

PEOPLES GUIDE

TO THE 2010/11 MTEF PROVINCIAL BUDGET

“BELT TIGHTENING BUDGET, JOIN US TO MAXIMISE VALUE

PROVIDING MORE AND QUALITY SERVICES WITH LESS MONEY!

The success of the provincial budget lies in the provincial government's ability to find equilibrium between all the various conflicting demands. In addition, the provincial government must comply with constitutional social responsibilities (Education, Health and Social Development), ensure striving economic growth and driving a more comprehensive rural development for the citizens of the province.

South Africa hosts the 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer Competition taking place in June 2010. The North West Province also participate in the FIFA Competition with the main host being the fast growing Rustenburg area, Royal Bafokeng stadium. Training grounds are in the main Olympia and Potchefstroom. With limited resources preparations for this event is on track.

Provincial Treasury, dearly request you the public through our *“It's your budget, to become a strong participating partner”* campaign to become corporate citizens and to ensure that government's resources are distributed, used in a transparent and accountable manner to benefit all who need the services. Ensure that fraud and corruption is prevented to protect the limited budget and promote service delivery.

Government officials (provincial and municipal) are strongly encouraged to ensure that the limited resources are effectively and efficiently utilized for purposes allocated for. We also urge these officials to stand up and accept responsibility for their budgets by saying: “It is *“Proudly our Budget”*”.



North West
Province

**PROVIDING IMPROVED SERVICES WITH
A REDUCED AMOUNT OF MONEY!**

**“Proudly
our
Budget”**

✓ HEALTH

This department is responsible for the delivery of primary health care services, hospital services, forensic pathology services and emergency medical rescue services and will continue to improve the better life of all citizens of the province by rendering a quality health services.

Received a total budget allocation of **R 5. 6 billion**

Earmarked conditional grants funding from National Government included in the budget to address certain national priorities amount to the total of **R 1. 2 billion**

The health sector will continue to render health quality services **among others** on the following:

- Reducing Infant and child mortality
- Provide health emergency services during the 2010 FIFA World Cup
- Implementing a comprehensive provincial response to HIV and AIDS and related diseases
- Strengthening service delivery, fighting poverty and protecting vulnerable groups in society.
- **Laboratory services are being prioritized in the budget to address the challenges facing hospitals in this regard.**
- Primary Health Care services will be strengthened to improve the referral system.
- The Occupational Specific Dispensation (**OSD**) for doctors, dentists, pharmacists and EMRS workers will be implemented over the MTEF.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) cure rates are projected to increase over the MTEF and it is envisaged that funding available for TB and proper management of the programme will alleviate the problem. The TB crisis plan has been developed.**
- Additional funds **provided to deal with address** on National Health Laboratory Services, Patients Catering, and Medical equipment.



✓ SOCIAL WELFARE

This department is aiming to ensure social protection services. Social Welfare services cater for the provision of care and support services to the poor and vulnerable, including measures and projects to help people deal with the effects of poverty and HIV/AIDS. This includes the provision of counseling services to victims of crime and violence, home community-based care for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, protection of children and services to women, the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as services to combat substance abuse and services to those in trouble with the law.

Received a total budget allocation of **R 750 million**

The sector will continue to deliver social protection services on:

- Intensifying war against poverty through the implementation of the Provincial Poverty Eradication Strategy as well as the management of war rooms.
- Implementation of the Masupatsela Youth Pioneer Project and the National Youth Services
- Massification of employment opportunities in the province through the Expanded Public Works Programmes focusing on Early Childhood Development and Home Community Based Care programmes as well as employment of learnerships as Social Auxiliary Workers.
- Intensify programmes aimed at the protection of Children, Youth, Women, the Disabled and Older Persons.
- Implement programmes and systems to improve social welfare services with special focus on Substance Abuse, Disability and Victim Empowerment.
- Continue to provide social welfare services by transferring payments to Non Governmental Institutions giving more attention on HIV and AIDS and disability services.
- Continue recruitment of Social Workers through the National Bursary Scheme.
- Continue to build Secure Care Centers and Victim Empowerment Centers **at places of need to take care of children in conflict with the law**

✓ HUMAN SETTLEMENT

The primary function of this Department is to facilitate housing delivery and infrastructure in an integrated manner.

