



MALKERNS TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023



OUR VISION

“To be an innovative high-tech agro-tourist Town which is economically friendly and environmentally sustainable in Southern Africa”



OUR MISSION

“Malkerns will provide quality urban and agro-business services through the use of cutting edge processes and technology, ensuring decent living conditions, development and sustained growth in partnership with stakeholders”



OUR VALUES

- ⚙ Impartiality - treating all residents fairly and with equality***
- ⚙ Integrity - upright and straight in all dealings and execution of duties***
- ⚙ Accountability and transparency - open and giving feedback to our community at all times***
- ⚙ Professionalism - using best practices and embracing appropriate business attitude and disposition in our relations and dealings with clients and, business partners and the community.***
- ⚙ Innovation - always looking for better and more efficient ways to do our business and serving the community***

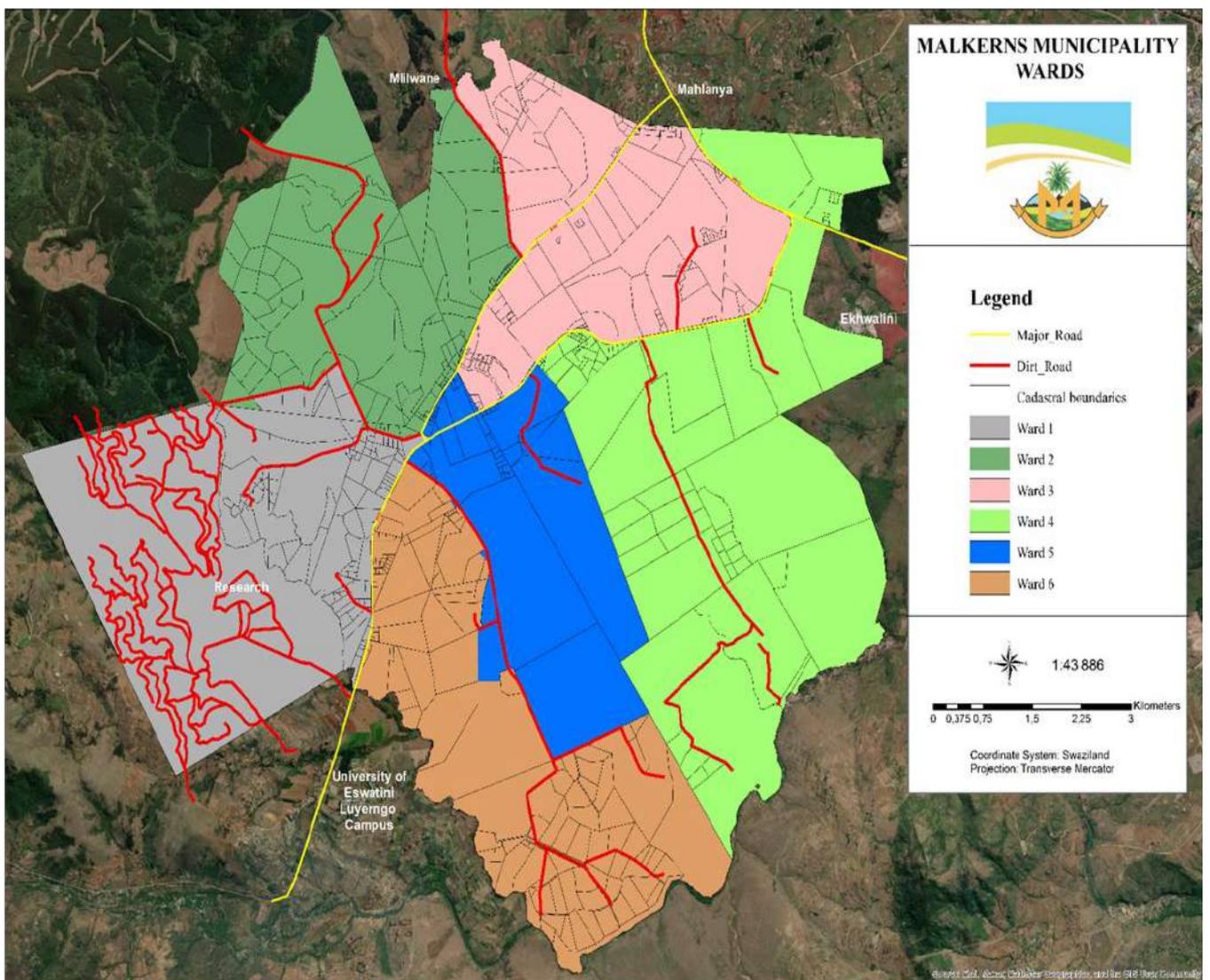




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MALKERNS TOWN COUNCIL (2022-27)



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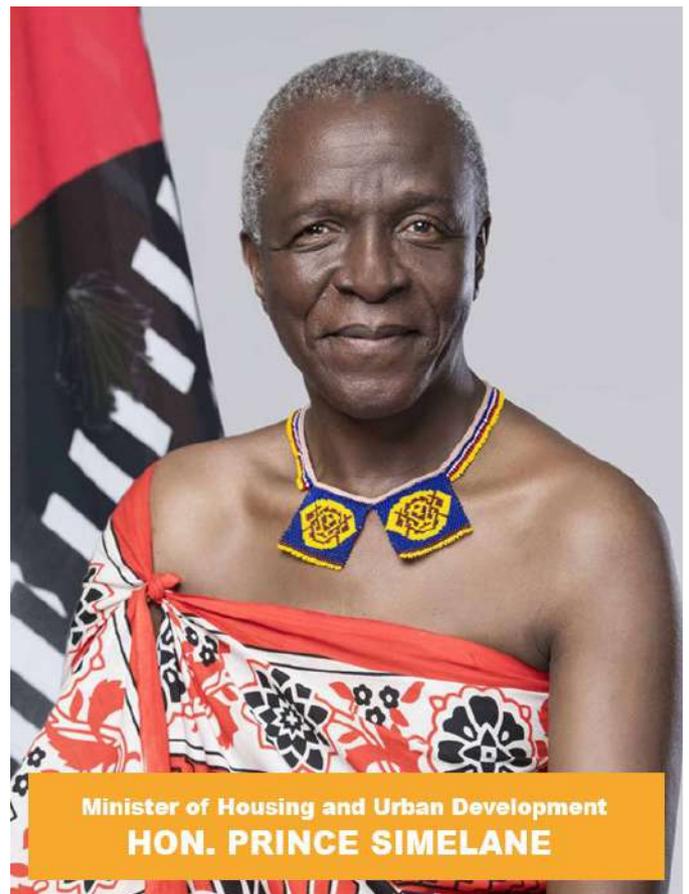
BACKGROUND AND ADMINISTRATION

Historical background

Malkerns lies at the heart of Eswatini's middleveld, midway between Ezulwini and Manzini. This large, fertile expanse of farmland, bristling with the spiky grey-green leaves of the pineapple estates, is Eswatini's breadbasket. From the strategic documents of the local authority, little data is available to trace the history of human settlements around Malkerns. But it can be confirmed that the town was inaugurated in 2012 and provisionally covers over 9 036 hectares. A leadership structure was also established in terms of founding legislations of urban local government.

