



# Free State Provincial Government REPORT CARD 2005/06



*In her State or the Province Address on 18 February 2005, Premier F.B. Marsoff made 33 injunctions which the Free State Provincial Government would deliver on during 2005/06.*

*Of these 33 injunctions:*

- **82% have been fully achieved**
- **18% include injunctions that have been partially achieved and medium term projects that are scheduled for completion in 2007/08**

*The following outlines the injunctions and what was achieved with regard to each:*

**1. 95 Community development Workers have been registered and they will commence with the learnership programme at the end of February 2005. A further 225 CDW's will be appointed and registered not later than the end of March 2005.**

The first intake of 95 Community Development Workers (CDWs) has completed their theoretical training programme and they have been deployed in municipalities. Activities of 95 CDW learners are being monitored and monitoring reports developed.

The second intake of 198 CDW's (of which 88% of 225) started with orientation programme in 2005. The learnership programme has since started in November 2005.

**2. Government will, among others, embark on a campaign to popularize the Service Charter for Victims of Crime within the Province.**

18 office managers in the Dept. of Justice (Free State) have been trained on the Service Charter for Victims of Crime and it is expected that they would in turn train others.

Programme put on hold since the department of Justice is still finalizing the infrastructural issues to support implementation, i.e. a call centre.

**3. The eleven existing shelters for abused women shall be strengthened and capacitated through ongoing training of the social workers and shelter workers.**

A training session for social workers and shelter workers of the existing shelters was held in September 2005.

**4. An additional hostel will be opened in Winburg during 2005 and it will accommodate 80 learners.**

The hostel in Winburg was opened during 2005 with 84 learners accommodated.

**5. The School Nutrition Programme will be expanded to also reach 33051 orphans with food parcels to take home. Feeding of learners will continue in 2005/06.**

21 640 orphans have already benefited from National School Nutrition Programme with food parcels to take home.

The remaining number of orphans who qualified are already benefiting from foster care grants.

**6. The Province will fund the poorest quintiles with R516.00 per learner, which is above the adequacy rate of R475.00 as set by the National Department of Education.**

In order to deal with access to education for poorer learners, the current distribution and allocation per learner for the poorest quintiles were done for the 2005 academic year.

The learner amount allocated per quintile for 2006 is as follows:

- Quintile 1: 34,9% of total learners, R 703
- Quintile 2: 23,1% of total learners, R 516
- Quintile 3: 17,2% of total learners, R 415
- Quintile 4: 13,5% of total learners, R 330
- Quintile 5: 11,3% of total learners, R 240

**7. The Province will continue to pay particular attention to lifestyle diseases as well as the eradication of malaria amongst others.**

Six schools in three districts are participating in Obesity as a project for capacity building in Non Communicable diseases.

Anti smoking policies were developed at school level, specifically at Health Promoting Schools.

VCCT counselling services have been implemented at 242 operational sites, 235 medical sites in health facilities including mobiles and 7 non-medical sites at the University of the Free State and Coca Cola Company.

Provincial Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Indaba was held during September 2005.

The monthly sampling of water undertaken by CSIR is forwarded to the concerned municipalities for corrective measures to be conducted immediately.

Disease Outbreak Response Teams have been established in each district and are being monitored on a continuous basis. The outbreak response time for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2005/2006 was less than 48 hours.

**8. A Provincial Anti-Corruption Summit will be held in May 2005.**

A Provincial Anti-Corruption Summit involving government, civil society and business was held in July 2005, in Bloemfontein.

Draft Anti-Corruption Strategy has been developed for internal consultation and further consultation with other sectors.

In May 2006 the Anti- Corruption Summits will roll-out to the district municipalities.

**9. The Policy Unit in Government will work tirelessly to ensure that we build capacity in order to accelerate delivery of services.**

The Monitoring and Evaluation Tool was reconfigured in line with the Free State Growth and Development Strategy and IDPs.

Alignment in the two spheres of government was strengthened during the Alignment Summit which culminated into the Bethlehem Declaration.

The clusters have been reconstituted and aligned to the goals of the FSGDS.

The Chief Director post in the Policy Unit was filled.

IDMC has been reconfigured during 2005 into the Forum of Heads of Department (FOHOD) in order to further improve on coordination.

**10. Government will recommit itself that all outstanding Economic Sector commitments will be concluded by May 2005.**

The Tourism Bill was approved in August 2005 and consequently the Provincial Tourism Authority was appointed in September 2005.

The new **Free State Development Corporation** (FDC) Board has been appointed.

The new Gambling Board has been appointed.

