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UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY RECORDS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2025 / 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Umzimvubu Local Municipality has moved with speed in the implementation of the first quarter's targets as per the adopted Service Delivery, Budget and Implementation Plan (SDBIP) under the Infrastructure & Planning Department.

Through the Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP) the Umzimvubu Local Municipality continues to provide its communities with access to energy, working with the Department of Minerals Resources and Energy and Eskom. The aim of this programme is to ensure sustainable development and growth of the economy through increased access to electricity, especially in rural areas.

Since the start of the current financial year on July 1, 2025, three electrification projects have been implemented and are currently under construction. These include the 288 households across villages in Wards 8 and 9 at an amount of R12 million for Sikhemane, Mhluzini, Saphukanduku, Goso, Luxwesa together with Dutyini. The Sogoni Phase 02 project in Ward 17, which will see 150 households connected at a budget of R3.6 million, the 10KM Sixhotyeni Link-line project in Ward 04, set to connect 117 households at a budget of R4.8 million and R4.1 million 8KM long Maduna – Majojweni Link-line in Ward 06. All three projects have created employment opportunities for 35 residents during their implementation.

Upon the completion of construction by the appointed contractors, communities are urged to be patient with the energisation phase, which is done by Eskom. Meanwhile, the community of Ntelezini in Ward 20 has benefited from a recently completed electrification project, with 149 households now successfully energised.

In an effort to improve the state of access roads in rural areas of Umzimvubu, the Municipality through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) has seen about 09 Wards benefiting from the construction and extensive maintenance of the following access roads: 6.4KM Sivumela access road maintenance, 9.3KM Magcakeni Majuba access road maintenance, 8.9KM Moyeni – Galali access road maintenance, 8KM Thabo Access Road, 6.1KM Mmangweni via Madamara to Senyukele access road, 4.5KM Sigundwaneni access road maintenance, 5.5KM Luxwesa access road maintenance, 4.2KM Magwaca to Qwidlana Clinic maintenance.



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These improvements aim to improve the socio-economic and ease of transportation for residents in rural areas.

In addition to road and electrification projects, the Municipality is also prioritising community infrastructure. The construction of four community halls, which are Sikhumbeni, Sidakeni, Osborn, and Sogoni is progressing well and nearing completion. A total budget allocation of R12.2 million has been set aside for these projects.

The above projects have collectively created employment opportunities for 230 residents and provided a boost to several local SMMEs, enabling them to grow and improve their compliance and performance ratings.

The Mayor has assured the people of Umzimvubu that the Municipality remains committed to accelerating service delivery in order to improve the quality of life for all residents. “Every project undertaken is guided by the goal of creating meaningful job opportunities and uplifting local communities. It is in our best interest to fast-track development that brings tangible change to our people” said Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu.

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