Governance

The town is governed by a Council of eight Councillors elected from six electoral wards, and the two additional Councillors appointed by the Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development. Councillors are non-executive, and ordinarily meet once a month for oversight on execution of agreed development strategies and regulatory plans, under the leadership of an annually elected Chairperson. They are responsible for policy enactment, strategic planning, community liaison and oversight on operations of the Administration in relation to implementation of municipal strategies. We have not provided attendance statistics for Councillors in this report because it was the end of the five-year political / electoral cycle for the municipality. Between November 2022 and March 2023, the Hon. Minister had appointed an Interim Council of two members that held the reigns until inauguration of new Councillors after the general local government elections held in June 2023. However, we are happy to report that the statutory monthly meetings for oversight were held every month in the fiscal year. It is in these meetings where the Administration presents summarized monthly operational reports.



Ministerial oversight and visits

All urban local authorities principally report to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. The Ministry provides technical guidance, operational oversight, and approves all strategic documents, policies, property taxation methodology and bye-laws of the local authority.

The municipality has had three meetings with different departments of the Ministry.

The meetings centred on extension of boundaries, town planning scheme finalization, and delineation of electoral wards for Malkerns. These meetings help to strengthen inter-governmental relations and lead to faster resolution of some strategic matters.

MALKERNS TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONAL PORTFOLIO HEADS



Appolo Maphalala
(Town Clerk /CEO)



Nkosingiphile Hlatshwayo
(Works Inspector)



Thandeka Maziya
(Social Service)



Nokuthula Mkhonta
(Treasurer)



Nomathemba Masika
(Public Health)



Ziyanda Ndwandwe
(Town Planning)

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN TO COUNCIL



The Town Council of Malkerns Municipality has the pleasure to present this high-level report for operations and financial standing of the Local Authority over the 2022/2023 financial year. The financial year for which we are reporting coincided with the end of term for the 2017-2022 Council, and an Interim Council was appointed in November 2022. The report therefore summarizes events of the period from April 2022 to March 2023 and also give a preview of our journey over the last five years. I appreciate the fellow Councillors that have worked diligently to ensure progress, order and peace in town.

At the time of compiling the report, we already had new Councillors inaugurated into office after the Local Government Elections held in June 2023. Property Owners, Residents and Stakeholders will recall that I challenged all of you in the last Annual Meeting, to take part in the elections for new Councillors when the Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development announces that opportunity. I am happy that Property Owners and Residents did turn out to register and vote for new Council in June 2023. A total of 1 637 people from Malkerns registered to vote under the six wards delineated by

the Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development. On the polling day, 870 registered voters turned out to cast their votes. Wards 3 and 6 did not have nominated candidates to stand for elections. As a result, those positions were filled through appointments as the laws provide. Ward 4 had one candidate nominated unopposed, and therefore had no polling. The rest of the wards were contested and the Councillors you see here today are an outcome of that democratic process.

For the first time in the history of the town, the elections were based on six electoral wards which the Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development had delineated prior to polling. As a result, the geographical spread of representation in the incumbent Council has been achieved. We also have 25% representation of women in the recently inaugurated Council, compared to 12.5% in the last Council.

I appreciate the property owners and residents that took part in the elections. We welcome new Councillors and look forward to a cordial working relationship between all stakeholders in the next five years. We thank property owners and stakeholders for attending this meeting. In the last Annual Report, I applauded attendance of routine monthly meetings by Property Owners and Residents. Such practice is highly commended and encouraged. Most Council meetings are open meetings, and residents are welcome, save for instances where the law requires closed sessions on particular matters.

In the last Annual Report, I reminded Property Owners and Stakeholders that Malkerns was declared as an agricultural town. In the execution of its mandate, the municipality must never lose sight of this fundamental identity of the town.



The incumbent Council conducted its mandate with that view in mind. The mandate of the municipality is centred around spearheading controlled development within the urban area, provision and maintenance of public infrastructure and services, as well as general administration of the town, with the view to ensure order, health, safety, economic growth and progress for all within the urban area. The mandate derives chiefly from the Urban Government Act No.8 of 1969 and other accompanying legislations operational in the urban local government space. The local authority continues to embrace developmental functions, in addition to its primary function of regulating development within the urban area.

Over the year under review, the controversies around establishment and delineation of the town continued to stifle development of the town. Some Property Owners filed their discontent with the courts on the delineation of boundaries for the town. The litigation processes are still on-going in the courts. As noted in the Annual Report for the previous year, the Municipality encourages the principle of the rule of law, wherein discontent stakeholders approach the courts for liquidation of contentious matters. It is my hope that these matters be concluded speedily. It is not good for the Municipality to remain in legal wrangles with its stakeholders for longer.

Despite the challenges narrated above, the Council continued with its oversight role on municipal operations, allocation of

scarce resources and implementation of capital investment program. Achievements include acquisition of land for civic amenities, commencement of upgrading of D52 Road, and completion of the Town Planning Scheme, amongst others. The Administration will give a detailed account of achievements made over the year.

Residents and Property Owners have a role to play in the development of the town. Attendance of ward meetings, contributing to discussions in the community meetings and supporting your ward Councilors remain key roles that all of us can play. The Council will continue to engage central government for solutions on the impasse on delineation of the town and boundaries thereof. Let us also continue to pay our rates to ensure that Malkerns becomes the livable agricultural town that we all desire.

Now that we have received the governance and leadership baton as Councillors, our commitment is total in realizing the mission and vision of the Municipality. I challenge all stakeholders, including the business community, to take part in accelerating the Municipality along the growth trajectory. When that is done, the *“innovative high-tech agro-tourist town which is economically friendly and environmentally sustainable in Southern Africa”* will be achieved.

CLLR. M.C DLAMINI
CHAIRMAN TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK



The Administration of the Municipality is pleased to present this detailed report on the strategic and operational activities of the local authority over the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The office of the Town Clerk is also pleased to welcome the newly inaugurated Councillors. The success of municipalities hinges on cooperation and team work amongst Property Owners, Councillors, Management, Staff and all Stakeholders within the jurisdiction. We look forward to healthy interactions between all these interest groups to ensure peace, order, accountability, progress and prosperity for all in Malkerns.

The Municipality continued with its core mandate over the year under review. The mandate is centred around spearheading controlled development within the urban area, provision and maintenance of public services and amenities, as well as general administration of the town, with the view to ensure order, health, safety, economic growth and development for all within the urban area. The mandate derives chiefly from the Urban Government Act No.8 of 1969 and other accompanying legislations operational in the urban local government space. The local authority continues to embrace developmental functions, in addition to its primary regulatory responsibility.

During the year under review, the municipality had a Rates assessment for 323 properties and the Local Authority billed property taxes amounting to E14, 442, 140 in the financial year 2022_2023. The total property taxes collection performance amounted to E9, 207, 457 resulting in a 64% collection target

The local authority has continued with infrastructure upgrades over the year under review. The upgrading of D52 road has commenced, approval of the Town Planning Scheme has been achieved, acquisition of 2-hactare land parcel for civic amenities, procurement processes for installation of solar streetlights along MR 27 was successfully completed. Details of these projects are in the various departmental reports herein.

Other programs in public health and environment, physical planning, social services and general administration were also accomplished. These achievements are a result of the hard work of the 2017-2022 Council, the Interim Council as well as the recently inaugurated Council. Council and the Administration in ensuring efficient delivery of capital projects and services. Much still remains to be done. The commitment of the Administration remains total to achievement of the vision of the municipality.

APPOLO MAPHALALA
TOWN CLERK / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Administration and Human Capital Welfare

The Administration is the executive wing of the local authority, and is composed of managers, officers and staff, with such skills mix and numbers as required by the functions of the town. The Town Clerk presides over Administration and assisted by professional managers leading various specialized portfolios. The local authority recruited a Treasurer in the fiscal year under review.

