



VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION BY CITY OF HARARE AT KADOMA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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INTRODUCTION



- This presentation provides an overview of the City of Harare's participation in the Voluntary Local Review Process on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals
- Local authorities functions cut across all the SDGs, including eradication of poverty and hunger, reduction of inequalities, climate mitigation and adaptation, promotion of safety and good governance and in ensuring access to quality education and health care, clean water and sanitation, affordable energy, transportation, sustainable waste management

CITY CORE FUNCTIONS



- To provide potable water and waste water management.
- To provide trafficable roads.
- To provide an efficient and effective public transport system.
- To provide an efficient and effective solid waste management system.
- To provide decent and affordable accommodation.
- To provide comprehensive and accessible health services.
- To provide comprehensive and accessible social services.
- To provide efficient public safety and emergency services.
- To promote sound local governance.
- To promote sound environmental management systems
- To provide coordinated and orderly spatial development.
- To mobilise and ensure efficient utilisation of resources

WHY THE CITY PARTICIPATED IN THE VLR

- To assess the progress towards the SDGs and the gaps which must be addressed
- This assessment was conducted through key trends analysis and key stakeholder interviews
- To review the City's development policy framework to assess its effectiveness in terms of contributing towards the attainment of SDGs
- To contribute to the strengthening of the governance, policy and institutional framework underpinning the implementation of SDGs in the City
- To provide evidence on local, regional and global best practices in terms of implementation of SDGs
- To establish the level of knowledge and awareness of SDGs in the City through a perception survey
- To proffer policy suggestions to close the gaps, overcome obstacles and deal with emerging challenges
- To help mobilise strategic action towards the attainment of SDGs.

HOW DID WE DO IT?

- The VLR in Harare was conducted with support from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa(UNECA) who engaged an independent local consultant to carry out consultations with key stakeholders (who included the central gvt, residents associations, development partners, CSOs, the private sector, residents, persons with disabilities, academia);
- Literature review of key policy documents
- Empirical analysis of available data and SDG indicators; and then put together the VLR report.
- The review process was undertaken from January 2020 to June 2020, and inception and validation meetings were held at the start and end of the VLR process.
- The VLR also came up with recommendations to ensure the attainment of SDGs in Harare.

ROLE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN SDG IMPLEMENTATION

- Localization of the SDGs:
- Policy-making:
- Provision of public services
- Partnerships

BENEFITS OF CONDUCTING A VLR?

- Identifying policy gaps
- Focusing efforts
- Translating SDGs into concrete social solutions:
- Facilitating dialogue
- Engaging citizens and civil society



GAPS

- Lack of good local data makes it a challenge for the City to design appropriate and specific policies
- Lack of data makes it difficult to measure performance
- Funding challenges
- Inadequate resources to fund the projects and programmes to support implementation of SDGs
- Rising incidence of informality which affects the capacity of the City to mobilise resources to finance sustainable development

DID THE VLR LEAD TO CHANGES IN STRATEGIES, PLANS?

	Key Result Area	Weightage (%)	Responsible Departments	Sector KRA Reference	SDG Reference	Ministry Reference
1.	GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	20	TC (CS, HCD, DHCS, DOW, FD, CH, HW)	3	11,16,17	1
	WASH	20	TC (CS, HCD, DHCS, DOW, FD, CH, HW)	7	7,8,9,10, 11, 12,13	3
	ROAD	20	TC (CS, HCD, DHCS, DOW, FD, CH, HW)	7	7,8,9,10, 11, 12,13	3
	SOCIAL SERVICES	20	TC, DHCS, FD,DOW, HW	6	1, 2, 4,5, 6,8, 11,13, 14,15,16,17	
	Public Safety	10	CS, DOW, TC	3	5, 8, 10,11, 13,15, 16, 17	1
2.	Natural Resources Management	10	TC, CH, FD, HW, CS	5	2, 3	2

KEY TIPS

- Involvement of all the key stakeholders throughout the VLR process is critical to ensure that noone is left behind.
- Importance of greater collaboration between Cities and local statistical agencies to address the serious data gaps and strengthening local data collection.
- Enhancing public awareness around SDGs is critical to ensure buy-in and empower the local communities and residents to take local action in their local communities.

THE END



- ***THANK YOU***
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