet the strategic objectives of Council as enshrined in the IDP base document. The time has come now for Council to revise equity targets approved by the previous Council.

1.10 Skills Development

Employee development is the key priority of the municipality as part of human resources management and development. Our employees are assisted to further their career paths through the municipal skills development fund. Council is not only assisting employees but also learners from high schools in the region by donating computers to several schools. In the year under review, the WRDM and SALGA took 140 learners to take part in the skills and career exhibition at Johannesburg Central College of Further Education.

The WRDM is also actively involved in learnership programmes. Management is trying hard to convince learners, after completion of on-the-job training, to remain in the employment of Council.

CHAPTER 2

KPA 1

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

KPA 1: SERVICE DELIVERY

2. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The Infrastructure and Project Management Unit was established in May 2005, and restructured during July 2007, with the purpose of managing the MIG and capital infrastructure projects. Since July 2007 the Housing responsibility was also assigned to the Unit.

The Unit is responsible for Regional coordination and provision of the following infrastructure in the District Management Area (DMA):

- Water and sanitation
- Roads and storm water
- Energy/Electricity
- Housing and other facilities

2.2 2007/2008 FINANCIAL YEAR – AN OVERVIEW.

The Unit is responsible for the regional coordination of municipal infrastructure and the provision of all municipal infrastructure for the DMA. Regional coordination includes the following:

- Funding/counter funding of various projects
- West Rand Energy Forum
- West Rand Housing Forum

During the 2007/2008 financial year, due to a pressing demand for the provision of housing and municipal services in the DMA, the DMA Municipal Services Provision Committee (DMA MSPC) was instituted.

(a) Funding and counter funding of projects.

During the 2007/2008 financial year, the following projects were implemented with funding from the WRDM (see **Table 1**)

Table 1: Projects funded by the WRDM – 2007 / 2008 Financial Year.

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>STATUS</i>	<i>AREA</i>	<i>TYPE</i>
Internal roads: DMA	EIA	DMA	Capital
Potable water pipeline	Testing	DMA	Capital
Katlego arts and craft centre	Finishing	DMA	Capital
Multi purpose community centre & related services	EIA	DMA	Capital
Temporary Sanitation: Kromdraai Farm	Procurement	DMA	Capital
Engineering Services: Feasibility Study	Complete	DMA	Planning
Hekpoort/Vlakdrift cemetery	Complete	Mogale City LM	Grants to LMs
Ramosa Hall	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Advisory & Manufacturing Centre	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Bulk Water: Middelvlei / Droogeheuwel	Procurement	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Electricity: Mohlakeng X 4 & 7	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Resealing Main Reef Road	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
High Mast Light - Toekomsrus	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Upgrading Traffic Lights - Main Reef Road	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Street Lights R28	Complete	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Replace main sewer & pump: Aureus	In process	Randfontein LM	Grants to LMs
Dolomite risk Management System	Complete		
Electricity: Waste facility - Libanon	Complete	Westonaria LM	Grants to LMs
Muldersdrift Cemetery	Complete	Mogale City LM	Grants to LMs
Westonaria Bucket system	Complete	Westonaria LM	Grants to LMs

The total amount budgeted for these projects was just under R40 million, of which R8.111 million was spent during the 2006/2007 financial year, and R14.125 million was spent in the 2007/2008 financial year. (See **Table 2** for more information.)

Table 2: 2007 / 2008 Financial Year Project Expenditure

TYPE	ROLL-OVER 06/07 & 07/08 ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE 07/08				
		QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2	QUARTER 3	QUARTER 4	TOTAL
Capital	R 18 562 528.00	R 1 887 844.00	R 845 968.00	R 1 085 939.00	R 2 519 890.00	R 6 339 641.00
Planning	R 675,000.00	R 186 451.00	R 398 357.00	R 90 191.00	R Nil	R 674 999.00
Grants to LMs	R 12 547 358.00	R 1 558 687.00	R 337 132.00	R 2 810 930.00	R 2 403 611.00	R 7 110 360.00
Total	R 31 784 886.00	R 3 632 982.00	R 1 581 457.00	R 3 987 060.00	R 4 923 501.00	R 14 125 000.00

(b) West Rand Energy Forum.

