

3.9 Senior Citizens

Introduction

Senior Citizens must be full participants in the development process and share in its benefits. No individual must be denied the opportunity to benefit from development. Older persons have been previously marginalised, as ageing has been perceived as a problem rather than a natural process.

The Special Programmes Section is the main facilitating section. All this operation s work is founded on the goal of mainstreaming senior citizens into all policies, programmes and projects across all government spheres. This means effectively ensuring that the focus on the empowerment of and protection of senior citizens is effective coordinated and monitored. It further has a vital role to play as the principal coordinating institution for the Ugu District Senior Citizens Forum.

Roles and Responsibility:

- Coordinate and facilitate a comprehensive agenda for the promotion & protection of senior citizens,
- Ensure that government translates its constitutional & global commitments into measurable & meaningful programmes,
- Establish multi-sectoral Forums to mainstream & monitor rights of senior citizens.
- To promote close collaboration between the UDSCF, government departments and the broader NGO-sector involved with senior citizens sector,
- To coordinate, monitor, evaluate and report on the implementation of programmes and strategies aimed at achieving goals for senior citizens,
- To raise awareness, advocate and lobby on, and conscientise the public about senior citizens rights with a view to stimulating public debate,

Programmes achieved

- Functional Ugu District Senior Citizens Forum (UDSCF). The objectives of the UDSCF:
 - To guide the District response
 - To create and strengthen partnerships for an expanded provincial response to issues of Senior Citizens
 - To mobilize resources for partnership activities
 - To promote the Senior Citizen Act
 - To establish medium and long-term goals of Senior Citizens, based on the Senior Citizen's Act
 - To identify and formulate strategies for the attainment of the above goals
 - To coordinate, monitor evaluate and report on the implementation of programmes and strategies aimed at achieving goals for Senior Citizens
 - To raise awareness, advocate, lobby on and consociates the public about the Rights of Senior citizens
 - To lobby / advocate for allocation of resources by the Government
 - To identify, solicit and mobilize resources to implement initiatives aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of Senior Citizens
 - To receive reports of all sectors on sectoral responses for the purposes of monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of all sector efforts
 - To facilitate and support the establishment of the Local Municipality Senior Citizens Forums.
 - To strengthen capacity at all levels by providing the necessary framework, guidance and support to all sectors to achieve these objectives

- Functional Senior Citizens Forums at local level with vocal members and Chairperson s who also participate in the District Forum
- Conducted awareness campaigns on elder abuse, chronic diseases, active ageing and healthy living etc.
- Coordinated the District Intergenerational dialogue with senior citizens and youth
- Coordinated workshop on social benefits and means test for senior citizens
- District senior citizens participated in Provincial and National Golden Games 2016
- District senior citizens participated in the Provincial Senior Citizens Parliament and submitted a motion
- All local municipalities are represented in the district senior citizen s forum
- District is also represented in the Provincial and National Senior Citizens Forum
- Provided 4 senior citizens clubs with sewing machines and material (all local municipalities received material)
- Providing ongoing support to senior citizen s luncheon clubs
- Coordinating and supported destitute elderly
- Provided 400 senior citizens with walking sticks, 50 blankets, and nutritional supplements

Challenges

- Lack of reporting from various stakeholders
- Limited budget

3.10 Gender

Introduction

The Gender Programme promotes the respect for the rule of law, human rights as well as economic and social development for both women and men to ensure that equal opportunities are achieved. The Gender programme aims to promote, protect, monitor, and evaluate gender equality within the District. The programme is responsible for the coordination and implementation of strategies that would ensure that women play an active role in the economy of the District and the country at large thereby escaping the cycle of poverty and abuse. This it does by raising awareness on issues pertaining to women s health, men s health, skills development, sexual health, fighting domestic abuse and access to justice.

The Special Programmes Unit works closely with the 4 local municipalities to coordinate and implement strategies that promote gender equality and raise awareness on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, and access to legal, health, economic and social services within the District.

