Budget at a glance: 2009/10

KwaZulu-Natal receives the largest share of equitable share revenue at 21.5 per cent, followed by Gauteng at 17.4 per cent. It is important to note that this trend is declining as population numbers change in favour of GP. The effects are immediate and can be felt in the 2009 MTEF downward revisions.

Summary of Total Receipts

The KwaZulu-Natal receipts are made up of 82.7 per cent equitable share received from National Treasury, 14.6 per cent as a conditional grant allocation made by national departments and 2.7 per cent revenue collected by provincial departments.

Extract of Priorities currently funded

**Agriculture**
Additional funding was allocated to uplift communities and unlocking the Makathini Flats area. This includes rehabilitating the existing irrigation scheme, develop livestock industry, develop a dryland agronomic cropping area that will provide job opportunities for communities and lure tourists to the area.

**Economic Development**
Funding was provided for the development of land for the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone. The Dube TradePort (DTP) was funded the operational and capital costs for the acquisition of a portion of the land at the new airport site, and the roll-out of the DTP capital project. The focus also shifted to the rejuvenation of trading centres in townships and fan parks, in preparation for the 2010 World Cup.

**Education**
An additional allocation was made in 2008/09 for learner transport for the first time. The focus was also on Early Childhood Development in terms of National Policy that requires all learners entering Grade 1 in 2010, to go through a Grade R class, and provision was made for the expansion of Grade R. Top-up funding was allocated for textbooks for Grades 10-12 to ensure that the target of one textbook per subject, per learner is achieved. An additional allocation was made for the expansion of Inclusive Education, which relates to accommodating learners that require low, moderate and high levels of support in ordinary, full-service and Special Schools, respectively.

**Health**
An additional allocation was made to provide for emergency care and transport for victims of trauma, road traffic accidents, and emergency medical and obstetric conditions. In terms of national policy objectives, funds were allocated to modernise, rationalise and transform the tertiary hospital service delivery platform.

Infrastructure development was continued, which included among others, the completion of 13 clinics and Community Health Centres, the rehabilitation and upgrading of four mortuaries, the replacement of obsolete medical equipment, etc. The focus on the prevention of illness and provision of basic curative health services continued. The department’s effort to continue with interventions to address the TB crisis was also supplemented. A comprehensive provincial response to HIV and AIDS was implemented with the intention to continue with the implementation of the Comprehensive HIV and AIDS strategy.

**Transport**
The department was allocated additional funds for the John Ross Highway and the construction and upgrading of the supporting road network to King Shaka International Airport (KSIA) and DTP. Also included are a number of road upgrade projects to ensure efficient road linkages to the KSIA and the DTP, as well as significant investments in the provincial road network, among others. The department’s commitment to uplift people’s lives has resulted in funds allocated for the construction of community access roads and pedestrian bridges.

**Social Development**
The department was allocated funding for the expansion of Early Childhood Development, which has resulted in an increase in crèches and an increase in the subsidies from R11.50 to R12.00 per day per child, and as a consequence this province provides the highest subsidy for children in all ECD centres in the country.

The focus was also on Home and Community Based Care, which has resulted in the reduction of the number of children awaiting trial at Correctional Facilities through the focus on the readiness for the new and proposed legislation. The department also focused on crime prevention programmes to address and expand the services of ‘children in conflict with the law’.

**Some of the priorities receiving additional funds in the 2009/10 MTEF**

**Office of the Premier**
The department is allocated an additional R18.885 million in 2009/10 to fund the commitments in respect of the completion of the Emakhosini Multi-Media Centre project, managed by Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali.

**Provincial Legislature**
The department is allocated an additional R219.172 million over the 2009/10 MTEF to bring the
budget of the Provincial Legislature in line with the findings of the zero based budgeting exercise carried out jointly with the KZN Treasury. The allocation also includes a one-off special allowance to cater for Members whose tenure of office might be affected by the forthcoming general elections in 2009.

Education
An additional R3.342 billion is allocated over the 2009/10 MTEF to cover the carry-through costs of the 2008 wage agreement. Provision is also made for a new set of NCS text books for the Grade 10-12 cohort. The allocation includes the expansion of teachers to reduce the Learner: Educator (L:E) ratio in Quintile 1 schools and in support of the extension of the No Fee policy to Quintile 3 schools and inclusive education, to make schooling more accessible to poorer learners and learners with special needs.

Provincial Treasury
An additional R758.118 million is allocated over the 2009/10 MTEF for the personnel inflationary adjustment in respect of the annual salary increase, Project Unembeza, overdraft interest charges, the Municipal Support Programme, and phasing in of OSD for doctors and specialists for the Department of Health. As per National Treasury instruction, the funding for the doctors' and specialists' OSD is kept against the Provincial Treasury’s vote, until such time as the costing details of the OSD implementation are finalised.

Health
An additional R3.041 billion is allocated over the 2009/10 MTEF for health personnel to cover the carry-through costs for the 2008 wage agreement, as well as supplementing the shortfall on the carry-through costs for the OSD for nurses from 2009/10. The allocation includes funding for interventions to address the MDR/XDR TB crisis.

Transport infrastructure investment occurs largely against the rehabilitation, upgrading and maintenance of the existing road network. Housing’s infrastructure investment is mostly on the construction of low-cost houses and hostel rehabilitation. Education’s infrastructure investment is on the building, rehabilitation and maintenance of classrooms, sanitation facilities, laboratories and computer centres. Health’s infrastructure investment largely focuses on the building of clinics and community health centres in rural areas, and revitalising existing hospitals. The Economic Development infrastructure investment is mainly on DTP and rejuvenating township trading centres.

Social Development
In the 2009/10 MTEF, R147.236 million is provided to support the early childhood development programmes within the department (a national priority), and to cover the carry-through costs of the higher than expected 2008 wage agreement.

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