The WRDM established the West Rand Energy Forum in order to:

- Coordinate the electricity distribution in the region.
- Report on electricity infrastructure backlogs and progress on the projects that are planned and implemented by different municipalities and Eskom within the region.
- Ensure that the entire District is aware, understands and complies with the relevant legislations that regulate this industry.
- Ensure that municipalities and other stakeholders share best practices of provision of services.
- Involve all stakeholders that are taking part in the Electricity Distribution Services Provision.

(c) West Rand Housing Forum

The WRDM has established the West Rand Housing Forum (WRHF) during the 2nd semester of 2007 and this forum is the regional structure to drive housing developments within the West Rand and serves as a vehicle to:

- Integrate and coordinate housing issues in order to speed up service delivery;
- Share resources to ensure sustainability and urban renewal throughout the region;
- Ensure an effective and efficient communication structure between the local municipalities, district municipality and province;
- Address funding issues;
- Develop policies such as the rural development policy;
- Achieve the objectives of social housing development in the West Rand;
- Prepare quarterly reports for the MEC of Housing;
- Fast track Municipal Housing Development Plans to be included in the IDP; and
- Report quarterly to the MEC of Housing.

(d) DMA Municipal Services Provision Committee.

The WRDM, as part of its administrative responsibilities, is responsible for the provision of technical support and engineering services to the DMA. The DMA is situated within the WRDM and the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site (COHWHS).

There are also land tenure issues on farms that would complicate the delivery of municipal services on farms, except if these services were to be provided by farmers/landowners themselves. There is also a challenge regarding the development of sustainable human settlements in this area due to the geological conditions which are characterised by various levels of dolomitic sensitivities which make it expensive to develop subsidised housing.

The challenges that were identified in the DMA have prompted the WRDM to institute the DMA Municipal Services Provision Committee (MSPC), incorporating relevant WRDM officials, as well as other relevant stakeholders to look into short, medium and long term interventions in order to provide proper and adequate basic municipal services and housing to communities in the DMA.

The above-mentioned was mandated by the WRDM resolution under Item 154 of 2007. Since its inception, several meetings were convened and Terms of Reference for the DMA MSPC were adopted.

3 TRANSPORT AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT

3.1 Transport

(a) Introduction

The focus of this report will be on Transport and Land-use Management, the discipline which also encompasses the functions of Environmental Management. Emphasis is placed on objectives achieved during the 2007/08 financial year and also give an overview of projects in process.

(b) Transport Planning and Management

- **Establishment of West Rand Metropolitan Transport Forum**

Transformation of WESMET into the West Rand Metropolitan Transport Forum took place during January 2008. Transport related matters are discussed within this forum. The forum provides a platform for both politicians and officials, dealing with transport and road related matters within the region. It also makes provision for representation by Gautrans, SARCC, Metrorail, Gauteng Learner Transport, the Western Gauteng Taxi Council and the Bus Industry.

- **Finalization of the Integrated Transport Plan for the West Rand during 2007/08:** This document was approved formally by the Section 80 Committee: Infrastructure, during May 2008 and is used to guide transport planning and implementation projects in the region and also align regional needs with provincial strategies.

- **Identification of link roads between previously disadvantaged townships: (August 2007)** Network interconnectivity to be established between Toekomsrus (Randfontein LM) and Rietvallei 3 & 4 (Mogale City LM) as well as Rietvallei (Proper) and Rietvallei 2 & 3 (Mogale City LM). Feasibility studies were completed. The next phase will focus on detail planning and design.

There exists a great demand for the mentioned residential townships to be linked to each other by means of road based transport and to have direct accessibility to areas of employment, schools (specifically secondary schools) medical centres and other natural community facilities.

