



NOTES FOR UMLAZI BUDGET IDP HEARING

Points by President at Local Government Summit

1. The objective of the Back to Basics programme launched in 2014, is to create well-functioning municipalities that serve their communities better. Five pillars of Back to Basics
 - Putting people first and ensuring effective public participation platforms for them.
 - Secondly, it is about creating conditions for decent living by consistently delivering municipal services to the right quality and standard. This includes planning for and delivery of infrastructure and amenities, maintenance and upkeep.
 - Thirdly, good governance, efficient administration and accountability.
 - The fourth is sound financial management and accounting, prudent management of resources and,
 - The fifth, sound institutional and administrative capabilities at all levels.
2. We must also strive to develop an integrated approach where we not only focus on governance, but also have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the socio-economic problems facing our people.
3. As you are aware, we have decided to focus firmly on radical socio-economic transformation in the remaining term of this government.

But let us remind ourselves what we mean by **radical socio-economic transformation!**

We mean the fundamental change in the structure, systems, institutions and patterns of ownership, management and control of the economy in favour of all South Africans, especially the poor, the majority of whom are African and female.

We need to see radical socio-economic transformation in local government.

What are the issues that are affecting people of Umlazi

1. Umlazi is the biggest township in South Africa after SOWETO. We have made a number development since we took over in 1994.
2. We have built roads, schools, 3 malls, Metro Police Station, Parks, Swimming Pools, Police stations, Houses, pavements and many more.
3. We agree that there are urgent challenges that we need to deal with such as :
 - a. Housing matter – Housing is also a Provincial and National Government matter
 - i. We have not built houses since 2016 because of problems with Zikhulise Construction.
 - ii. We have people who are living in 4 room houses that need refurbishment through R293
 - iii. We have people are living in informal settlement
 - iv. We have people who are living in backrooms – in the 4 room houses

- v. We have those who live in houses without water and toilets
- vi. G-Locks that are needed in identified areas
- b. Electricity -
 - i. We had a problem with power station
 - ii. Some people have not registered their meter and they need to go to Sizakala and register
- c. WATER
 - i. Cutting of water and water restrictions due to drought
 - ii. Leaks are not being reported
 - iii. Let us learn to save water
 - iv. We have started with Cleaning of Toilets and people are happy
- d. WASTE
 - i. The stoppage of collection by Delangokubona
 - ii. Ukuhlanzwa kwemihhosha