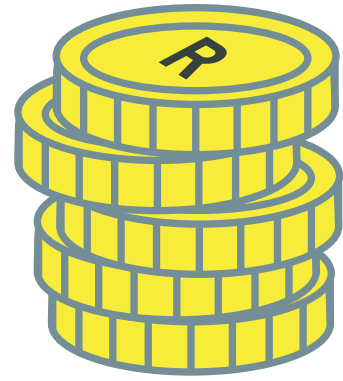


# Metros! Budget for informal settlements in 2023/24

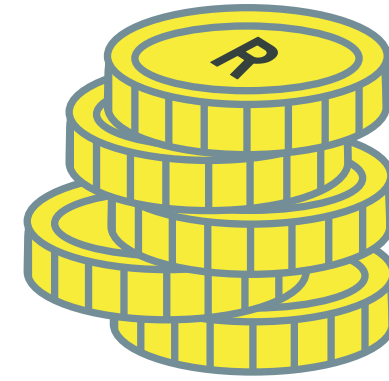
## FUNDING FOR BASIC SERVICES



**PROBLEM:** Across the metros, an average of only 59% of informal settlement residents have access to enough water, 43% to clean toilets and 47% to regular refuse removal.

**SOLUTION:** Allocate more funding to informal settlement taps, toilets and refuse removal. Only very small shares of the metros' 2022/23 capital budgets were allocated to the provision of such services. For example, only 0,5% of Cape Town metro's capital budget was allocated to the provision of taps and toilets; while eThekwini metro set aside 0,9% of its capital budget for the provision of informal settlement sanitation.

## FUNDING FOR REPAIRS



**PROBLEM:** An average of 58% of residents across the metros report that when taps and toilets break, government takes more than a month to do repairs – leaving residents without access to basic services.

**SOLUTION:** Metros should budget more for the repairs and maintenance of taps and toilets. **Spending on repairs and maintenance actually saves money. It is much cheaper to fix a tap or toilet than to provide a new one.** None of the metros currently meet the Treasury guideline of allocating 8% of the value of their existing assets to repairs and maintenance.

## ENGAGE WITH RESIDENTS

**PROBLEM:** Asivikelane members are currently preparing to engage in the budget process of each of the metros.

**SOLUTION:** We urge metros to engage with residents' submissions during public participation processes and to make specific service delivery commitments in 2023/24.



Metros can contact us on [info@asivikelane.org](mailto:info@asivikelane.org) if they want to engage with residents

## WHAT EACH METRO SHOULD FOCUS ON IN THEIR BUDGET

	Access to enough water	Access to clean toilets	Regular refuse removal	Repairs fixed within a week
Buffalo City	60%	42%	39%	6%
Cape Town	51%	65%	66%	14%
Ekurhuleni	80%	79%	69%	30%
eThekwini	45%	36%	48%	6%
Johannesburg	67%	60%	68%	23%
Mangaung	48%	1%	12%	0%
Nelson Mandela Bay	57%	17%	35%	1%
Tshwane	62%	41%	39%	34%

KEY: 40% or less | 41 – 55% | 56 – 70% | 71% or more



PARTICIPATING IN THIS ROUND:  
3558 RESIDENTS  
65% FEMALE RESIDENTS  
294 SETTLEMENTS