- **Identification of priority corridors for introducing subsidized bus services:**

The following two corridors were identified through workshops, as arranged by the West Rand Metropolitan Transport Forum:

- Westonaria – Randfontein – Mogale City (via R28);
- Mogale City to Westgate via Ontdekkers Road.

Business Plans to this effect were submitted to Gauteng Province and NDoT for the subsidization of contracted tenders. The study now needs to be extended to form part of the Gauteng Strategic Public Transport Network.

- **Strategic planning for Soccer 2010:** The project focuses on the identification of public viewing sites within the area of jurisdiction of the West Rand District Municipality as well as logistical arrangements to inform the budgets of the district and local municipalities. The project commenced in June 2008.

- **Installation of traffic signal at the R28/ R559 intersection:** Phase 1 is completed and consisted of the preparation of a traffic impact study, installation of sleeves and the obtaining of preliminary way-leave permission.

Phase 2 was commenced with in April 2008 and comprised the following:

- Preparation of detailed intersection design drawings showing all the necessary markings, traffic signal pole position, signal heads etc.
- Compilation of tender documents.

Phase 3 entails the physical installation of the traffic signals and the envisaged completion date is set on January 2009.

- **Leratong Nodal Development:** Feasibility studies to determine the viability of Leratong as Nodal Development Core was completed during May 2008. This study can be viewed as the pre-planning phase in an attempt to establish an intermodal facility at the Leratong crossing to provide commuters with a choice of public transport.

- **Shova Kalula Project**

The WRDM, with the assistance of Gauteng Province: Department of Public Transport, Roads and Works, distributed 69 bicycles during April 2008, to learners of Matla School in an attempt to improve mobility of rural learners in the District Management Area.



Learners receiving bicycles from the Gauteng Department of Public Transport, Roads and Works.

3.2. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The spectrum covered by the Environmental Section is two-fold in that it focuses on promoting environmental awareness and management and also attends to the scrutinizing of building plans and control of illegal building activities.

(a) Environmental Awareness and Management

- (i) *Establishment of Environmental and Waste Management Forum*

Since its establishment in 2006, regular meetings are taking place on a bi-monthly basis.

(ii) Water Quality

The WRDM took water samples to monitor the water quality in the Wonderfonteinspruit. The Environmental section is also part of a Project Steering Committee to determine the possible extent of radioactive pollution in the Wonderfonteinspruit Catchment area.

(iii) Air Quality Monitoring

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment donated air quality monitoring stations to Mogale City Local Municipality and Randfontein Local Municipality, respectively. The WRDM was approached to attend to the regional management thereof. The Environmental Sub-Unit has completed the Terms of Reference to compile a Regional Integrated Air Quality Management Plan.

(iv) Mining Charter and safe environment (mine dust)

In order to address this problem, the WRDM established an Environmental and Integrated Waste Management Forum which focuses on the discussion of mining issues and pollution and the institution of remedial measures to the benefit of the entire community.

(v) Conservation

Comments were submitted on Environmental impact assessments that were undertaken on key new developments. Key non-compliance was related to water quality, air quality and conservation management. Corrective measures have been undertaken to ensure compliance. This section also took part in awareness campaigns such as Arbor Day and Litter-free campaign.

(vi) Greening

This section also took part in the overall greening project, a total of 1400 trees were planted

(vii) Expanded Public Works Environment and Culture (EPWP)

The Expanded Public Works Programme is a nation wide programme which seeks to draw significant numbers of unemployed people into the productive

sector of the economy, gaining skills while they work and increasing their capacity to earn income. The Environmental Management Unit honoured the call by GDACE to establish the District EPWP Environment and Culture Co-ordination Committee.

(b) Building and Development Control

The following statistics give an indication of the number of building plans evaluated by this Section for the period 1 July 2007 to 31 June 2008. As and when required, comments were also prepared with regard to re-zoning and sub-division of land as well as township applications in the District Management Area.