This has helped to improve and strengthen financial prudence of the local authority.

The National Public Servants and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) is the only recognized union representing almost all the non-managerial staff within the local authority. Industrial relations have been smooth between the parties over the years and no incidences of clashes were recorded. The municipality has continued with staff capacitation programmes through periodic training of managerial and ground staff.

Over the period under review, the local authority has exposed staff to such trainings as pot-hole patching, fire awareness and management, occupational health and safety, improving operations to attain ISO certification, construction management, procurement management, and many other topical areas. Some officers also participated in external meetings with agencies and institutions in the local government environment. These trainings have helped in improving the versatility of the human capital for achievement of the mission and vision of the local authority. The local authority started the financial year with 30 employees, and have increased with one employee, in the person of the Town Treasurer, bringing the total human capital at year-end to 31 people.

Below is a pie chart showing total staff complement and gender distribution over the period under review. Of the total 31 staff members, 48% are males and 52% are females. The local authority currently exceeds the 50:50 gender equity envisaged by many gender activist organizations and government programs to that effect.

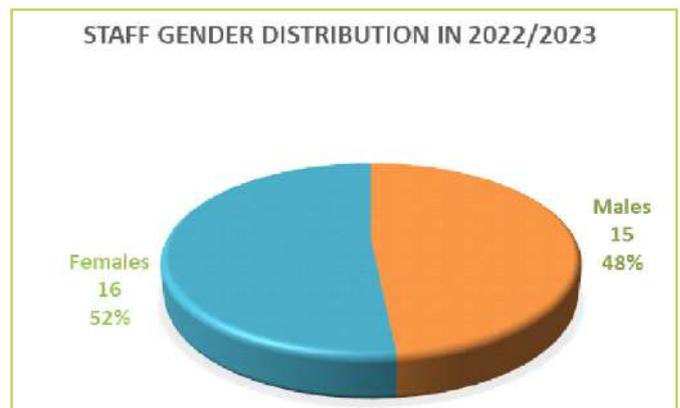


Figure 1: Malkerns Town Council Gender distribution



Members of Staff ready for Work

The municipality has also continued with several wellness programs for its employees, including Sports Hour on Wednesdays, Team Talks in All-Staff morning gatherings, and periodic invitation of resource persons to address such matters as financial literacy, health and safety for all employees. These initiatives help improve synergy, integration and comprehensive wellness between Managers and Ground Staff alike.

Business Processes

Stakeholders will recall that the municipality was inaugurated in 2014, and given the challenges that ensued at inception of the institution, it has not been easy to roll-out the business processes and service charter for the local authority.

This has further been compounded by disputes over being and not being in town by numerous property owners. In the year under review, and as envisaged in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the local authority attempted to streamline portfolio responsibilities and refine the service charter adopted a couple of years ago.



The Administration has been working on integration of the ideals of the service charter to the contracts of employment for managerial and ground staff. The intention is to ensure that the service levels envisaged in the service charter are achieved. However, the litigation cases in the courts still make it cumbersome to augment the service charter in Malkerns. We will continue though, to enforce high levels of service delivery amongst Managers and Staff of the local authority. The office of the Town

Clerk is working on procurement of consultancy services for job grading, job evaluation and performance management system for the local authority.

Accountability and stakeholder engagement

The principal legislation that establishes urban local authorities prescribes engagement mechanisms between local authorities and property owners.

This is mainly through publication of the annual income and expenditure estimates, audited financial statements, as well as public reporting through the annual general meeting. Over the reporting period, all these statutory engagements were done. The local authority has also gone an extra mile to engage different stakeholders over the year, particularly to help stakeholders appreciate the regulatory environment within which urban local governments operate. These include entrepreneurs, vendors, prospective developers, and many others. We will continue to uphold this practice, and increase the frequency and coverage of the stakeholder engagement activities. It is also pleasing to note that property owners and residents of Malkerns have formed a structure called Malkerns Residents and Ratepayers Association (MRRA). The Administration has had two meetings with the executive committee of MRRA over the year under review.

In the year 2022/2023 the Municipality provided a number of health care services to citizens of Malkerns and surrounding areas. These services ranged from HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

AMICAALL / SOCIAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS



Display of the Bokashi organic manure in local shops



Cllr Billee with Dr. Morgan & the Food for Life Team



Young girls during their Soccer Tournament.



Wellness session in progress with EBCCN

Employee Wellness Program

The Municipality continued to innovatively pursue and explore measures that sought to ensure a healthy workforce for purposes of achieving service delivery improvement. During the reporting year, the organization rolled out some activities under its Employee Wellness Program.



Staff sensitization during Breast, Cervical & Prostate Cancer awareness month.

The office managed to conduct a number of social behavioral change activities over the period under review included group educational sessions on HIV and other social issues, as well as community youth activities such as a Girls soccer tournament with a theme “challenging gender norms around menstruation. Young Girls between the ages of 14 and 18 attended the event in their numbers and the main goal was to educate them on the norm surrounding menstrual health.



Young girls during their Soccer Tournament.

Activity	Number of people reached
Male Soccer Tournament Campaign	169
Breast and Cervical Cancer awareness	102
Men ending Gender based violence	25
Girls for Days soccer tournament	95

Children Welfare Services

The Social Centres program entails provision of child care services to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC). Services included health care provision, food distribution and immunizations of children. The office collaborated with a Non-profit Organization (NGO) Food For Life Africa which provides about 700 warm meals per day to the seven (7) social centres within Malkerns.

Social Responsibility

A total of (13) care workers received tokens of appreciation from the local authority for the work they do as part of the care work program. Each volunteer was presented with a gift card for groceries at any Shoprite supermarket together with a hamper that contained a variety of goodies.



Display of the Bokashi organic manure in local shops

Entrepreneurship Empowerment

The Local Authority managed to register a cooperative named *Gwacatela Malkerns* through a project sponsored by Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) which focuses on women's social, economic and political empowerment as well as strengthening civil society capacity for early prediction of identity-based violence. The cooperative produces organic *Bokashi* compost which is available in local shops.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The Local authority through the Public Health and Environment department has been able to execute the function of health promotion, by carrying out measures for protecting public health, including administering and enforcing legislation related to environmental health and providing support to minimize health and safety catastrophes.

The Council has managed to regulate its space using these statutes, ensured business operated accordingly, for economic growth and protected the public health in terms of food and hygiene safety, also allowing the people of Malkerns to socially interact within their space. Herewith are well outlined deliverables successfully done by Council;

Solid Waste Management

The local authority continued to carry the mandate of keeping its juristic area clean and in a sanitary manner, as outlined in Section 9 of The Public Health Act, 1969. Malkerns waste is made up of waste collected from commercial establishments daily and litter collection around town. Then weekly, household waste is also collected. All these waste is transported to Matsapha Landfill at cost of E0.30/kg for

general waste, and E0.50/kg for food condemns. Throughout out the year a total amount of 813.4tonnes of waste was collected at a cost of E250 000.00. This shows an increase of 43.7% when compared to last fiscal year.



Solid waste management (waste segregation)

This is made possible by the availability of procured heavy plant for emptying skips, as previously, our collection was relying on government equipment.

Nonetheless, the town is working hard on the recovery approach of waste. A sampling method to verify the amount and type of most generated waste was done. Findings were that most of our waste were composed of recyclable materials and a substantive amount from sanitary materials. From this, one can fairly say Malkerns population is made of more females than males. To respond on the increase in waste generation; the council then procured 3 × 6m³ skips to explore waste segregate segregation. Segregated waste is transferred to reclaimers at the moment, and the rest to the landfill.



