ULGS VLR PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

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BACKGROUND & MANDATE OF MHUD

- MINISTRY FOUNDED IN 1991;
- TWO MAIN DEPARTMENTS BEING DUG & DHHS;
- MANDATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN GOVERNMENT:
 - URBAN GOVERNANCE;
 - POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REGULATION;
 - CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT;
 - TECHNICAL GUIDANCE;
 - DEVELOPMENT CONTROL & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

URBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- 15 DECLARED UBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THREE CONTROLLED AREAS;
- 3 TIERS OF URBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;
- THESE AREAS CHARACTERIZED BY A GROWING POPULATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS WITIN OR AROUND THEM REQUIRING URGENT PLANNING ATTENTION;
- 59 RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF TINKHUNDLA ADMINISTRATION;

DEPARTMENT'S MANDATE

- PROVIDES CAPACITY TO ULGS (HUMAN & TECHNICAL);
- PROVIDES DIRECTION TO LOCAL GOVT DEVELOPMENT (POLICIES & CIRCULARS);
- DEVELOPS LEGISLATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, FINANCING & MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVTS;
- ENSURES ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDINGS, ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY LEGISLATION AND MANAGEMENT THEREOF;
- ENSURES DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUMENTS TO ENHANCE THE MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
- RESPONDS TO EMERGING BEST PRACTICES & CIRCULATE THEM TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
- ADVISE MINISTER OF MATTERS RELATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT.

FINANCING URBANIZATION FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

- CENTRAL LOCAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS;
- LOCAL FINANCING THROUGH PPPs/PFIs
- OWN SOURCE FUNDING THROUGH USER FEES & CHARGES BY LAWS; (URBAN GOVERNMENT ACT NO 8 1969)
- LANDED PROPERTY TAXATION (RATING ACT 1995)
- INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS EG CLGF, UNHABITAT, ETC THROUGH ELGA

ISSUES FOR VLR DEVELOPMENT

- DATA COLLECTION CAPACITY;
- FUNDING OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS RPOCESS;
- TIME FRAME (MAY 2025)
- SIX TOWNS COMMITTED:
 - MBABANE & MANZINI CITIES
 - NHLANGANO, EZULWINI, MATSAPHA (TOWN COUNCILS);
 - NGWENYA TOWN BOARD;

READNESS BY EACH TOWN & SUPPORT REQUIRED

- SUPPORT FROM CSO & MEPD FOCAL POINTS
- RESOURCE MOBILIZATION SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS...I.E UN ESWATINI, UN HABITAT ETC FACILITATED BY UNRCO;
- MENTORING/TECHINAL SUPPORT (CONSULTANCY);
- REPORT PRINTING, TRANSLATION, PRODUCTION OF VIDEO CLIPS;
- TWINNING WITH OTHER CITIES E.G RUSTERNBURG;
- CAPACITY BUILDING ON SDG / VLR FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
- LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S POLITICAL SUPPORT WITH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT;
- TIME MANAGEMENT (TO MEET DEADLINE MAY 2025)

WAY FORWARD

- THE SIX TOWNS TO PREPARE THEIR VLR ROADMAP/WORKPLAN (NOVEMBER 2024 TO MAY 2025 & SECURE APPROVAL BY RELEVANT STRUCTURES (COUNCIL & MINISTRY);
- MAPPING OF STAKEHOLDERS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ALL PROCESSES (DATA COLLECTION, VALIDATION, & DRAFT REPORT & DISSEMINATION OF FINAL REPORT);
- BUDGETTING & RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR THE VLR;
- SECURE A VLR EXPERT TO WORK WITH THE 6 TOWNS;
- AGREE ON THE SCOPE, GOALS, TARGETS, INDICATORS TO MEASURE PROGRESS;

WAY FORWARD CONT...

- UNDERTAKE DATA COLLECTION WITH SUPPORT FROM CSO & DPMS OFFICE (INCLUDING LITERATURE REVIEW);
- HOLD STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS TO SOLICIT FURTHER INPUTS;
- REPORT DRAFTING;
- PRESENT & VALIDATE DRAFT REPORTS (WORKSHOPS);
- MEETINGS TO FACILITATE APPROVAL OF REPORT BY RELEVANT STRUCTURES IN LG AND ONWARD SUBMISSION TO MINISTRY & CABINET;
- THE REMAINING 7 TOWNS TO SUPPORT SISTER TOWNS & BE CAPACITATED FOR NEXT PHASE;

WISHING US SUCCESS...

THANK YOU