**Agro-Processing Strategy.** The strategy is expected to be finalised towards the end of this financial year.

**11. Government can make a difference by providing the skills required by the economy and building capacity to encourage self-employment.**

One of the flagship projects emanating from FSGDS is Knowledge Based Economy, making good use of the existence of institutions of higher learning.

The Central University of Technology is assisting government in terms of coming up with an integrated Human Resource Plan that will address capacity building at both provincial and local government level. This work will be completed in May 2006.

The Free State Training and Development Institute has been relocated to Bloemfontein in order to make it more accessible. The Governing and Advisory Boards for the Institute have been established.

**12. The Provincial Government will implement Project Consolidate**

Project Consolidate Municipal launches were held on 09, 13 and 14 July 2005 in Matjhabeng, Kopanong and Phumelela Local Municipalities respectively.

All 20 local municipalities are providing Free Basic Water. 79% of the population with infrastructure are served with Free Basic Water. 96% of the total population in the Free State is served with Free Basic Water.

17 of these (20) municipalities are providing free basic electricity.

**13. The relationship between all spheres of government is essential for effective delivery of services.**

The Premier's Coordinating Council, which includes Mayors of District and Local Municipalities, has been established with clear terms of reference.

The Premier's Coordinating Council Technical Committee, which includes Municipal Managers, with clear Terms of Reference has been established.

A conference was held in July 2005 the theme of which was Borena / Bokgosi: Transformation Agent for Rural Economic and Social Development".

The Institution of Traditional Leadership is represented in the Premier's Coordinating Council.

An Alignment Summit was held in October 2005.

**14. The Premier's Coordinating Council will play a critical role in identifying priorities to enable accelerated service delivery.**

The Premier's Coordinating Council is playing a critical role in identifying areas that need intervention at the local level and proposes remedies, e.g. MIG, Project Consolidate etc.

**15. The imperative of infrastructure development compels us to initiate the development of a comprehensive Provincial Integrated Infrastructure Plan.**

An Infrastructure Summit was held in the province in November 2005 in preparation for the development of an Integrated Infrastructure Plan. A consolidated report on the recommendations made during the Summit has been completed. The Plan will be developed based on these recommendations.

**16. Robustly upgrade and maintain our road infrastructure with the purpose of engendering economic growth and development.**

The percentage of poor to very poor roads has been reduced by 6% (from 60% to 54%).

The Koppies Dam road as well as the Jagersfontein road has been prioritised.

A number of smaller access roads to schools and clinics identified during the Exco-Meets-The-People campaigns are also being prioritised.

The Roads Infrastructure Budget for 2006 has been increased by 46% from R 354 million to R 515 million.

**17. The government will take advantage of the Construction Industry Charter to transform the industry in our province.**

The Free State has aligned their contract documents to the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Standard of Uniformity, also incorporating the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme.

**18. Broad Based BEE, SMME & Skills development will feature prominently as we develop our infrastructure.**

An amount of R310,836516.00 was awarded to SMME's and PDI's for capital project contracts. The total value of contracts awarded was R643 446 534.30.

However, there are still challenges in terms of ensuring that SMME and PDI's have access to finance.

**19. Government will allocate R146 million for roads and R68 million for new infrastructure projects as well as rehabilitate and maintain existing infrastructure in line with EPWP.**

A total amount of R359 079 million was allocated for 2005/06 for the overall Provincial Roads Programme which includes Planning, Design, Construction and Maintenance. Of this amount, R218 047 million has already been spent to date.

**20. All remaining 21 platoon schools will be eliminated by the 2007/08 financial year.**

The Department has finalized an infrastructure plan that will address the elimination of platooning schools.

Currently busy with the construction of two new schools as well as the completion of six schools under the EPWP.

Construction of additional facilities at six existing schools will take place.

Through the PPP 13 new schools will be built by the end of 2006. At the same time 20 schools will be upgraded as well as 4 FET Colleges. In total 37 projects will be undertaken through PPP by the end of 2006.

A Transaction Advisor has been appointed.

One School completed by 1st Quarter 2005 and 112 toilets build.

**21. The number of hostels will be increased to 11 during 2005/06.**

Seven hostels were operational during 2005, with 1 011 learners accommodated and four more hostels are to be opened during 2006.