Waste Skips used for Recycling

Inspections

Inspections are done in two folds; food safety and hygiene, and inspection on non-food establishments. For food inspections, they are done in line with The Public Act,1969 and for the non-food, The Building Act 1968, though depending on the purpose of inspection.

■ Food inspections

Over the year under review, the council has been able to conduct food inspection from forty-eight establishments twice, with the purpose of promoting food safety and hygiene. Of all the shops inspected, 736. 39kg of unwholesome food and food products were condemned and seized from sale. As a procedure, condemnation certificate to justify seized food items are issued.

■ Meat hygiene inspection

As per the Veterinary Public Health Act, 2013, slaughtering of animals must be done within an approved registered slaughter house. So far all meat hygiene inspections are done in the local butcheries. A total number of 65 bovine, 2 goats, and 57 porcine carcasses were inspected. Out of these carcasses, five liver organs, a kidney, tongue and a pair of lungs were condemned a detailed on Table 1 below.

Table: 1

ORGAN CONDEMNED	CONDITION
5 × liver	Liver flukes
1 × kidney	Kidney cysts
Pair of lungs	Angioma
1 × tongue	Abscesses

Table above shows reason for condemnation.

■ Inspection of non-food establishment

A total number of six public facilities were inspected in line with the Building Act 1968.

Inspection reports were sent to businesses with recommendations. The Local Authority is please to report compliance in most businesses.

Properties with Overgrown vegetation

For safety purposes of the residents and as a way of abating nuisance, properties with overgrown vegetation are identified and the owners are engaged to clear them up regularly.

Licence renewals

A total number of Nine positive health reports have been issued over the year under review.

Social events

The local authority ensures that in any case there is gathering of people, the public is protected from any incident be safety or food-borne illnesses. Our towns hosts two major events annually:



Malkerns Town Council heavy plant

Luju / Bushfire festival

House on Fire being the host of these events, collaborates with the town to ensure and promote health, safety and hygiene. We provide waste management services, food safety and hygiene inspections, conducts food

handlers training, install sanitary facility for the general public, and portable water supply. As a result, there has never been recorded cases of outbreak on foodborne illness from these events.

World Environment Day (WED)

The commemoration of the WED this year was addressed differently through an ally of the four councils within the Manzini Region. Each town presented their different activities, whereby Malkerns was able to plant 30 trees in an envisaged park within the town, and cleared some invasive species, *Tithonia diversifolia*.

Clean up campaign

Together with the Eswatini Electricity Company, the local authority joined hands in raising awareness on environmental protection by collecting indiscriminately disposed waste around Mahlanya area. This exercise was speaking to the annual event of Earth hour which the EEC plays a role in climate change.

Occupational health and safety

The employer ensures that its employee's wellness is taken care of. Safety talks for staff are periodically held internally. These add value to keep staff members physically, mentally and socially fit for maximum productivity.

Environmental protection

Many times it has been said that there is no planet B, but this is the only one. Human behaviour and urbanization are factors that turn to manipulate the original structure of the environment.

To try and maintain it despite civilization and applying cutting edge processes, the town ensures that the environment remains protected. For the reporting year, the town engaged car wash business operators on grey

water disposal. Malkerns is dynamic in a sense that its open spaces are often presented with wetlands. Grey water from these businesses eventually ends on these wetlands.

The engagement of them was for the purposes of protecting these environmental beauties. Similar with engagement on formalising service garages. As the town takes shape, provision and allocation of these type of businesses is being advocated.

Internship programme

The council remains open in providing for exposure opportunities to university students, accepting them to attach for internship programme. Over the year under review, there has been an attachment of one student from the Eswatini University. He was engaged for a period of two months. The absence of civic offices limits the uptake of these students.

Challenges;

The above said account do not outweigh challenges observed. The Local Authority is faced with unavailability of land which affects the provision of important services. The council does not have public sanitary facilities and a market for informal trade. This has a limitation to some extent. As years progress, it is believed that upon land availability, this shall be a priority.



Commemoration of World Environment Day, together with other Manzini Regional towns

TECHNICAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR

The technical services (infrastructure) department is responsible for the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure within Malkerns Town. These include the construction, upgrading and the up – keeping of public roads, public lighting systems, public buildings, small bridges and recreational facilities.

Road Maintenance

The town has a road network spanning over 60 kilometers of which are unpaved roads. There is 20 kilometers of paved roads consisting of Main Roads (MR) and District Roads (D9) Road which are gazetted under the National Government. Road maintenance that were routine and periodic in nature were carried out in the period under review in both national and local roads as follows:



Cleaning of Drainages along Research Road

Cleaning of drains

Roadside drains were cleaned over the period of reporting being on the MR18, MR27, D9 and the Malkerns Research station road. Challenges were experienced in the Mangozeni – St. John

Bosco primary School with illegal waste water disposal into the drains as well as with the D52 drain, ground water seepage into the open channel drain. These wet conditions made it a challenge to clean those drains, however, all other drains were cleaned.

Pothole patching

Pothole patching was done on MR18 Road from Sundowners to Mdvutjane with occasional assistance from the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. The MR27 remained relatively rideable with very occasional potholes that were also patched. In the previous year, the works had been outsourced to Inyatsi Construction. Potholes patching was done between October 2022 and March 2023. By the end of the year, there were no potholes on the highways except the D9 Road which has massive failures whose redress needed pavement rehabilitation. The riding quality of the MR18 Highway however is compromised by the constant patching of the shoulders as they are prone to failure.



Pot Hole patching along the MR18

Reshaping of gravel/earth roads

The Local Authority engaged Ant Group for Plant Hire for road routine maintenance of unpaved roads (earth and gravel roads) in

the urban area. About 30 kilometres of roads were covered of which works included blading (grading) the roads, spot re-gravelling and opening and maintaining metre drains. The works were done early in the year in April 2022 and in January 2023.

Public Space Lighting

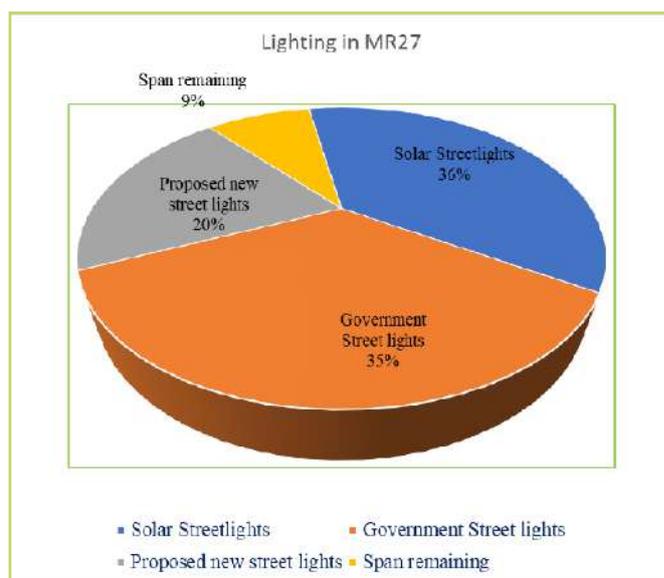
Damaged solar powered street lights were replaced and by the end of the reporting period all 50 streetlights were fully functional, However, the government owned streetlights were still malfunctioning and we have engaged the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to have them fixed and handed over to Council.



