

The Importance of Community Participation in the Budgetary Process in the Eastern Cape of South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper analysed the importance of community contribution in the budgetary procedure in the Eastern Cape Province. The aim of the paper was to establish if the Amathole District Municipality (ADM) budget is fully operational. The study reviewed documents for data collection in order to debate, criticize, review, and discuss various constraints affecting the community members' participation in the budgeting process. The findings shows that most of the community members were rejected and totally excluded from community participation in the budgetary process. It is pertinent that finding of this paper would be useful to various Local Government Areas (LGAs) across the nation in order to embark on effective and efficient community participation in the budgetary process. The paper finally suggested that vigorous and dynamic programs of lectures, seminars and workshops should be initiated by the government to promote the concept of community participation in the budgetary process.