BUILDING PLANS				
Property	Building type	M ²	Status	Reason
Ptn 102 Kalkheuwel	Dwelling	347	Approved	—
Remaining Extent 1 Rietfontein 522 JQ	Additions	420	Approved	—
Portion 26 Kromdraai 520 JQ	MPCC	1513	Not approved	Outstanding corrections

Complaints received: Follow –up actions

Complaint		Action
Portion 16	Illegal business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice served • Informed Compliance GDACE and

Zwartkranz		Enforcement
Portion 8 Kromdraai 520 JQ	Illegal building activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice served • Informed Compliance Enforcement GDACE and
Portion 10 Rietfontein	Illegal business Illegal building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice served • Informed CoH MA
Kromdraai Road	Littering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested guilty parties to remove litter. Areas were cleaned
Portion 174 Kalkheuwel	Illegal building activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice served
Portion 24 Kalkheuwel	Illegal business Illegal building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice served • Informed GDACE Compliance and Enforcement • Informed CoH MA

3.3 LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Land Use Management plays a major role in providing development direction for the West Rand, by developing policies which guide public and private sector investment in the area and managing town planning and public transport systems.

This discipline focuses specifically on the following aspects:

- Assist in developing strategic policies and plans to promote sustainable development;
- Development of a high quality spatial development framework (SDF) that provides development direction and ensures urban management, coordination and integration. The SDF is compiled as a sectoral plan, forming part of the integrated development plan;

- Evaluate new developments in terms of existing developmental frameworks and applicable legislation, where such applications have been requested by and/or submitted to the West Rand District Municipality for comments and/or authorization, and issue comments and/or authorizations where applicable.

(a) West Rand Regional Spatial Development Frame Work

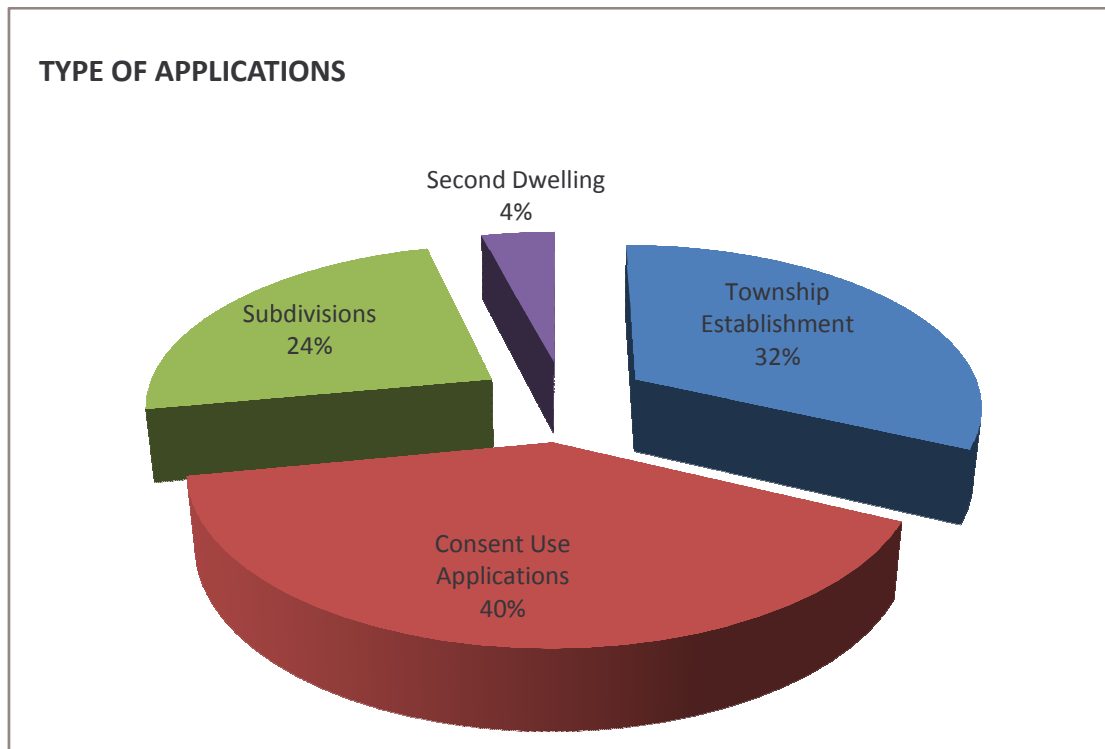
The WRDM is in the process of developing a Regional Spatial Development Framework (RSDF). The RSDF is a key legislative mechanism and integral component of the IDP, providing a district-wide perspective of spatial challenges and interventions and seeking to guide, direct and facilitate both public and private development, investment and growth within the West Rand in a manner that will expand opportunities and contribute to the economic development of the region.