Received a total budget allocation of **R 1. 4 billion**

The bulk of this budget is earmarked Human Settlement Development Grant to the amount of **R 1. 3 billion**

The sector is committed to ensure provision of habitable and sustainable human settlement and is therefore working closely with the municipalities who are responsible for the development of housing projects in different parts of the province.

- The department will be constructing 500 rental housing units in the next financial year.
- 20 000 housing units will be registered for upgrading from informal settlements to formal settlements
- An estimated number of 27 000 applications for housing subsidies will be processed during the 2010 financial year

2010/11 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Changes in the provincial budget

The 2010 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) falls within the celebration of the big event in the **African Continent** which is, the 2010 FIFA WORLD CUP **SOCCER COMPETITION**. This indeed is one of the exciting financial years, given the opportunity to host this important and historic event and the opportunities coming with the event. South Africa like other parts of the world is still healing from the impact of the recession, but it is paramount important to put in all efforts thus making sure that we together overcome this challenging situation by committing to “doing more with less”.

The 2010/11 MTEF expresses government's plans and commitment to deliver on the priorities identified in the Medium Term Strategic Framework. These ten point priorities were pronounced by the government as follows:

- Speeding up economic growth and transforming the economy to create decent work and sustainable livelihoods
- Massive programme to build social and economic infrastructure
- Comprehensive rural development strategy linked to land and agrarian reform and food security
- Strengthen our skills and human resource base
- Improve the health profile of the nation
- Intensify the fight against crime and corruption
- Build cohesive, caring and sustainable communities
- Sustainable resource management and use
- Pursuing African advancement and enhanced international co operation; and
- Building a developmental state including improvement of public services and strengthening democratic institution.

The budget attempts to address these priorities with the limited resources, however through the participation of the public and the better utilization of these resources by the relevant officials and stakeholders many will be achieved.

Compiling the Provincial budget

The provincial budget has been compiled under extreme challenges and limited alternatives under the current unfavourable global economic conditions. It therefore becomes difficult to address all the needs of the community.

Under this situation, the government took a stance to refocus on service delivery mandates and promised by cutting on the expenditure on non- core budget programmes and channel the funds towards frontline services in order to satisfy the needs of the people of the North West Province. The key elements among others are:

- Reduced spending on non core functions and activities, including shifting resources from administrative components to frontline services.
- Review the functions and mandates of public entities and agencies to ensure remove duplications and improve efficiency and accountability.
- Review public spending to weed out poorly performing programmes, low priority activities and ineffective policies.
- Reform procurement systems to improve effectiveness, efficiency of distribution of resource and to address fraud and corruption in supply chain management..
- Change the culture of public service to reduce waste and to prevent extravagant spending, shaddy work and corruption.

Be as it may, if we are all committed, taking ownership of this budget, working together for a better performance will be achievable by “doing more with less”

SOCIAL SERVICES

The main emphasis in the 2010/11 Provincial Budget is to continue to steer social services in areas such as Education, Health, Social Development, Housing, roads infrastructure and other public works related services.

EDUCATION

This department amongst others, aims at providing a basic quality education for high learner achievement through teacher excellence and support services.

Received a budget of **R 9.1 billion**

A portion of this allocation are earmarked conditional grants from the national government to the total amount of **R271 million** to address specific national priorities.

