



## **Impact of Implementation of Back-to-Basic Programme in Raymond Mhlaba Municipality in Eastern Cape**

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**ABSTRACT** The study aim to investigate the impact of the implementation of Back-To-Basic (B2B) programme in Raymond Mhlaba Municipality. The study used a qualitative approach that involved in-depth interviews to collect the data from one (1) Municipal Manager, two (2) Ward Councillors and seven (7) community members. The findings of the study revealed that the implementation of B2B programme has brought about encouragement and community supports to the municipality to remain focused on maintenance, development and empowerment of people and their community areas. Despite these benefits, the implementations still have some setback which makes for the poor performance of the municipality. The findings revealed that poor service delivery, fake promises, corruption and mismanagement of funds were some of the negative impacts of the implementation of B2B programme in their community area. Hence, the impact of the implementation of B2B programmes has played a significant role in improving the standard of living of the people, although a lot still needed to be done by the municipality management and its other stakeholders in improving the standard of living of people with low income. The paper recommended that the municipality management should make proper provision for maintenance and construction of basic social amenities such as roads, electricity, and water, etcetera for the community members as there is a need for the municipality to urgently address these cogent issues.