

**REPORT TO PTIC BY  
UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

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# Introduction

**This presentation provides an update on the implementation of COVID 19 interventions and status quo of District Wide Tourism programmes**

# Progress up to date

- Established covid 19 District tourism task team (meeting sit bi-weekly), chaired by Mr. Nzuza who sit on the District Command Council
- The tourism task team communicates regularly to provide updates pertaining to the covid-19 and other related issues
- LMs councils to resolve on a 6 months rates rebate
- Identified tourism establishments to be used as quarantine site (list submitted to environmental health District section)

# Infrastructure projects

- Development of Mkuze Regional Airport is underway, the service provider has been appointed to construct terminal building, project steering committee established. Construction to commence soon. Project funded by EDTEA
- Mtubatuba Tourism hub/information center- project steering committee established, site identified, service provider to be appointed before the end of September 2020. Project funded by KZN COGCTA R14Million

# Other project in the pipeline

- ❑ Refurbishment of Zamimpilo Visitor Information Centre. Project supported by EDTEA
- ❑ Refurbishment of Mkuze VIC. Project funded by EDTEA
- ❑ Development of Tourism Strategy, funds transferred and SLA signed. Project funded by EDTEA R700,000



# Businesses applied for tourism relief fund or any other relief funding

Number of benefited	Amount
37 establishments	R50 000.00 each
Total	R1 850 000.00

# Tourists guides relief funding

District	Number of tourist guides paid
UMkhanyakude	110 (R1500 per guide) R165,000



## Alert level 2

- ❑ All our Restaurants open with a curfew between 10pm- 4am
- ❑ Alcohol is served in all licensed restaurants
- ❑ The number of guests should remain limited
- ❑ Hotels and other accommodation facilities within the District are open for leisure travel between provinces
- ❑ Parks, beaches and nature reserves open for outdoor activities
- ❑ International travel will remain prohibited only inter-provincial leisure travel is be allowed.

## Highlight of the Draft UMkhanyakude Recovery plan

- The District provided R300 000 funding to the District Community Organisation (DCTO) as a marketing recovery plan incentive.
- A virtual business complaint workshop is planned by the District Municipality for all four Local Municipalities, wherein business people are to capacitated on the level 2 Regulations and compliant in general.
- Development of both LED and Tourism strategies is in progress

## **District Tourism and Investment Committee Initiatives:**

**The following projects will serve as a center of focus as they were endorsed by UMkhanyakude Tourism and Investment Council for 2020-2025**

- a) Development of middle-class houses at Mkuze**
- b) Development of Tourism Resort at Mbazwane (Plans underway)**
- c) Jozini hydro-electric scheme**
- d) Upgrade of various road networks across the District**

- e) Development of Boarder Post (Cecil Marks Pass in Ingwavuma and Manguzi (Plans underway and funds has been made available by EDTEA to conduct a feasibility study and business plan**
- f) Upgrade of Mkuze Regional Airport and Agri-Park**
- g) Development of Mtubatuba Ridge**

# Business closure

**None reported as yet**

# Challenges and recommendations

- Most business are not complying as a results they didn't apply for relief funds.
- TKZN and EDTEA to assist with business compliance workshops throughout the District.



# THANK YOU

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