(b) Implementation of an Efficient Single Land Management System (LUMS)

The WRDM and the Gauteng Department of Economic Development engaged in a process to establish an efficient town planning and building control law enforcement LUMS for the West Rand. This Land Management System is based on the principles of the Gauteng Planning and Development Act.

(c) Processing Of Land Use Applications

The WRDM commented on 31 land use applications received from local municipalities. These land use applications comprised of township establishment, subdivision, rezoning and consent use applications. The total number of applications has decreased since 2007 and appears to be influenced by economic pressures, the new Credit Act, demand and supply as well as inflation.



The total number of applications received by the WRDM to comment on were dominated by the consent use category. This category formed 40% of the total type of applications received. The second highest category was township establishment applications that contributed to 32%, followed by subdivision applications (24%). Second dwelling unit applications received the lowest volumes (4%).

3.4 CHALLENGES AND PLANS FOR 2008/2009

The following projects will be undertaken within the ambit of the 2008/09 budget as applicable to this Directorate:

- (a) Traffic signal assessment: Pilot study in Randfontein – assessment and validation of all traffic signals, signage and road markings.
- (b) Heavy vehicle study – The project will focus on a Road Freight Movement Study to determine and establish the safe and optimal movement of heavy road freight vehicles in and through the area of jurisdiction of Randfontein Local Municipality.

- (c) Feasibility study for the establishment of a multi modal transfer facility in Magaliesburg.
- (d) Construction of link roads between previously disadvantaged communities.
- (e) Installation of traffic signals at the R559/R28 crossing (Randfontein LM).
- (f) Development of Strategic Plan: Soccer 2010 for the West Rand.
- (g) Compilation of Integrated Waste Management Plan.
- (h) Compilation of Air Quality Monitoring Plan.
- (i) Roll out of the Spatial Development Plan.
- (j) Roll out of the Land Use Management System.

4 HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

4.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

(a) Environmental Health Services

- The unit successfully harnessed resources for Randfontein from DWAF and 3500 indigenous and fruit trees were donated for planting in Ward 4.

- The Arbor Day event, held at AB Phokompe Senior Secondary School, resulted in:

40 community members (including 2 educators from the very school) to be trained in tree planting, by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism;

The school grounds of AB Phokompe were greened with a low maintenance lawn by the Directorate and thereby creating a very healthy environment for learning.

The grounds of AB Phokompe after laying of grass December 2007



- The five learners of Westonaria who were sponsored for a basic computer course, have successfully completed the course at the end of September 2007.
- 150 women who are caterers from Mogale City, were capacitated through a workshop on safe food handling, pricing and procuring of goods.

- World Environment Day was jointly celebrated with Mogale City and the two primary schools in Rietvallei 1. An ECDC was painted both inside and outside to mark the day and the children supported the exercised whilst wearing small size aprons supplied by the Directorate Health.



Learners with donated aprons

(b) Health Programmes

Increasing access to health services

3 mobile clinics were purchased and handed over to the West Rand Department of Health to render services in the rural areas of the following municipalities: Mogale City (mainly the DMA); Randfontein and Westonaria.



Executive Mayor Ald. Faith Matshikiza handing over one of the mobiles to Chief Director Dr. Patrick Maduna of Gauteng Health.

