



Buffalo City Rapid Budget Response

Buffalo City increased funding for new infrastructure in informal settlements. But what about for the maintenance of this infrastructure?

Sanitation

We are happy that the Metro has increased its budget allocation for the Sanitation Facilities in Informal Settlements programme by 25%, from R8 million in the 2023/24 adjusted budget to R10 million in the 2024/25 draft budget.

We are, however, worried that the Metro reduced its 2023/24 budget for sanitation by R2 million in its adjustment budget. Does this mean that the Metro is unable to spend the available funding for sanitation services to informal settlement communities?

Water

We welcome the doubling of the allocation, from R12,4 million to R24 million, for the three projects that provide taps in informal settlements in the Metro's inland, coastal and midlands areas.

Repairs and Maintenance

Broken taps, toilets and pipes remain a big challenge in the Metro's informal settlements. While the metro has increased its total budget for repairs and maintenance by 3%, the allocations for the repairs and maintenance of water supply and sanitation infrastructure, in particular, have not changed. Furthermore, we are deeply concerned that the Metro has not set aside any dedicated funding for the repair and maintenance of taps and toilets in informal settlements.