

Challenges in the Implementation of Community Development Projects in the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper sought to evaluate the challenges facing the community development projects in Sakhisizwe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. The poor climatic conditions and lack of employment and business opportunities in the province have drawn the attention of the government to implement development projects in the vulnerable communities. The study adopted a qualitative research design whereby various documentary sources, pieces of legislation, reports and government publications were used to collect data. The data was analysed qualitatively using thematic content analysis. Findings from the study revealed that Sakhisizwe local municipality encountered various challenges such as skills shortage, corruption, poor infrastructure, lack of monitoring and evaluation on development projects, a poor revenue base among others. The paper recommends the government of South Africa to increase funding towards community development projects and to engage in public private partnerships (PPPs) as a way of improving community service delivery.