



## City of Tshwane Rapid Budget Response

Tshwane's 2024/5 draft budget shows some green shoots, but we have questions about the extent to which informal settlements will benefit from these increases.

### Repairs and Maintenance

We note the increase of 1,54% in Tshwane's overall budget for repairs and maintenance, but we would like to know how much, if any, of the money has been set aside for the repairs and maintenance of taps, water tanks and toilets in informal settlements in particular. The absence of ringfenced funding to address this pressing need means that informal settlement maintenance and repairs are in danger of being crowded out by the needs of formal areas.

### Solid Waste Management

While we welcome the 3% increase in the budget for waste removal, we would like to know how much of this is going to benefit informal settlements. However, as waste containers are used in informal settlements, and contracted services provide refuse removal services to informal settlements, we note with concern the 150% decrease in the allocation for waste containers, from R17 million to R7 million, and the 1,2% decrease in the Waste Management Service's budget for contracted services. How will these decreases impact informal settlements?

### Taps and Toilets

We are happy to see increases for the provision of water tankers in informal settlements of 2,8% and 52% respectively in the budgets of the Human Settlement and the Water and Sanitation departments. We are also happy to see the 2,8% increase in the budget for chemicals used in portable toilets in informal settlements. However, the City's draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) states that it wants to stop the use of these toilets but fails to provide any information about the alternatives that are being considered.

Asivikelane will make a formal submission on the City's draft budget. In the meantime, additional information will help us understand how the changes mentioned above will impact service delivery in informal settlements.