Roles and Responsibility:

- Guide the District response to gender-related issues.
- Create and strengthen partnerships for an expanded provincial response to issues of Gender.
- Mobilize and streamline resources to effectively implement partnership activities.
- Establish medium and long-term goals for the Gender Programme based on the Gender Equality Act.
- Coordinate, monitor, evaluate and report on the implementation of programmes and strategies aimed at achieving Gender goals.
- Raise awareness, advocate, lobby on and consociates the public about the Rights of Gender

Programmes achieved

- Women in Leadership
- Annual Umkhosi Womhlanga
- Men Empowerment Session
- Boys-to-Men Session
- Women Empowerment Session
- Young Women s Summit
- Widows Workshop
- Ondlunkulu Workshop
- Men s Summit
- Sanitary Dignity Campaigns
- Moral Regeneration

Challenges

- Lack of reporting from various stakeholders
- Limited budget

3.11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Introduction; programmes achieved and challenges

Career Exhibition

The career Exhibition programme seeks to promote education by giving valuable information to prospective first year students that would assist them in making informed career choices. This the programme does by hosting exhibitors from recognized tertiary institutions. Hence the Youth Development Unit provides support to local municipalities during the implementation stage of their expos through;

Programmes Achieved

- Umzumbe Career Exhibition
- Ray Nkonyeni Career Expore
- Umuziwabantu Prayer Day

Arts and Culture Programmes implemented

The arts and culture fraternity has been characterized as a sector that has not been provided enough support in terms of resources that would discover, nurture and promote the talents of young people in the district. Thus, the establishment of a programme that identifies develops young people particularly in the music industry is an indication of the commitment by local government to help breach the gaps identified in mentioned industry.

Programmes Achieved

- Music production

Number of workstations for small businesses established

The Youth Development Unit is tasked with implementing the resolutions enshrined in the Youth Development Framework taken during the District Youth Summit held in 2016 that identified 6 pillars with which the district seeks deepen the fight against poverty and unemployed amongst the youth. The 7 pillars have since been prioritized across all programmes that have been implemented by this office thus far.

Those important pillars are:

- Education

- Health
- Sport and Recreation
- Social cohesion
- Economic transformation
- Arts and Culture

Number of youth development programmes supported

Date youth development summit held

Sought to ensure effective communication between young people between the ages of 18-35 by giving them a platform to express their views on how the Youth Development Unit should approach issues of development. This it Unit does through gathering different stakeholders who have a role to play in the holistic development of young people.

- 3-day youth summit was held

Date Indigenous Games held

These are provincial games organized annually in association with the Department of sport and Recreation in the province of kwa Zulu- Natal with the aim of promoting healthy lifestyle through sport.

- Provincial Indigenous games

Nelson Mandela Day Celebration held

The Nelson Mandela Day is in commemoration of the legacy of the late former president of the Republic of South Africa which promotes the spirit of Ubuntu in our communities. Therefore, the introduction of this programme in the 2016/2017 SDBIP was geared towards the promotion of social development through initiatives that provides social relief to the most vulnerable members of our communities.

- Community outreach programmes in Ray Nkonyeni and Umzumbe

Date District Youth Day Commemoration held

The Youth Development office will on 03 - 04 December 2015, implement the following SDBIP project My Democracy & My Art . This voter education programme seeks to use art to educate the youth regarding their role in preserving democracy and valuing same.

The project will involve three (3) activities e.g.

"Art Exhibitions : Where x 12 Young people (artists or students in art) within the District will be selected through our partnership with the Hibiscus Museum. These young people will be provided with all the requirements for same to paint pictures depicting their views on democracy and the value of same.

"Performance Arts: This activity will see many young people within the district being given a platform to showcase their talents. Poetry, Hip Hop, Kwaito, Isicathamiya, etc will be used to educate the audience e.g. youth about the importance of voting, democracy, etc.

"Workshops & Intergenerational Dialogue: This activity will see well respected television personalities e.g. Mr Bheki Mkhwane (Isibaya - DSTV and Uzalo SABC 1), Well established Jazz artist like Mama Sibongile Khumalo and well-known director Mr Edmund Mhlongo who is known for stage theatre and grooming young talent for big stages and television, passing their skills to the youth of Ugu District who are within the Arts fields.

