

Let's prioritise informal settlements in Knysna's 2023 / 24 budget plans

As Knysna Municipality enters the final stages of drafting its 2023 / 24 budget, Asivikelane participants ask that the following issues be considered:

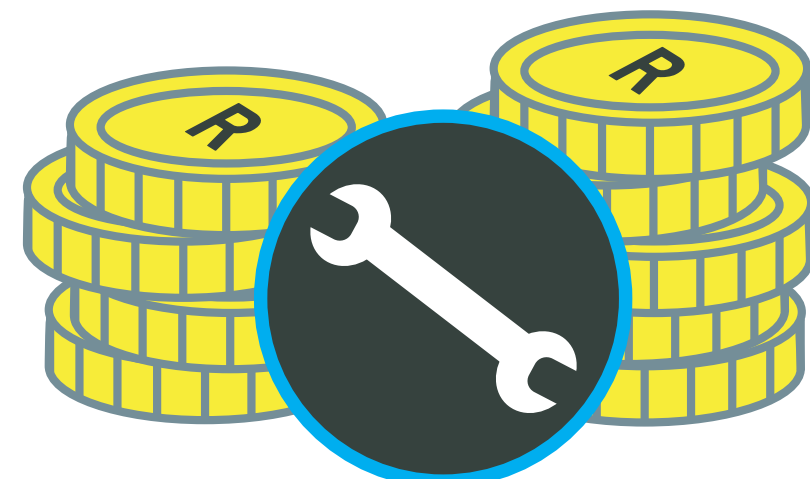
ALLOCATE BUDGET TO ALL INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS FOR WATER, SANITATION, AND A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

There are six settlements where all residents report insufficient access to water. 30% of residents do not have access to clean toilets and 17% do not receive weekly waste collection.



ALLOCATE FUNDING AND CAPACITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF TAPS AND TOILETS.

Regular maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure is not only cheaper than installing new services, but it also increases its lifespan. On average, Knysna takes up to a week to fix broken services, and 12% of residents say that repairs are never made.



SET DELIVERY TARGETS, TALK TO RESIDENTS AND FOCUS ON WOMEN'S VOICES.



Knysna's most recent Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (2022/23) does not contain specific delivery targets for toilets and taps in informal settlements. Targets inform the way services are delivered and Knysna should develop need-based targets with residents' input. Delivery goals should focus on the needs of women and girls, as they are most at risk when services are insufficient and unsafe to access.

IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS IN KNYSNA:

% of residents who said yes

DID YOU HAVE ENOUGH WATER?

85%



DID THE MUNICIPALITY CLEAN THE COMMUNAL TOILETS?

44%



WAS THE WASTE COLLECTED?

80%



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