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GOVERNANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM II

The Government Support Program II (GSP II) is implemented by the GIZ, a German federal enterprise, that supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. The objective of the GSP II is to support targeted public institutions to implement the Back to Basics guiding principles (putting people first, good governance, improved financial management, institutional capacity and improved service delivery) for more transparent, accountable, effective and efficient service delivery at the local municipal level. The GSP II have three fields of activity: (1) building capacities for planning for and monitoring of the implementation of service delivery, (2) the financing of and procurement for service delivery and (3) effective oversight over and accountability for improved service delivery.

The GSP II supports several target municipalities with its governance and service delivery functions to improve the cycle of planning, implementing and accounting – ultimately to better serve the communities in the municipalities. In this process of support, the GSP II works closely with national and provincial partners, but it is mainly the municipal councilors and officials, business chambers, community organizations and representatives that are the implementation partners.

The targeted municipalities are:

In the Eastern Cape: Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Chris Hani District Municipality and Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality.

In Mpumalanga: Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Mbombela City Local Municipality and Steve Tshwete Local Municipality which falls under the Nkangala District Municipality.

The USAID's contribution of \$947,000 to the GSPII supports Activity 3 of the GSP II, which focuses on oversight and accountability mechanisms. Governing bodies of the targeted municipalities are strengthened in the areas of governance and service delivery. Municipal officials, civil society actors and business representatives are trained so that they can exercise their oversight rights and responsibilities with confidence and in a manner that supports the integrity of municipal operations. In particular, the capacity development targets disadvantaged groups such as women, the youth and rural communities in order to foster their participation in local governance activities and access to services. Normal text goes here.

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