It should be noted that the project comes because of consultation with Ugu District Youth within the Arts and Culture fields, who had raised concerns that youth projects implemented by the district were not catering for them. Furthermore, same came because of a project Ugu District Municipality implemented with KwaZulu-Natal United Music Industry Association (KUMISA).

The project will be implemented in partnership with ESAYIDI TVET College, Department of Arts and Culture KZN, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), who will be doing a voter education and registration programme during all the activities mentioned above.

Date youth in business indaba held; achieved

Seeks to gather the views on young people on how the Youth Development Unit could speed up the process of creating opportunities for the youth to establish viable businesses within the resources provided by the government. Through consultation the office was able to identify key areas and departments that were instrumental in the development of young entrepreneurs.

Programmes achieved

- Youth in Business Empowerment session

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Details	2015/2016	2016/2017			
	Actual	Original Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual	Variance to Budget
Total Operational Revenue	521	547	547	548	-1
Expenditure:					
Employees	9 580	8 861	8 861	7 267	1 594
Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
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COMPONENT E: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

E.1 Introduction to Environmental Protection

Environmental management is essentially the manner in which natural resources are utilized in order to serve the social, economic and other needs of the present and future generations. The level and extent of protection of natural environmental carrying capacity in order to uphold and maintain the development needs is very important for the realisation of sustainable development.

Ugu as a region is a tourist destination, and this economic pillar relies on its natural scenic beauty. As a water and sanitation service provider and authority, the municipality relies on water resources and such must be protected and treasured in order to ensure sustainable water and sanitation service delivery.

Ugu Environmental Management has developed various environmental management instruments, while others are still under development, as per legislative requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) and other legislations. These provide a strategic direction during planning phases of development

as the municipality has to work within the capacity the current natural assets for sustainability of the development. As per chapter 5 of NEMA, some of the instruments are essential for risk management and compliance with environmental legislation as they proactively assess the impact of development on the environment in order to mitigate negative effects and maximise positive impact. The infrastructural investments of the municipality are also protected in cases of natural events. In order to achieve environmental protection while meeting the development social needs of the communities, the municipality has complied with these requirements and still strives to improve in the immediate to long-term.

3.14 POLLUTION CONTROL

3.14.1 Introduction to Pollution Control

As an atmospheric emission licensing (AELA) authority atmospheric emissions licensing, air quality management is essential to ensure the protection of air quality in the district. The responsibilities of a district municipality as required by the Air Quality Act have been met and air pollution mitigation measures are continuously being implemented. Air quality management by-laws, Air Quality Management Plan and Atmospheric Emissions Licencing are in place. A reasonable number of eligible facilities that are listed under Section 21 Notice of the Air Quality Act are being licenced while others are still being followed up for compliance with this requirement. A database of Controlled Emitters according to Section 23 of the same legislation has been compiled and declared by the Council. Therefore, legislative measures are being followed with regard to their reporting and compliance measures for those that do not comply are being applied gradually.



Figure 3.14.1 Air pollution measures: Industrial inspections to determine eligibility for licensing or compliance with license conditions

3.14.2.1 Performance of Pollution Control Overall:

Ugu District Municipality as a water and sanitation services authority has invested in the development and maintenance of infrastructure. It therefore has a crucial responsibility towards environmental protection through prioritising environmental impact management and compliance, environmental planning and education and awareness. Due to interface with the coastal environment, minimizing coastal pollution remains a serious challenge for the municipality. However, measures are continuously being taken on an ongoing basis to minimize impacts on the environment and human health, hence working with Environmental Health Services is critical.

3.15 BIO-DIVERSITY; LANDSCAPE (INCL. OPEN SPACES); AND OTHER (EG. COASTAL PROTECTION)

3.15.1 Introduction Bio-Diversity and Landscape

Biodiversity management is very crucial for ensuring the conservation and sustainability of natural capital in order to sustain ecological goods and services that support livelihood (food and income), pollution control, tourism, recreation and aesthetics, religious beliefs, research and education as well as traditional health (medicine).