The education sector will continue to accelerate services on:

- Providing public ordinary and special schools with resources required
- Providing educators and learners in public ordinary and special schools with departmentally managed support services
- Providing support to independent **schools**
- Enhancing the quality of education and skills development, focusing on improving foundation phase literacy and numeracy and on increasing the number of learners passing grade 12 mathematics and science
- Implementation of the independent performance assessment of certain grades.**
- Ensuring that primary and secondary school learners in poor schools have access to nutritious meals at their respective institutions
- Strengthen teaching in Tertiary Secondary Schools.
- Providing HIV/AIDS training and support to all learning institutions across the curriculum

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

The department's primary objective is to lead on matters relating to the achievement of the economic goals as defined in the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy that was adopted by the province in August 2004. In terms of the strategy the province requires an average growth rate of 6,6% per annum in order to halve unemployment over a ten year period. It also requires generating an investment of about R6,3 billion per annum from both the public and private sector in order to effectively address the question of poverty and unemployment in the province. Due to the recession the economy of the country dropped substantially during the period. Even though the recession seem to be over but the economic recovery will take long.

Received a total budget of **R 337 Million**

The budget will among others address priority issues targeting growth and employment such as:

- Resuscitation of Madikwe Sisal, Ganyesa Wild Silk and Mafikeng Bio- diesel projects
- Establishing NWDC small industries
- Creation of Youth Cooperatives

AGRICULTURE

This department provides professional agricultural support services to farmers through District Services in order to ensure that there is sustainable management of Agricultural Resources, sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development meaningful contribution to the economy of the Province.

Received a budget of **R 679 million**

Portion of this budget is earmarked funding from national conditional grants to address specific agricultural programmes to the total amount of **R 127 million**

- The department will continue to provide Western Frontier Cattle Beneficiation Initiative (PGDS)
- A further number of 200 farmers will be trained during the 2010/11 financial year. To date 28 Livestock Cooperatives have been established and registered.
- Fencing programme: which is in EPWP mode, is aimed at fencing grazing areas and crop production lands in villages in order to control carrying capacity of the land and to ensure production of more food crops. This will lead to readiness of farmers to take advantage of the eminent bio fuel strategy. The programme will continue for a considerable period for all high impact projects.
- Mechanization Programme: The focus of this programme is on providing crop production mechanization package to emerging/developing farmers to also better position them to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the eminent national bio fuels strategy. Previously, twenty cooperatives/ trust/ CPA's have benefited through this project and will continue even in 2010 to support the previously disadvantaged farmers and their cooperatives.
- Funds have been made available for the department to fast-track and coordinate rural development programme in the province

PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT

The primary role of this department is to provide a safer public transport, provincial land, and building and roads infrastructure development and management systems towards a better life for all citizens of the province.

Received a total budget of **R 2. 6 billion**

Portion of this budget is for earmarked conditional grant funding to the deal with issues of road infrastructure and bus subsidies to the total amount of **R 698 million**

The department will strive to do the following:

- Construction and maintenance of the provincial road infrastructure.
- To strengthen the collaboration with the North WEST Taxi Industry with regard to the economic empowerment of Taxi Operators in the province
- To improve the management of the Provincial Airports and Aviation related infrastructure and Activities,
- Positioning the province strategically to meet the Aviation challenges and demands of the FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup and beyond in the North West
- As part of Taxi Recapitalization the scrapping of old taxi vehicles will continue
- Implementation and coordination of the Expanded Public Works Programme

CONCLUSION

The 2010/11 budget has been the most difficult exercise to compile and balance under the global economic meltdown which just ended. Despite all the challenges the province is faced with, it will continue to serve and deliver the services as expected by the North West Province Citizens.

Also be mindful of the fact that the resource envelope has been reduced substantially due to the effects of the economic recession and the re-incorporation of Merafong municipality in to Gauteng. But we still maintain our theme of "doing more with less. it is hoped that the situation will turnaround and budgets will stabilize shortly.

However, the Provincial Treasury is always trying its utmost best to fund the core functions in order to support departments in improving services to better the life of the North West Citizens. So! Let us all get committed, own this budget for better service delivery, Action is the order of the day!

So, it is your tight budget, become a player to make it real!

This guide to the 2010/11 North West Provincial Budget is published by the North West Provincial Treasury to keep people of the North West Province informed of how the Provincial Government is responding to the needs of the people. Any suggestions to improve this publication or comments are welcome and should be addressed to The Superintendent General:

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