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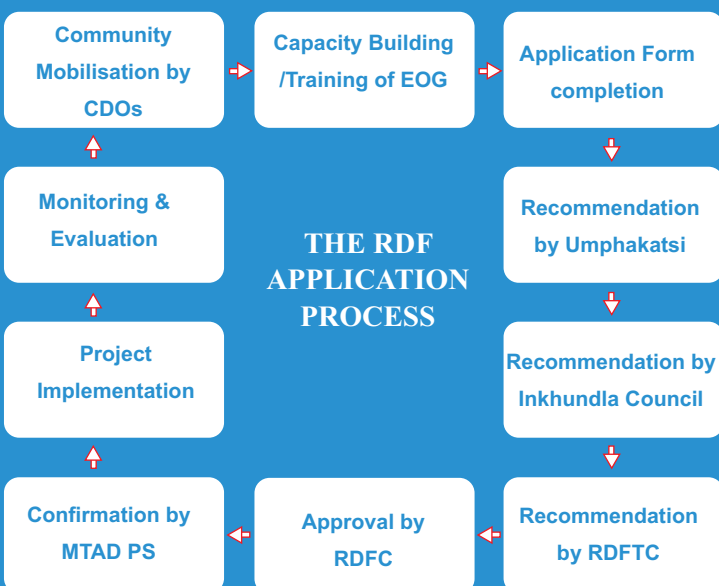
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THE RDF APPLICATION PROCESS



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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (RDF)

INTRODUCTION

In an effort to alleviate and eventually eradicate poverty, His Majesty King Mswati III established the Regional Development Fund (RDF) in 1999 during the opening session of the 7th Parliament. The fund was initially capitalized with E20m; E5m for each region. Since its inception, the Government has continued to accumulatively use the fund as a vehicle for development. To date, the fund has disbursed about E1.4 Bn which has been used to finance infrastructure and income generating projects at grass root level. The RDF has evolved in terms of its management and redistribution; currently, funds are distributed per Inkhundla, each receiving E2,85M per year.

The main objective of the fund is to alleviate and eventually eradicate poverty in each of the four regions of the country by initiating;

- ✓ Infrastructure improvement and service delivery around the country in which commercial projects can be established
- ✓ Viable commercial projects or schemes which will create jobs and generate income to sustain and further develop numerous Swazi families within each region at grassroots level

The fund is currently regulated by the Regional Development Fund Regulations of 2015 where the Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development is responsible for its oversight and the Micro Projects Coordinating Unit facilitates its operation.

ACCESSING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Community Development Officers are stationed in all Chiefdoms under the four regions of the Kingdom and readily available to assist communities and Eswatini Organised Groups seeking to initiate development activities through the following steps;

Step 1: Community mobilization (sensitization on contents of sustainable development)

Step 2: Community participation to identify needs (Needs Assessment)

Step 3: Prioritization of community needs based on urgency/anticipated impact

Step 4: Group formation (Eswatini Organised Group)

Step 5: Capacity Building

Step 6: Identification of local resources (natural, human and material)

Step 7: Application for institutional support (Regional Development Fund and other available funds or support)

Step 8: Implementation of sustainable projects/programmes

Step 9: Monitoring & Evaluation of projects/programmes

Step 10: Project Expansion

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

An Eswatini organised Group (EOG) or community may apply for funding from the RDF for the development of a project or for improving an existing project, whether infrastructure or Income Generating Project (IGP). Applicants under the RDF must have the following documents:

INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS (IGPs)	INFRASTRUCTURE
An application form obtained from Inkhundla	An application form obtained from Inkhundla
Proof of registration or certificate of registration	
List of the membership of the group (At least 10 members)	Number of beneficiaries/households
Current bank statement of the group	A current bank statement for the scheme