Improving management and quality of care – health of the people

To improve management of health care services within the West Rand clinics, medical equipment at a cost of R1,3million was purchased and distributed to the four local municipalities (Merafong included);

Campaigns on Health Issues

The number of door to door campaigns increased on health issues such as TB, immunization, vitamin-A coverage and cervical screening with the result that the *West Rand is leading in Gauteng in ensuring the prevention of communicable diseases. The following can serve as proof:*

- *TB cure rate: 81% (national target 85% and Gauteng 71%) West Rand District Municipality is still leading for 3 consecutive years as the best district in TB management in Gauteng;*
- *Immunization coverage: 91% (national target 90%) with Randfontein reaching 112% and Mogale City 94%; and*
- *Vitamin-A coverage: 84% (national target 80%) with Mogale City: 132%.*

(c) HIV and Aids Programme

- The Directorate has managed to train 681 wards based volunteers on Basic HIV & AIDS through USAID and 30 of the volunteers were from the DMA. The SACC (South African Council of Churches) sponsored 114 community members to undergo the same training.
- Door to door campaigns have been strengthened throughout the West Rand and 65 198 people were reached. 793 Households and 3 787 people were visited in the DMA.
- A HIV & AIDS structure was established for the disabled (people living with disabilities).
- All structures dealing with HIV and AIDS attended a workshop to draw up their plans for 2008/09.
- 250 women in the Women in Partnership Against Aids (WIPAA) structures attended a workshop on empowerment on various issues and rights.
- The soup kitchen for People Living with Aids (PLWA) and orphans was strengthened and about 20 733 people were assisted through this project.
- Fifty NGO practitioners have been trained on project management and NGO management.
- World AIDS Day was celebrated across the West Rand with massive joint door to door campaigns by all stake holders (Government Departments, NGOs, FBOs, existing volunteers and an extra 1 050 volunteers that were trained for the campaign). The result is that 133 043 people and 56 015 households were reached.
- A District HIV & AIDS Seminar on the National Strategic Plan on HIV & AIDS and STI 2007 to 2011 was held and 300 people attended. The outcome thereof is a revised strategic plan geared to meet the NSP targets by 2011.
- The Open Day in the DMA, in partnership with the Executive Mayor's office, resulted in people having opportunities to receive the following government services:
 - 50 applied for IDs
 - 10 applied for birth certificates
 - 18 used the VCT services
 - 8 took pap smears (cervical screening for cancer)

43 used the services of the Department of Labour.

(d) Social Development Programme

- 250 women were capacitated through a workshop on their rights, the laws that protect them and the child maintenance process.
- The 16 days of Activism against Women and Child abuse were celebrated in the rural areas. The Blair Athol and St Angus schools were targeted. 600 Learners were empowered with information on the topic. Two Child Protection Committees were established and a follow-up meeting with 300 parents was held.
- Fifty ECDC Managers were funded for training on the management of ECDCs and finance management. Their six month training period will be completed in September 2008.
- The *Office of the Rights of Children (ORC)* has been established within the *directorate*.
- 870 learners from Matla Combined schools were reached during the Child Protection week and were supplied with information about rights and responsibilities as well as respect for one another.

(e) Sports Arts and Culture

- the unit successfully coordinated the Heritage Day Event at Maropeng in conjunction with the Department of Sports Arts and Culture
- They coordinated and facilitated participation by WRDM personnel and councillors at the OR Tambo Games.
- They have identified the libraries at Matla school and Bekkersdal as venues where educational toys will be placed for easy access by ECDCs. The learners who are going to run the library at Matla school have also been trained.
- Educational toys to the amount of R55 000-00 have been purchased for these two libraries. The toys are for children of 2-3 years old.

4 PUBLIC SAFETY

In many respects the 2007/08 financial year posed major challenges to the Directorate Public Safety. The rapidly changing risk environment increasingly demanded speedy and appropriate response. In the process, operational requirements consistently required additional resources to ensure appropriate and effective response. This reality, however, resulted in more and more strain being placed on available budgetary provisions and therefore a strong focus on prevention has been developed.