**22. Government will improve infrastructure and facilities through the Hospital Revitalization Programme and the Clinic Upgrading and Improvement Programme.**

The provision and upgrading of health infrastructure is divided into three sub-programmes whose status of completion varies from one project to the other.  
District Hospital – Total budget of R11,768,975.00

Community Health facilities – Total budget of R 7,943,362.00

Provincial Hospitals – Total budget of R 17,993,253.00

The total budget for health facilities management is R37,705,590.00

**23. R25 million has been allocated for the construction, upgrading and maintenance of buildings including 12 new public libraries.**

A maintenance programme is in place with a budget of about R 1,12 million. Upgrading will be completed at four libraries with a budget of R 3,74 million during 2006.

- Paul Roux- 30% complete
- Qalabotjha- 10% complete
- Selosesh- tendering
- Ratanang- tendering
- Refenkgotso- planning
- Qibing- planning
- Ikgomotseng- planning
- Thutong- finalising site
- Maphodi- finalising site
- Khubetswana- planning

**24. The Municipal Infrastructure Grant Allocation for 2005/06 amounting to R349 million will be utilized to accelerate infrastructure delivery in the Province and to render basic services.**

In total R434,912,556 million was allocated for MIG, of which R184,319,325 (42%) was spent by the end of December 2005.

**25. With the assistance of the FDC, the province will launch a logistical hub pilot project in Harrismith.**

The project has been identified as one of the province's flagship projects in the National government's Accelerated Shared Growth Initiative (ASGI-SA).

The Feasibility study will be completed at the end of February 2006. This study will provide insight as to the impact the multi-modal logistics hub will have on the existing businesses and the associated ripple effect.

The FDC with the assistance of the provincial government should begin an application to the DTI to "rezone" Industriqwa as an Inland Port and/or Industrial Development Zone.

**26. The urgent finalization of the Free State Provincial Growth and Development Strategy as well as the Provincial Spatial Development Framework.**

The FSGDS was finalized and launched on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2005 with clear timeframes.

The Provincial Spatial Development Framework has been finalized

**27. A series of provincial summits will form part of the process of interacting with stakeholders for the development of the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy.**

Several Summits were held in preparation for the formulation of the FSGDS, e.g. BBBEE, Agriculture, IDP, Tourism and Economic.

Summits held after the launch of the FSGDS included the Anti-Corruption Summit, Alignment Summit, Integrated Infrastructure Summit and Investment Conference.

Social Partners and other stakeholders were involved in all the Summits.

**28. The Economic Cluster will be conducting an extensive study on the growth potential of towns in the province.**

The Provincial Spatial Development Framework has been finalized and it also shows the growth potential of towns in the province.

Municipalities are currently being assisted and supported in terms of the compilation of their Local Economic Development (LED) strategies.

**29. The use of a chemical incubator to grow the petrochemical sector.**

Discussions are currently underway between National SEDA and SASOL regarding the conversion of Chemcity into a high-tech incubator aimed at transferring technological knowledge and for SMME development.

**30. Government will consult with a number of stakeholders with the aim of identifying high impact projects for further investigation.**

The launch of FSGDS was the culmination of extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

In addition the following products/ projects have been identified:

- Bio fuel projects - Part of the ASGI-SA programme
- Livestock value adding projects - Woodbridge fattening unit, National Wool Growers' Association project in Thaba Nchu.
- Dairy Value Adding Projects - Approved project in Ficksburg
- Packaging of dry beans in Kestell.

We are currently in the process of developing a Strategy for the beneficiation of agricultural products. The first draft is to be ready by the end of this financial year.

Efforts have been intensified to facilitate the participation of black primary producers to the full value chain.

**31. Government will in due course be announcing programmes aimed at creating opportunities to participate in the agricultural sector.**

70 agricultural projects throughout the province were initiated. Some of these projects are Oppermans Irrigation, Woodbridge Fattening Unit, Motheo Value Adding, Medupe Trust, etc.

There is alignment between the Land Reform and Agricultural Development and Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme.

Planning and implementation of LRAD is on track.

**32. Government will be developing a Social Accounting Matrix, which will serve as a tool to determine the impact of our programmes as well as to priorities our resources.**

The process of developing a Social Accounting Matrix has been completed. A workshop was held in June 2005 to take provincial stakeholders on board and a steering committee has been set up to drive this process.

**33. The provincial government will hold a Senior Management Conference whose aim will be to develop a common understanding of the challenges that face us in creating jobs, growing the economy and affirming its commitment to Batho Pele.**

The SMS Conference involving all SMS members within provincial government and municipalities was held in August 2005. Speakers were drawn from international, national and provincial governments.

The conference culminated in a declaration by SMS Members, committing themselves to service delivery and achieving the goals of the Free State Growth and Development Strategy.

**OUR VISION**

**“A unified prosperous Free State which fulfills the needs of all its people”**