



District Development Authority

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Where are we at?

- The Organic Law on Provincial Government and Local level Government has been amended
- The Joint District Planning and Budget Priority Committee has been abolished
- Replaced with a statutory authority “District Development Authority”
- The District Development Act contains all the details

Main Policy Objectives

- To make service delivery **local**, **accountable** and **accessible**
- Strengthen project implementation and service delivery at the district level it is NOT a government
- Make all public servants in the district responsible to the district administrator (who will be the CEO of the authority)
- Convert the JDPBC into a legal entity that can sue and be sued and enter contracts

Relationship with Provincial Government

- Does not replace Provincial Government
- Provincial Government still serves an important co ordination and oversight role
- Authority must co operate with the Provincial Government and cannot perform its functions inconsistently with any provincial plans
- Service delivery powers and functions of the authority are determined by the Minister in consultation with the authority and PEC

How is it funded?

- The authority will receive the district support grant and any other monies appropriated to it
- Depending on which service delivery functions it has the Provincial Government may appropriate funds to the authority
- Provincial Government still receives service delivery function grants and other grants – this may be dispersed to the authority

What will it do?

- Does everything the JDPBC does plus build and repair roads, bridges and other infrastructure
- Approve disbursement of the district support grant and district services improvement program
- Provide oversight and make recommendations on district planning to the Provincial Government and National Government
- Determine and control budget allocations for Local level Government

What will it do?

- Approve Local level Government budgets
- Draw up a five year rolling development plan for the district
- Review the five year development plan

What will it do?

- Undertake service delivery functions and responsibilities determined by the Minister
- Minister must consult with the Board and PEC when assigning service delivery functions
- The Minister can vary or revoke the determination
- Different authorities may have different service delivery functions depending on capacity

Membership of the Board

- Similar to the former JDPBPC
- The open MP in the district is the Chairperson
- Local level Government Presidents from the district
- Three other members appointed by the chairman (at least one of which must be a women)
- Membership is for the term of Parliament

Staffing

- The District Administrator becomes the chief executive officer
- All public servants in the district are responsible to the district administrator
- District administrator can commence disciplinary action over teachers and police and will provide logistical support
- Staff of the provincial administration in the district are assigned to the Authority

Staffing

- The Provincial Administrator must approve recruitment and dismissal of staff
- The staff structure must be approved by the Department of Personal Management

Financial management

- Is subject to Part VIII of the *Public Finances (Management) Act* which deals with statutory authorities
- The Minister for Finance may approve a district supply and tenders board
- Financial instructions will provide more details and guidelines
- Monies paid to District Treasury and expenditure recorded in PGAS

Accountability and oversight

- The NEC can suspend the Board were NEC is satisfied the Authority is
 - incapable of performing its functions
 - conducting its affairs in an improper manner
 - misappropriating funds
 - performing its functions in conflict with the Provincial Government
- Minister can issue a direction to authority to ensure proper performance of the authorities functions

Accountability and oversight

- Authority must report quarterly and annually to the Minister for Intergovernmental Relations
- All meetings of the authority must in the district and in public
- The resolutions must be displayed on a public notice board at the district office



QUESTIONS