



## City of Johannesburg Rapid Budget Response

We are worried that the City of Johannesburg is not prioritising service delivery to the City's informal settlements in its draft 2024/25 budget.

### Sanitation

The operating budget of R54 million for "Ventilated Improved Toilets, Pour Flush Toilets and Ablution Blocks" has remained the same since 2022/23. We are concerned that this will not be enough to reduce the estimated sanitation backlog of 115,783 households. We ask the Metro to urgently publish Johannesburg Water's draft 2024/25 business plan which, in the past, has helped us to understand its goals for sanitation and water services.

### Water

It is of further concern that the Metro has only allocated R10 million for "Basic Water Services", the same as in its adjusted 2023/24 capital budget. The adjusted budget decreased the original 2023/24 allocation by R30 million. Please explain why there is a different capital allocation of R50 million in the City's draft IDP for the provision of communal standpipes under the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme indicators.

### Repairs and maintenance

The Metro's decision to cut its repairs and maintenance budget by 2,5% is concerning, especially since it has not set aside any dedicated funds for informal settlement repairs and maintenance. Broken taps and toilets are a big challenge in these settlements. Without dedicated funding, we are worried that informal settlements will be neglected in favour of formal areas, especially with a smaller overall budget.