The following are the strategic areas of focus with regards to the above:

1. Biodiversity management focusing on both fauna and flora.

(a) Feral animal (bush pigs) management – 3 pilot phases of this programme have been explored in 3 different local municipalities in order to empower communities to be self-reliant in terms of feral animal management. The 4th phase will be the development of the feral animal management strategy that will focus on the bush pigs while the capture regime will continue.

2. Coastal management programmes

(a) The Working for the Coast project: Phase 3 cycle (2015/18) has come to an end in which almost 90 employment opportunities have been created and sustained for the said period across all 3 LMs through Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). The project comprised dune rehabilitation (planting of indigenous trees), invasive alien plants control (spraying, cutting, hand pulling, etc.), and the development of coastal management plan/programme, beach cleaning (litter clearing, estuary cleaning etc.), maintenance and upgrading of existing tourism infrastructure on beaches.



Figure 3.14.2: WfC EPWP project funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs

(b) Coastal Management Programme that was developed under this Phase has seen its 1st year of implementation.

3. Climate change response actions

Ugu District Municipality and some of its local municipalities are signatories to the KZNCCC. This is a local network for sharing knowledge and best practices on issues of climate change. It enables municipalities to initiate projects, share information on the existing ones, distribute information on funding and training opportunities, conferences, workshops, etc. With regard to training opportunities, officials from the Ugu District and its family of Municipalities went through the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) fully funded short course on climate change in Dhaka, Independent University of Bangladesh and Bangkok between 2014 and 2016 calendar years.

Noteworthy is the fact that the Ugu Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Response Strategy has been developed and ready for adoption by Council. This is first generation of any climate response strategic actions, which sought to formalise and consolidate programmes and projects that had been haphazardly implemented with no formal structure. Such can now be formalised and reported on from 2017/18 onwards.

4. Environmental education and awareness

This is a continuous programme that is implemented under the partnership that is being facilitated through the Environmental Education and Awareness Forum. Various educational activities are being undertaken, which include among others, Women in Environment, Youth in Environment, schools' competitions of various forms, community information sessions and so on. Of great importance was the introduction of the Unemployed Environmental Graduates Project that was spearheaded by the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs, Ugu District and Local Municipalities. Other partners willingly came on board upon one call, viz. the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN's Dr. Srinivasan Pillay of School of Earth and Environmental Sciences), South African National Energy Development Initiative (SANEDI) and private partners.

This project was established due to the realization that the number of unemployed graduates with qualifications in Environmental Management/Sciences within Ugu District has been growing noticeably. This was established through telephone calls and walk-in visits by the graduates to government offices (provincial and local) and the municipalities, as well as through the database compiled by the Ugu LED department. Based on this experience, a concept paper was developed in order to establish a case for a 2-day seminar that would be held to empower the graduates on job seeking and business skills as well as inspire them to desire to pursue post-graduate studies.

The Forum task team took it upon themselves to work out a sustainability plan that was proposed at the end of the seminar. This included the maintenance of the graduates' database with new names being added annually. Applications are closely monitored, graduates are mentored for interview preparations and follow ups are made, testimonies are pouring in of internships and jobs being found. The forum members spread the word of mouth about the graduates to potential employers and there are success stories that can be shared.



Figure 3.14.3 above: Environmental graduates, seminar hosts and partners namely: Ugu DM; EDTEA; SANEDI; UKZN, Umzumbe & Ray Nkonyeni Municipalities. A small entertainment and networking session for the environmental graduates after day 1

5. Invasive Alien Species Programme

Research and practical experience have shown that the IAS, in their many forms have severe, detrimental economic and ecological effects whose extent is not well understood and appreciated. This lack of understanding is not good for economic policy and decision-making. Plant invasions alter ecosystems, as well as important natural processes such as fire frequency, nutrient cycling, erosion, hydrologic cycles and sediment deposition, which, in turn, result in significant negative environmental, and therefore socio-economic impacts – for both current and future generations.

The National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act requires each and every property owner to control and manage these species in their backyard. In compliance to this legal call, Ugu's efforts have been invested in programmes, projects and engagements that focus on the control and management of IAS in Ugu's land and properties. There are initiatives that are being undertaken that stand to benefit every citizen of Ugu in various ways.