Solar Powered Street lights along the MR27

Road/Street Lighting – Main Roads

In the period under review, only 36% of the MR27 had reliable street lighting. 35% of the road had street lighting infrastructure which was malfunctioning throughout the year. A 20% was proposed to be added in the period under review as it will be shown in capital projects below. Unfortunately, the other Main Roads being the MR18 and the MR103 are in the agricultural zone and remains unlit. Below is a pie chart showing illumination of the MR27 which mostly falls within the urban district of town.



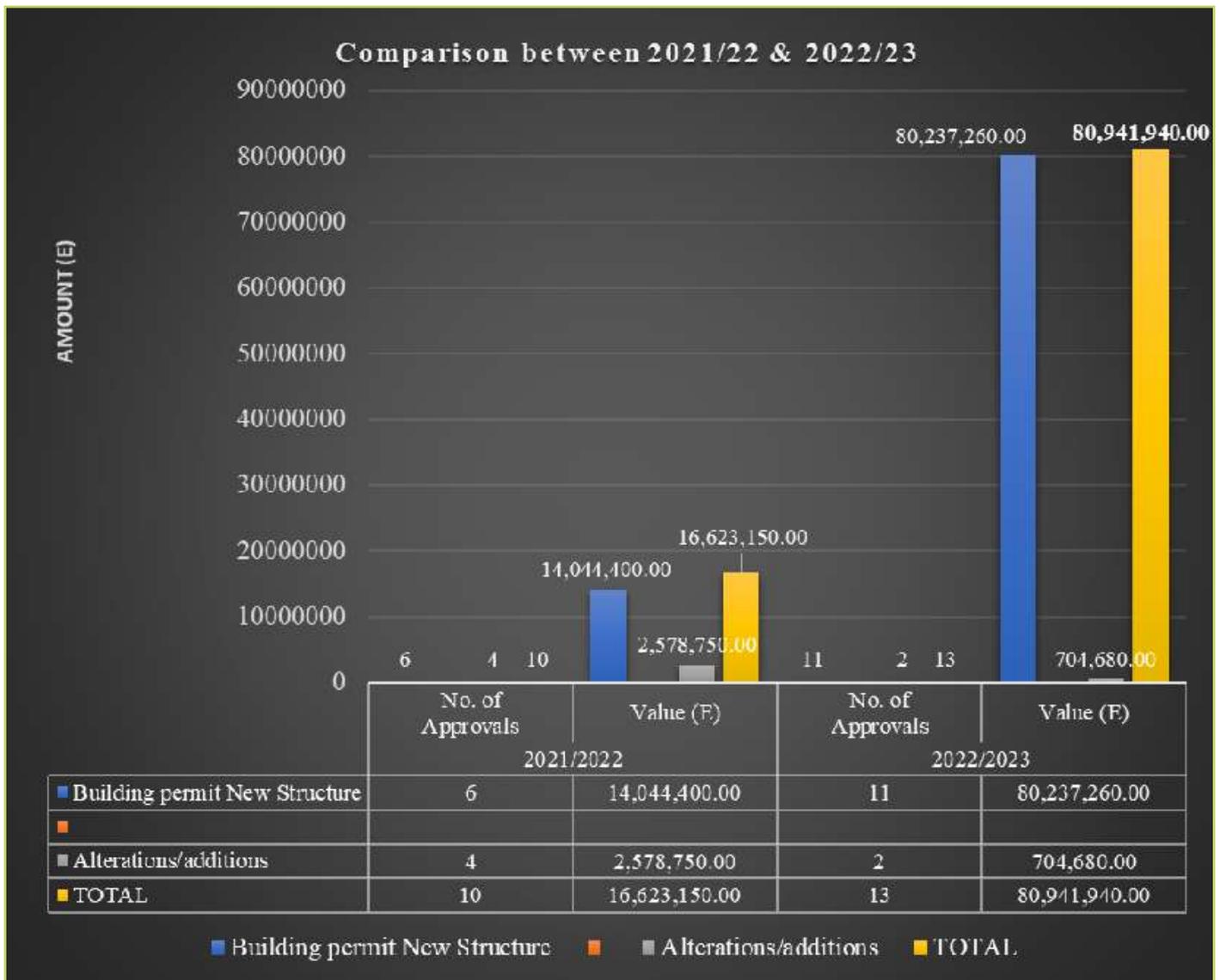
Building approvals

The number of building applications rose from ten (10) in 2021/2022 to thirteen (13) in the 2022/2023 financial year. The estimated amount of construction works in the previous year was E 16, 623,150.00 whilst in the year under review it rose up to E 80,941,940.00. One (1) permit to Occupy and use was issued against two (2) in the previous year. The sharp incline in monetary terms is caused by fact that there were more commercial applications in the year under review than in the previous year with two proposed retail outlets and one major agricultural development making over 3/4^{ths} of the building construction estimates.

Capital Projects

In the year under review, the Local Authority had earmarked a sum of E 4,200,000.00 for the implementation of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in the infrastructure department. These projects are part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2020 – 2025 The projects were all on procurement phases at the end of march 2023 and they are specifically, and briefly, detailed as follows:

- Upgrading of D52 Road in Malkerns Town – entailed design and build project in which



A comparison of Building permits for New Structures and Alterations issued

- there were five bidders submitting bids to upgrade 900-meter road from gravel road to asphalt surfaced road.
- High Mast Installation along MR27 Road – this project was about the installation of integrated solar street lights from Vickery to Rhodes Foods Group along the MR27. Ten bidders were being evaluated at the time of reporting.
- Installation of Speed humps in designated areas – this project entailed the installation of speed humps in the MR18 at strategic places. It was not advertised on account of it being of similar nature to the upgrading of the D52 road. Due to its low level of complexity, it was integrated into the scope of the D52 upgrade.

ITEM #	CAPITAL PROJECT	PROJECT SUM (SZL)	STATUS
1.	Regravelling of D52 Road, Malkerns	3,000,000	Evaluation and award
2.	Installation of streets illumination and security on MR 27, Malkerns	1,000,000	Evaluation and award
3.	Installation of speed humps on MR18	200,000.00	Evaluation and award
	TOTAL VALUE	4,200,000	

TOWN PLANNING AND COMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The mandate of this portfolio is the development, review and implementation of the approved Town Planning Scheme by processing planning applications such as rezoning, special consent, building applications, outdoor advertising, land leasing and land sale applications, subdivision and human settlement establishment applications. It ensures enforcement of the Town Planning Scheme and Building Regulations by processing land use contraventions, temporal building applications and Grade II Building Regulations and processing, public gathering and special events applications.

It ensures provision and facilitation of community development services such as implementing upgrading of informal settlements programmes, managing stakeholder engagement and development control programmes in upgrading areas, Facilitates compliance to the Building Act, 1969, Town Planning Act, 1961 and any relevant legislation. The department is also responsible for local economic development (LED) programs of the Town.

Approval of the Town Planning Scheme

The local authority applied Section 16 of the Town Planning Act, 1961, and presented the scheme to the Town Planning Board which was approved with amendments. This indicates that the Minister through the Town Planning Board will cause the scheme to be published as per Section 17.

Building applications

The department permitted five (5) building applications in compliance to the Town Planning Scheme, two (2) Commercial developments and one (1) Medium density residential, one (1) Agricultural resident and one (1) Livestock farming establishment.

Subdivisions

There was one subdivision application in the year under review.

Local Economic Development

In the reporting year the department held five trainings with the aim of implementing Malkerns Local Economic Strategy 2020-2025. This was done in partnership with the Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture. The local authority was able to facilitate the registration of a multipurpose cooperative with 29 members based in Malkerns. The cooperative registered in November 2022 and was officially launched 25th of January 2023.