5.1 Pro-active preparedness and awareness

During the period under review, the Department trained 1 589 persons within industry, commercial enterprises, financial institutions and informal settlements in basic fire fighting, whilst a further 2 670 persons, in these sectors, obtained formal first aid qualifications. A total of 3 223 community members, in particularly high risk informal areas, participated in risk awareness programmes aimed at reducing the risk of loss of property, injury and death.

Specific attention has also been given to the revision of contingency planning at schools, industries, financial institutions, commercial enterprises and care institutions with the view to reduce risk.

5.2 School Risk Analysis

A comprehensive school risk analysis, relating to each individual school in the district, was completed and handed to the Department of Education for further evaluation and action.

5.3 Responding to emergencies & distress

The Emergency Operations Centre recorded, handled and dispatched resources and service providers to no less than 93 815 distress events during 2007/08.

The fire brigade service, during this period, combated a total of 830 fires threatening property and assets valued at R532 061 500 and in the process only suffered losses amounting to R32 338 610 or 6% of the risk value of the property being threatened by fire. This achievement is well within the performance target of 10%. These figures

further indicate that the fire brigade service of the WRDM, during 2007/08, saved property and assets in the district to the value of almost R500 million. The response rate of the fire brigade averaged 82% within 15 minutes throughout the district and thus performed within the national performance target of 80%.

The emergency medical service, during the same period, responded to 42 637 emergency calls and, in the process, treated and transported 34 789 trauma patients to hospital whilst maintaining a 87% response rate within 15 minutes throughout the district and thus performed within the provincial performance target of 80%. A total of 1 178 trauma victims could however not be saved and perished on the scene.

5.4 Performance of rescue practitioners

During 2007/08 rescue practitioners of the WRDM emergency services dominated the 2007 National Rescue Challenge and also won the Annual Provincial Rescue Exercise later in the same year. What is of most importance is the fact that participants in such events comprise 50% experienced and 50% non-experienced staff members. This approach has been adopted with the view to ensure the retention of skills.

5.5 Fire Protection Associations

The National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1993 obligates the WRDM to establish and support Fire Protection Associations (FPAs) in the district. A total of 6 FPAs with a landowner membership of 270 have been established during 2007/08 and for its efforts in this regard the Department of Water Affairs & Forestry, during September 2007, awarded a trophy to the WRDM as being the most supportive district municipality in South Africa.

5.6 Fire Risk Management

During the period under review this Unit, spearheading proactive fire risk management, conducted 729 trade license inspections, 998 routine safety inspections, 4 091 inflammable liquids inspections and 1 167 building site inspections. A total of 849 building plans (excluding dwelling house plans) were evaluated and approved whilst

164 building plans were rejected. A total of 136 occupation certificates were officially issued in concurrence with statutory requirements and 306 occupation certificate applications were rejected for reasons of non-compliance to safety requirements.

5.7 Road Safety

The Directorate Public Safety, during 2007/08, commenced with the construction of a database relating to accident trends and patterns in the district and the initial comparative analysis between the 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years indicated a 22% reduction in road accidents in the district. What is of concern however is the fact that it would appear as if there has been no significant corresponding decline in road fatalities.

The investigation of fatal accidents revealed the following main causal factors of motor vehicle accidents in the district:

Speeding

Reckless driving

Congested road conditions

Driving under the influence of alcohol

Pedestrians under the influence of alcohol

Poor road conditions

5.8 Crime Reduction

According to official records there has been no significant overall reduction in crime in the district although crime patterns have shifted. The most alarming of which is the significant increase in violent residential robberies. Most incidences of violent crimes per capita in the district occurred in the Westonaria municipal area.

5.9 Crime in the district could largely be attributed to the following factors –

- Lack of respect for law
- Lack of respect for law enforcers
- Moral strain and social decay

- Poverty stricken living conditions
- Congested informal settlements

5.10 Revision of the District Disaster Management Plan

The District Disaster Management Plan for inclusion into the IDP was completed, approved and submitted. The challenge now remains to attain the objectives contained in the Plan and secure the committed and continued participation of all organs of state.