Town Ranging and Security Services

Since the introduction of the Ranging and Security Services, we have seen a decrease in the rate of criminal activities in town and an improvement in compliance. Although there are still a few issues which need to be attended to but a general adherence to statutes has been observed.



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General Information

Country of incorporation and domicile	Eswatini
Councillors	Clr. Mbuso Dlamini - Chairperson Clr. Petros Vilakati - Vice Chairperson, end of term October 2022 Clr. Bongani Mabuza - Member, end of term October 2022 Clr. Banele Dlamini - Member, end of term October 2022 Clr. Philip Lorentz - Member, end of term October 2022 Clr. Billee Fitz Patrick - Member Clr. Kenneth Mngomezulu - Member, end of term October 2022
Senior Management	Appolo Maphalala - Town Clerk Ernest M. Dlamini - Town Treasurer resigned October 2022 Nokuthula Mkhonta - Town Treasurer appointed October 2022
Business address	Portion 59 of Farm 65, Mahlanya-Luyengo road
Postal address	P.O. Box 100 Malkerns Eswatini
Bankers	Standard Bank (Eswatini) Limited
Auditors	Kobla Quashie and Associates Chartered Accountants (Eswatini)



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Councillors' Responsibilities and Approval

The Councillors are required by Section 102(3) of the Urban Local Government Act, 1969 and Section 93 of the Urban Government Financial Reporting Regulations of 1969 to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the council as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates.

The Councillors acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the council and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the Councillors to meet these responsibilities, the council sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the council and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the council's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the board is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the council. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the council endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The Councillors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

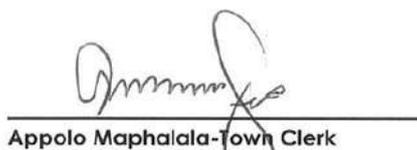
The Councillors have reviewed the council's cash flow forecast for the year ending 31 March 2024 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the council has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the council's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the council's external auditors and their report is presented on page 4.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 6 to 19, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the Councillors on 1 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



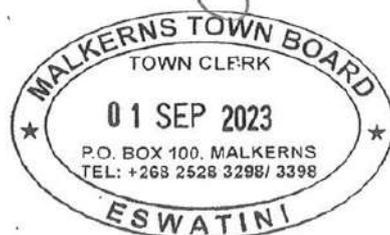
Cllr. Mbuso Dlamini - Chairperson



Appolo Maphalala - Town Clerk



Nokuthula Mkhonta - Town Treasurer



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (SD)

Independent Auditors' Report

To the members of Malkerns Town Council

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Malkerns Town Council, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the town council as at 31 March 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in the manner required by Section 102(3) of the Urban Local Government Act, 1969 and Section 93 of the Urban Government Financial Reporting Regulations Act of 1969.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the council in accordance with International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Eswatini and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Councillors and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as the councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the councillors are responsible for assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Councillors either intend to liquidate the council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the council's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Partners: Kobla Quashie (Chairman), Daniel Bediako (Managing), Farai Machakata



Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Kobli Quashie and Associates
Chartered Accountants (Eswatini)
Manzini
Registered Auditor: Daniel Bediako

1 September 2023



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Statement of Financial Position

Figures in Lilangeni	Note(s)	2023	2022
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	9,668,301	7,113,536
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	3	34,643,659	29,408,976
Cash and cash equivalents	4	32,907,983	35,756,525
		67,551,642	65,165,501
Total Assets		77,219,943	72,279,037
Equity and Liabilities			
Capital Reserves	5	6,982,748	6,982,748
Designated funds	6	5,462,613	5,462,613
Accumulated funds		63,818,900	59,474,318
		76,264,261	71,919,679
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	955,682	359,358
Total Equity and Liabilities		77,219,943	72,279,037



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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Figures in Lilangeni	Note(s)	2023	2022
Revenue		14,962,140	16,346,215
Other income		345,438	3,261,412
Operating expenses		(11,638,779)	(13,528,566)
Operating surplus		3,668,799	6,079,061
Investment revenue		675,783	527,654
Profit for the year		4,344,582	6,606,715
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Surplus		4,344,582	6,606,715
		4,344,582	6,606,715



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Statement of Changes in Equity

Figures in Lilangeni	Capital reserves	Designated fund	Accumulated funds	Total equity
Balance at 01 April 2021	5,687,323	6,758,038	52,867,603	65,312,964
Changes in equity				
Total comprehensive income for the year			6,606,715	6,606,715
Transfer to capital reserves	1,295,425	(1,295,425)		
Total changes	1,295,425	(1,295,425)	6,606,715	6,606,715
Balance at 01 April 2022	6,982,748	5,462,613	59,474,318	71,919,679
Changes in equity				
Total comprehensive income for the year			4,344,582	4,344,582
Total changes			4,344,582	4,344,582
Balance at 31 March 2023	6,982,748	5,462,613	63,818,900	76,264,261
Note(s)	5	6		



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Statement of Cash Flows

Figures in Lilangeni	Note(s)	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations	8	(84,969)	(2,988,871)
Interest income		675,783	527,654
Net cash from operating activities		590,814	(2,461,217)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	2	(3,468,548)	(3,232,937)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	2	29,190	-
Net cash from investing activities		(3,439,358)	(3,232,937)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Movement in capital reserves	5	-	1,295,425
Total cash movement for the year		(2,848,544)	(4,398,729)
Cash at the beginning of the year		35,756,525	40,155,256
Total cash at end of the year	4	32,907,981	35,756,527

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Accounting Policies

1. Presentation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings, and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. They are presented in Emalangeni.

These accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

1.1 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the financial statements. Significant judgements include:

1.2 Property, plant and equipment

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset when:

- it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the town council; and
- the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost.

Costs include costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

The initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located is also included in the cost of property, plant and equipment, where the entity is obligated to incur such expenditure, and where the obligation arises as a result of acquiring the asset or using it for purposes other than the production of inventories.

Major spare parts and stand by equipment which are expected to be used for more than one period are included in property, plant and equipment. In addition, spare parts and stand by equipment which can only be used in connection with an item of property, plant and equipment are accounted for as property, plant and equipment.

Major inspection costs which are a condition of continuing use of an item of property, plant and equipment and which meet the recognition criteria above are included as a replacement in the cost of the item of property, plant and equipment. Any remaining inspection costs from the previous inspection are derecognised.

Property, plant and equipment is carried at revalued amount, being the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is restated proportionately with the change in the gross carrying amount of the asset so that the carrying amount of the asset after revaluation equals its revalued amount.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on the over their expected useful lives to their estimated residual value.

The useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment have been assessed as follows:

Item	Average useful life
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Accounting Policies

1.2 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Tools ,Plant and Machinery	10%
Furniture and fixtures	10%
Motor vehicles	25%
Office equipment	10%
Modular Offices	10%
Computer equipment	33.33%
Waste stationed equipments	10%
High mast streetlights	10%

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method of each asset are reviewed at the end of each reporting period. If the expectations differ from previous estimates, the change is accounted for as a change in accounting estimate.

Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item is depreciated separately.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in profit or loss unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is included in profit or loss when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

Assets which the (company/group) holds for rentals to others and subsequently routinely sell as part of the ordinary course of activities, are transferred to inventories when the rentals end and the assets are available-for-sale. These assets are not accounted for as non-current assets held for sale. Proceeds from sales of these assets are recognised as revenue. All cash flows on these assets are included in cash flows from operating activities in the cash flow statement.

1.3 Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

The council classifies financial instruments, or their component parts, on initial recognition as a financial asset, a financial liability or an equity instrument in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

Financial instruments are measured initially at fair value, except for equity investments for which a fair value is not determinable, which are measured at cost and are classified as available-for-sale financial assets.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are measured at initial recognition at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. .

Trade and other payables

Trade payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. These are initially and subsequently recorded at fair value.

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Accounting Policies

1.4 Share capital and equity

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities.

1.5 Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

The cost of short-term employee benefits, (those payable within 12 months after the service is rendered, such as paid vacation leave and sick leave, bonuses, and non-monetary benefits such as medical care), are recognised in the period in which the service is rendered and are not discounted.

The expected cost of compensated absences is recognised as an expense as the employees render services that increase their entitlement or, in the case of non-accumulating absences, when the absence occurs.

1.6 Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the town council will comply with the conditions attaching to them; and
- the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs that they are intended to compensate.

A government grant that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs is recognised as income of the period in which it becomes receivable.

Government grants related to assets, including non-monetary grants at fair value, are presented in the statement of financial position by setting up the grant as deferred income or by deducting the grant in arriving at the carrying amount of the asset.

1.7 Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business.

Revenue is mainly derived from Government subventions, rates levied in terms of the Ratings Act 1995 and service charges. These are accounted for on an accrual basis.

Government Capital

Government grants for carrying capital projects are not charged against the cost of the capital projects but are accumulated in the capital gifts and grants account.

Government Subvention

Government rates revenue grants are netted off against the cost of the capital projects but are accumulated in the capital gifts and grants account.

Rates Income

Rates income is levied on all rateable properties of the council based on values extracted from the valuation roll and amended when a supplementary valuation roll is prepared.

Interest Income

Interest is recognised on an accrual basis unless collectibility is in doubt.



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Accounting Policies

1.8 Government grant

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the council will comply with the conditions attaching to them; and
- the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs that they are intended to compensate.

Government grants related to assets, including non monetary grants at fair value, are presented in the balance sheet by setting up the grant as deferred income or by deducting the grant in arriving at the carrying amount of the asset.

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Figures in Lilangeni

2023

2022

2. Property, plant and equipment

	2023			2022		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value
Land	2,919,400	-	2,919,400	-	-	-
Furniture and fixtures	438,037	(182,747)	255,290	414,551	(153,782)	260,769
Motor vehicles	1,758,108	(1,345,920)	412,188	1,758,108	(1,208,505)	549,603
Office equipment	311,790	(86,295)	225,495	302,705	(62,249)	240,456
Modular offices	510,124	(189,358)	320,766	510,124	(153,717)	356,407
Computer equipment	409,754	(274,819)	134,935	435,744	(227,914)	207,830
High mast streetlights	4,940,098	(1,054,766)	3,885,332	4,573,953	(626,452)	3,947,501
Waste stationed equipments	257,305	(75,209)	182,096	137,693	(67,611)	70,082
Tools,Plant and Machinery	1,629,001	(296,202)	1,332,799	1,629,001	(148,113)	1,480,888
Total	13,173,617	(3,505,316)	9,668,301	9,761,879	(2,648,343)	7,113,536

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation	Total
Land	-	2,919,400	-	-	2,919,400
Furniture and fixtures	260,769	23,486	-	(28,965)	255,290
Motor vehicles	549,603	-	-	(137,415)	412,188
Office equipment	240,456	9,085	-	(24,046)	225,495
Modular offices	356,407	-	-	(35,641)	320,766
Computer equipment	207,830	30,820	(29,190)	(74,525)	134,935
High mast streetlights	3,947,501	366,145	-	(428,314)	3,885,332
Waste stationed equipments	70,082	119,612	-	(7,598)	182,096
Tools,Plant and Machinery	1,480,888	-	-	(148,089)	1,332,799
	7,113,536	3,468,548	(29,190)	(884,593)	9,668,301

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2022

	Opening balance	Additions	Depreciation	Total
Furniture and fixtures	236,582	51,418	(27,231)	260,769
Motor vehicles	732,803	-	(183,200)	549,603
Office equipment	242,243	23,379	(25,166)	240,456
Modular offices	396,008	-	(39,601)	356,407
Computer equipment	62,312	227,915	(82,397)	207,830
High mast streetlights	2,749,507	1,586,248	(388,254)	3,947,501
Waste stationed equipment	77,869	-	(7,787)	70,082
Tools and equipment	201,451	1,343,977	(64,540)	1,480,888
	4,698,775	3,232,937	(818,176)	7,113,536



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3. Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables	34,638,125	29,153,409
Salary advance	5,534	36,167
Prepayment-Transferring cost of land	-	219,400
	34,643,659	29,408,976

4. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

Standard Bank Eswatini Limited- Current account	201,875	997,149
Standard Bank Eswatini Limited-Capital projects account	3,488,819	6,478,617
Standard Bank Eswatini Limited- Call account 1	29,217,281	28,280,754
Petty cash	8	5
	32,907,983	35,756,525

5. Capital Reserves

Balance brought forward	6,982,747	5,687,322
Addition	-	1,295,425
	6,982,747	6,982,747

The Capital Reserves additions arise from purchasing assets out of capital grants received from the Government of Eswatini.

Capital reserves	6,982,748	6,982,748
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6. Designated funds

	Opening balance	Additions during the year	Utilised during the year	Closing balance
Government of Eswatini-Capital grants	5,462,614	-	-	5,462,614

The designated funds represent funds from the Government of Eswatini earmarked for future projects.

7. Trade and other payables

Trade payables	257,738	124,082
Provision for gratuity	447,294	6,933
Accrued leave	195,795	183,343
Accrued audit fees	54,855	45,000
	955,682	359,358



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Figures in Lilangeni	2023	2022
8. Cash used in operations		
Profit before taxation	4,344,582	6,606,715
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	884,591	818,179
Interest received	(675,783)	(527,654)
Transfer to capital reserves	-	(1,295,425)
Changes in working capital:		
Trade and other receivables	(5,234,683)	(8,288,298)
Trade and other payables	596,324	(302,388)
	(84,969)	(2,988,871)

9. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to afford a proper comparison.



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Detailed Statement of Financial Performance

Figures in Lilangeni	Note(s)	2023	2022
Revenue			
Rates		14,442,140	15,852,215
Eswatini Government Subvention		520,000	494,000
		14,962,140	16,346,215
Other income			
Advertising		121,799	88,229
Eswatini Government Grant		-	3,000,000
Interest received		675,783	527,654
Licences and permits		16,048	15,005
Market fees		56,664	57,146
Sundry Income		7,637	-
Rates clearance and inspection fees		1,500	1,400
Scrutiny fees		81,061	19,131
Solid waste removal fees		44,529	44,551
Tender Fees		16,200	35,950
		1,021,221	3,789,066
Operating expenses			
Advertising		144,582	330,901
Auditors remuneration		54,855	45,000
Bad debts		1,767,996	-
Bank charges		42,655	46,187
Cleaning		32,963	33,795
Community events		195,321	519,824
Computer consumables		34,874	38,637
Consulting and professional fees		100,255	685,665
Councillors remuneration		478,858	425,577
Courier and postage		1,987	2,347
Depreciation		884,591	818,179
Electricity and Water		68,861	74,028
Employee costs		4,286,788	3,704,446
Equipment and tools		28,188	22,722
Hospitality		32,722	98,248
Insurance		205,732	436,905
Legal expenses		60,088	61,550
Local government elections		352,039	-
Losses on disposal of assets		29,190	-
Marketing and communication expenses		1,380	35,022
Motor vehicle expenses		486,285	495,107
Printing and stationery		70,842	125,057
Protective clothing		108,101	246,672
Refuse collection		317,881	324,680
Rent paid		171,432	158,322
Repairs and maintenance		507,336	525,577
Road maintenance		-	3,098,496
Security expenses		659,040	596,773
Strategic plan- budget		79,849	116,007

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Detailed Statement of Financial Performance

Figures in Lilangeni	Note(s)	2023	2022
Subscriptions		71,998	70,160
Telephone and fax		112,609	183,413
Training expenses		6,750	75,984
Travelling expenses		242,731	133,285
		11,638,779	13,528,566
Surplus for the year		4,344,582	6,606,715

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Detailed Statement of Financial Performance - Budget Vs Actual

Figures in Lilangeni	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income			
Rates revenue	16,327,322	14,442,140	1,885,182
Government subvention	520,000	520,000	-
	16,847,322	14,962,140	1,885,182
Other Income			
Advertising income	223,502	121,799	101,703
Clearing and inspection fees	2,000	1,500	500
Interest received	840,000	675,783	164,217
Licences and permits	-	16,048	(16,048)
Market fees	57,600	56,664	936
Scrunity fees	22,650	81,061	(58,411)
Solid waste removal fees	-	44,529	(44,529)
Sundry income	-	7,637	(7,637)
Tender Fees	-	16,200	(16,200)
	1,145,752	1,021,221	124,531
Advertising	416,300	144,582	271,718
Auditors remuneration	-	54,855	(54,855)
Bad debts	-	1,767,996	(1,767,996)
Bank charges	48,000	42,655	5,345
Cleaning	115,545	32,963	82,582
Community events	357,760	495,321	(137,561)
Computer consumables	143,410	34,874	108,536
Consulting and professional fees	749,400	100,255	649,145
Councillors remuneration	548,028	308,775	239,253
Courier and postage	3,050	1,987	1,063
Depreciation	-	884,591	(884,591)
Electricity and Water	100,644	68,861	31,783
Employee costs	5,346,131	4,456,871	889,260
Equipment and tools	75,460	28,188	47,272
Hospitality expenses	148,555	32,722	115,833
Insurance	373,879	205,732	168,147
Legal expenses	-	60,088	(60,088)
Local government elections	-	52,039	(52,039)
Losses on disposal of assets	-	29,190	(29,190)
Marketing and communication expenses	337,550	1,380	336,170
Motor vehicle repairs & maintenance	540,183	486,285	53,898
Printing and stationery	165,952	70,842	95,110
Protective clothing	206,907	108,101	98,806
Refuse collection	403,650	317,881	85,769
Rent paid	171,600	171,432	168
Repairs and maintenance	512,502	507,336	5,166
Security	665,520	659,040	6,480
Strategic plan -budget	150,000	79,849	70,151
Subscriptions	73,709	71,998	1,711
Telephone and fax	168,000	112,609	55,391
Training & team building	280,070	6,750	273,320
Travelling expenses	217,215	242,731	(25,516)
	12,319,020	11,638,779	680,241
Surplus for the year	5,674,054	4,344,582	1,329,472



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Supplementary Information

1. Subvention

Eswatini Government	520,000
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2. Auditors remuneration

Kobla Quashie and Associates	54,855
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3. Rent paid

Mgilija Properties	171,432
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4. Subscriptions

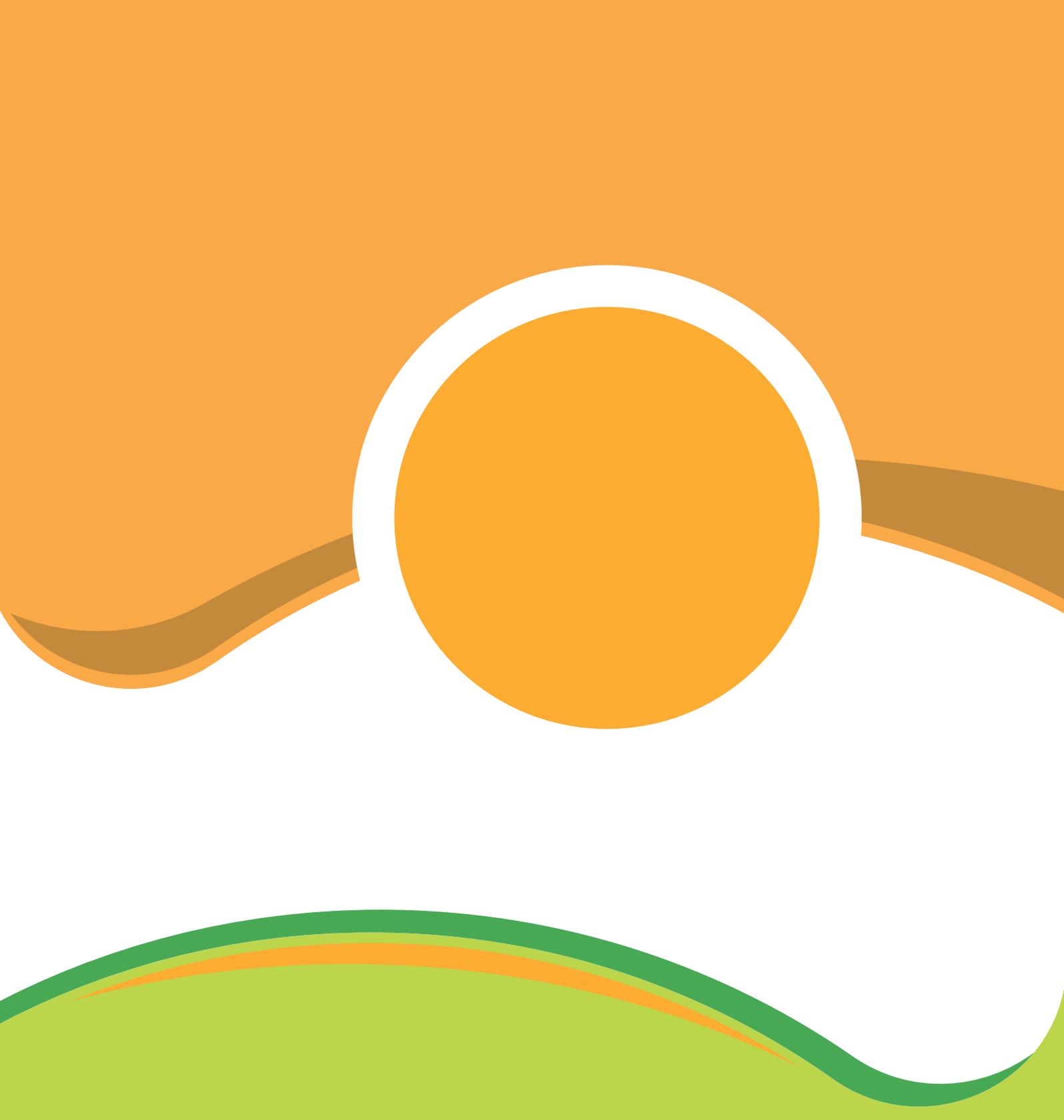
Amicaal	11,000
Imfo	6,000
Lamas	12,500
Pastel Sage	15,346
Swalga	12,500
Times of Eswatini	4,274
	61,620

5. Legal expenses

SV. Mdladla and Associates	60,088
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